

May 28, 2024

Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board Hearing



**Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
Dillan Murray, Cultural Heritage Program Planner
Tricia Maier, Planning Programs Section Manager**

Item 1 – Call to Order

- Call to order the meeting of the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board

Item 2 – Roll Call

- Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Item 3 – Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

- Item 3a – Approval of May 28, 2024, Agenda
- Item 3b – Approval of May 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Item 4 – Public Comments

- *This time is set aside for public comment on items not otherwise on this agenda which are within the purview of the Cultural Heritage Board (CHB).*
- *Speakers wishing to address the Board shall be allowed a maximum of three minutes for their comments.*
- *The Board is prohibited from taking action on any item that is not part of the printed and published agenda.*

Item 5 – Continued Items

- None

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Grant eight separate preservation awards to individuals and organizations during the month of May for Historic Preservation Month 2024

Item No. 6a



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Background

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- *The Cultural Heritage Board identified the development of a Preservation Award Program as a priority for 2024.*
- *The awards are intended to promote quality historic preservation work occurring in the community and to engage more widely with the stakeholders involved.*
- *At the March 25, 2024, hearing, the CHB established an ad hoc committee to develop a Preservation Award Program for 2024.*
 - *The ad hoc committee met across April and May of this year to define the program parameters, establish eligibility categories and criteria, and identify worthy 2024 award recipients for the full CHB's consideration.*
- *At the May 13, 2024, hearing, the CHB approved the issuance of eight separate preservation awards to individuals and organizations.*

Background

The Preservation Award Program includes the following possible award categories:

- *Excellence in Rehabilitation*
- *Excellence in Restoration*
- *Excellence in Preservation*
- *Excellence in Reconstruction*
- *Excellence in Grassroots Organizing and Community Development*
- *Excellence in Organizations Supporting Historic Preservation*
- *Excellence in Individuals Supporting Historic Preservation*
- *Excellence in the Promotion and Implementation of Historical Programming*



2024 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

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1. *Dudley and Anne Crawford DeZonia for Excellence in Rehabilitation of the Bella Vista Ranch, 4106 Thacher Road, Ojai, CA.*
 - *In September 2021, the CHB designated the property as Ventura County Landmark No. 180.*
 - *In September 2021, the CHB approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for comprehensive rehabilitation.*
 - *In November, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a Mills Act contract for the property.*

Residence at Bella Vista Ranch Before Rehabilitation



Source: San Buenaventura Research Associates

Residence at Bella Vista Ranch During Rehabilitation



Source: Alex Wilson, VC Reporter

Bella Vista Ranch, 4106 Thacher Road, Ojai, CA

Residence at Bella Vista Ranch Before Rehabilitation



2024 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

2. *Oxnard Historic Farm Park for Excellence in Restoration of the Gottfried Maulhardt/Albert Pfeiler Farm Site, 1251 Gottfried Place, Oxnard, CA.*
- *The Oxnard Farm Park Historic Site contains the original Maulhardt/Pfeiler residence, carriage house/garage, brick winery, farm equipment display barn, patio with trellis, and utility structures.*
 - *In May 2020, the CHB approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the comprehensive restoration of the existing 1,818-square-foot main house.*

Oxnard Historic Farm Park, City of Oxnard



Source: Oxnard Historic Farm Park

Gottfried Maulhardt/Albert Pfeiler Farm Site, Oxnard, CA



Historical Photo



2020 Photo

2024 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

3. *John and Mary Cuthbert for Excellence in Preservation of the Noble Oaks Estate, 76 Oak Drive, Ojai, CA.*
- *In September 2021, the CHB designated the property as Ventura County Landmark No. 182.*
 - *In November 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a Mills Act contract for the property. As part of the proposed contract, the property owners demonstrated over \$1,000,000 in preservation work completed since their ownership began in 1999.*

