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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 hosted by the Tucson–Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC).

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019
Time: 9:30–11:30 a.m. Doors open at 9 a.m.
Place: Lander Auditorium at Dunbar Pavilion, 325 W. Second St., Tucson, AZ 85705

The 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.

Historic preservation awards will be presented in two 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 projects whose contributions to preservation have had a significant impact at the community level.

2019 Historic Preservation Awards will be given for/to:

- Successful designation of the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, achieved by the dedication and perseverance of Congressman Raúl Grijalva and the Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance
- Establishment of the Chuck Huckelberry Loop, a 120-mile bicycle-hiking-equestrian Pima County amenity, through the efforts of Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry
- Creation of a map of Dunbar Spring Historic Houses Older than 1918, by Karen Greene and neighborhood residents
- The Mexican-American Heritage and History Museum, established by Betty J. Villegas and Los Descendientes del Presidio de Tucson
- The Border Commission Alliance, led by Jerry Haas and Alexander La Pierre, for outreach programs designed to bridge the U.S.-Mexico Border through education, collaboration, and cultural exchange.
- The Ignite Sign Art Museum, Jude and Monica Cook creators
- Successful nomination leading to designation of U.S. 80 as an Arizona Historic Road, by Demion Clinco, Tucson Preservation Foundation, and others
- The *Voices of Vail* documentary, produced by the Vail Preservation Society through the vision of J.J. Lamb, Vail residents, and many collaborators
- Linking Southwestern Heritage through Archaeology, a local heritage and history program for high school students, led by Sara Chavarria and Barbara J. Mills of the University of Arizona

- Rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the historic Marist College as senior housing, by Steve Hastings, Foundation for Senior Living; Savannah McDonald, Architect, Poster Frost Mirto; and collaborators.

The 2019 Alene Dunlap Smith and Paul Smith Award will be presented to Peter L. Steere, tribal historic preservation officer, Tohono O'odham Nation, for his advocacy on behalf of the culture and history of the Tohono O'odham people and for his historic and cultural preservation activities in Pima County.

The event is free and open to the public. Tours of the Historic Dunbar Pavilion will be available after the Awards Ceremony.

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