

The Tustin Preservation Conservancy held its Second Annual Awards Dinner Monday night at the Beach Pit BBQ, honoring those residents and property owners who have worked to preserve the history and legacy of the Historic District of Tustin.

Categories for awards were: **Outstanding Preservation/Restoration, Best Adaptive Reuse of an Historical Building, Outstanding Historically Sensitive Addition, Outstanding Historically Sensitive New Building and the Spirit of Old Town Award, given to the person who has consistently worked toward the goals of the Conservancy.**

Winners were:

Outstanding Preservation/Restoration: The Miller House, 535 Pacific Street, owned and restored by Maureen Li and Douglas Schaller.

(Other nominees were The Lewis House, 355 West 2nd St, and The McCharles House, 335 South C St.)

Best Adaptive Reuse of an Historical Building: Beach Pit BBQ, 560 El Camino Real, owned and restored by Tim DeCinces.

(Other nominees were McCoy Sheet Metal Shop at 160 E. Main St.; The McCharles House at 335 South C St.; and the Village of Hope, Orange County Rescue Mission at 1 Hope Drive.)

Outstanding Historically Sensitive New Building: Heritage Plaza at 135-139 West 1st Street, owned by Stroscher Development.

(Other nominees were Helm Chiropractic, 217 El Camino Real, and the new homes at 163-139 Mountain View, built by Ed Finkbeiner.)

Outstanding Historically Sensitive Addition: The McCharles House, 335 South C St., owned by Audrey and Vivian Heredia.

(Other nominees were the Hockenberry House at 465 West 2nd Street and the DeBenedetto House at 500 West 2nd Street.

Neighborhood Beautification Award: The Holmes House, 320 West 3rd Street, Kara Kosinski, owner.

(Other nominees were The Respite Park on El Camino Real, City of Tustin; the Diefendorfer House, 230 South A St; the Thorman House, 340 W. Main St.)

In addition, Audrey and Vivian Heredia were given the **Judges Stewardship Award** for their continued effort in restoring and preserving the McCharles House and their personal investment in making the historical building available to the community

The Spirit of Old Town Award, chosen by the Board of Directors of the Conservancy, went to Sharon August Jones, founding secretary of the organization, former member of the Tustin Old Town Association, former member of the City of Tustin's Historic Resources Committee, and Old Town Tustin activist.

The winning nominees were chosen by a panel of judges including local architect, Dick Dodd; Editor of Cottages and Bungalows Magazine, Hillary Black; Publisher of APG Media and Victorian Homes Magazine, Jacqueline DeMontravel; and Preservation Chair for the Olde Town Preservation Association of Orange, Jeff Frankel.