Residence at Noble Oaks Estate, Ojai



Source: Stephen Schafer

Noble Oaks Estate, 76 Oak Drive, Ojai, CA



2021 Photo



Dining Room Ceiling



Tile Detailing



Entry Hall



Living Room

2024 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

4. *San Buenaventura Conservancy and Pleasant Valley Historic Society for Excellence in Organizations Supporting Historic Preservation (Scholle Farmhouse, Camarillo, CA).*
 - *Determined a significant historic resource eligible for listing in the National Register, California Register, and as a local historic resource.*
 - *The San Buenaventura Conservancy and Pleasant Valley Historic Society successfully advocated for the planned preservation and rehabilitation of the Scholle Farmhouse within a larger master planned residential development.*

Scholle Farmhouse, City of Camarillo



Source: Dennis Hill

Scholle Farmhouse, Camarillo, CA



2024 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

5. *William Maple for Excellence in Individuals Supporting Historic Preservation (Timber School, Newbury Park, CA).*
- *The original two-room Timber School was built ca 1924 by Adolph Schroeder and designed by Roy C Wilson, master architect. There is a later classroom which was added to the east side in 1955, and to the west is the auditorium structure added in 1948.*
 - *Mr. Maple has been instrumental in successfully advocating for the preservation of the Timber School, commemorating the building through the planned installation of plaques, and sharing the significance of the property throughout the community.*

