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### **AWARDS CEREMONY SPOTLIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to historic preservation in Tucson and Pima County will be recognized at the annual Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) and the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation will host the event on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hacienda del Sol, 5501 N. Hacienda del Sol Road. The event is free and open to the public.

Historic preservation awards will be presented in three categories:

- The Alene Dunlap Smith and Paul Smith Award to those who have demonstrated a high level of dedication and long-term commitment toward historic preservation.
- The Historic Preservation Award to those whose contributions to preservation have had a significant impact at the community level.
- The Heritage Award to those who have volunteered time and effort on local history or preservation projects, undertaken rehabilitation of their own historic property, or successfully completed a National Register nomination of their own building.

Award winners in 2014 include Hacienda del Sol, for 85 Years of Stewardship of the beautiful John and Helen Murphey and Josias Joesler architecture and landscaping of the former girls school and guest ranch; Time Market, Coronet Café, Chicago Store, and KY Markets for their rehabilitation and restoration of historic properties; the Friends of Tucson's Birthplace for preserving historic trees and cultivars; Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society members for the documentation and preservation of rock art on Tumamoc Hill; Deco Arts for compatible new signage along the Sunshine Mile; Elizabeth Burden for her advocacy for historic neighborhoods and supporting diversity in Tucson; Michelle Hotchkiss for her role in Tucson Modernism week; Helen Erickson, Gina Chorover, and Jennifer Levstik for their documentation of the Arizona Inn; Pete Lee of the City of Tucson Housing and Community Services and Denise Dominguez of Chicanos por la Causa for the rehabilitation of the historic home of an elderly Armory Park resident; Courtney Rose for excellence in historic preservation; Frank Dillon and the City of Tucson Development Services office for streamlining the Tucson Historic Landscape Code; Mary Durham-Pfilbsen for her role on the Broadway Boulevard RTA citizens task force; and Linda Victoria for digital arts that celebrate Tucson barrios. This year, the commission's highest award goes to the late Chris Franklin Carroll for over 40 years of advocacy for historic preservation in the community and in El Presidio Neighborhood.

T-PCHC's mission is to foster awareness and preservation of historic sites, structures, districts, and character in our community. The Tucson Mayor and City Council, City of South Tucson, and Pima County Board of Supervisors appoint its members. The Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the distinctive and irreplaceable historic resources of Tucson and Pima County.

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