



City of Los Altos

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

AWARD DESCRIPTION:

The intent of the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award is to recognize individuals, groups, organizations or projects that exemplify the spirit of historic preservation in the City of Los Altos. The award will be in the form of a Mayor's Proclamation presented to the recipient by the City Council. Nominees must demonstrate a dedication to historic preservation in the City of Los Altos as outlined below. The purpose of the award is to encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City's past, and foster civic and neighborhood pride and sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the City's historic resources.

NOMINATION:

Nominations may be made by submitting a nomination letter outlining how the nominee meets the below listed criteria to the Historical Commission. Nominations may be made by any member of the public, including self-nomination.

Nominations may be submitted at any time during the year. At its regular April meeting, the Historical Commission will evaluate all nominations using the evaluation criteria listed below. After taking oral testimony from members of the public and considering the written evidence, the Historical Commission may vote on a recipient of the Historic Preservation Award. If the Commission identifies an award recipient, it will forward the award nomination to the City Council along with evidence to support the nomination. The written recommendation may be presented at the Historical Commission's annual joint meeting with the City Council for the Council's feedback and guidance, or the recommendation may be submitted directly to the City Council for consideration at its next regular meeting. The City Council would recognize the Historic Preservation Award recipient with a proclamation by the Mayor.

The Historical Commission may choose not to nominate an award recipient if the submitted nominations do not merit an award based on the below listed criteria. Nominees who do not receive the award may be resubmitted for consideration in subsequent years.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

1. Demonstration of pioneering or innovative efforts in historic preservation or education.
2. Conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation.
3. Public Benefit received (educational, beautification, advocacy, etc.).
4. Impact to the City of Los Altos.