William Maple in front of the Timber School



Source: Thousand Oaks Acorn

Timber School, Newbury Park, CA

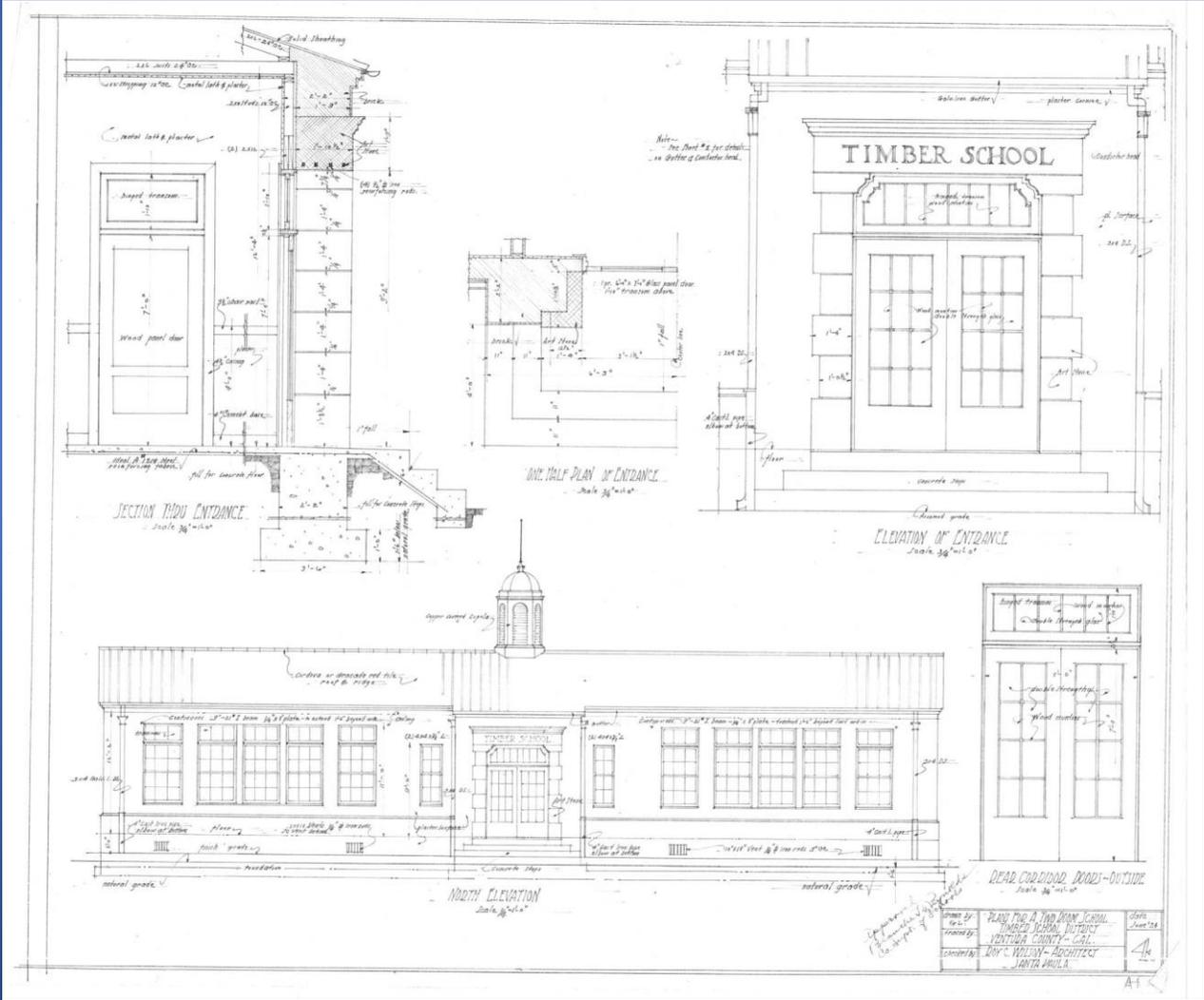


Historical Photo



2023 Photo

Original Elevation Drawings



Timber School, Newbury Park, CA



1924 Timber School Building

This school was designed by the first licensed architect in Ventura County, Roy C. Wilson, in 1924. It replaced the 1889, wood-framed school that had been located on this site. The concrete structure was built in the Mission Revival style featuring a cupola which contained a working school bell. The design included electricity and indoor plumbing, making it the first public building in Conejo Valley to include these amenities.

At first an elementary school, this building later housed district offices and served as the Conejo Valley High School. It is the oldest original standing public building in the Conejo Valley.

Location: 1872 Newbury Road
Ventura County Historical Landmark NO. 166
Thousand Oaks City Landmark NO. 12
Designated July 13, 2004



Conejo Valley parade float

2024 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

6. *Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute for Excellence in the Promotion and Implementation of Historical Programming (Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, CA).*
- *The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute routinely displays temporary exhibits and installations at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.*
 - *One recent exhibit, titled "Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away," reached over 200,000 people, renewing a community interest in historical education.*

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, City of Simi Valley



Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, CA

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library exhibits



2024 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

7. *Stagecoach Inn Museum for Excellence in the Promotion and Implementation of Historical Programming (Stagecoach Inn, Newbury Park, CA).*
 - *The original structure functioned as a school, post office, steak house, church, gift shop and movie set.*
 - *The surrounding property contains a 200-year-old sycamore tree and recreations of a carriage house, 3-room pioneer house, blacksmith shop, working windmill, reconstruction of the original Timber School, Spanish adobe, outdoor beehive oven, and Chumash Indian bulrush hut.*
 - *The Museum regularly hosts events, activities, and exhibits at the inn and engages the community widely in sharing the value of historic preservation.*

Stagecoach Inn, Newbury Park



Source: Stagecoach Inn Museum

Stagecoach Inn, Newbury Park, CA

Stagecoach Inn Museum



2024 Historic Preservation Award Recipients

8. *Strathearn Historical Park and Museum for Excellence in the Promotion and Implementation of Historical Programming (Strathearn Historical Park, Simi Valley, CA).*
 - *The Strathearn Historical Park and Museum includes many pieces of Simi Valley history, including the Strathearn home, which is outfitted with period-appropriate furniture and open for docent-led tours. The park grounds are open to the public.*
 - *The Museum regularly hosts events, activities, and exhibits at the park and engages the community widely in sharing the value of historic preservation. Some events include a Civil War Days Encampment, concerts, and more.*

Strathearn Historical Park, City of Simi Valley



Source: Ventura County Museums

Strathearn Historical Park, Simi Valley, CA

Strathearn Historical Park events



Source: Ventura County Star (upper images), Simi Valley Acorn (lower image)

Item 7 – Reports

- Item 7a – Board Member Reports
- Item 7b – CHB Program Updates from Staff

Item 8 – Next Meeting

- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 10, 2024, in the Multi-Purpose Conference Room.

Item 9 – Adjournment