

Annual Awards Luncheon Honored Contributions to San Francisco History

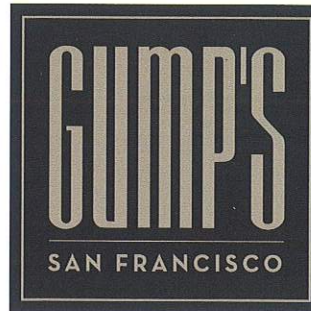
The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society recently honored San Francisco individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the city's history. This year's awards luncheon was held on Monday, September 23 at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. SFMHS founder and board president emeritus Charles Fracchia wrote the following about the awardees.



Amy Meyer

Activist, conservationist, and author Amy Meyer gave her extraordinary talents, time, and resources to be the guiding light to forge the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society honored her superb contributions to San Francisco history by

declaring her a San Francisco Living Treasure.



Gump's

Dating to the early years of San Francisco's Silver Age, Gump's San Francisco is an internationally known retail store that has always highlighted the city's commitment to artistic design and excellence. The SFMHS recently gave this stellar

corporation the William C. Ralston Award for its more than 150 years of luminous presence in the city. Presentation of this award was supported by Union Bank.



Award of Merit The San Francisco Ladies' Protection & Relief Society (SFL-PRS)/The Heritage

Rooted in the early years of the Gold Rush, the San Francisco Ladies' Protection & Relief Society was founded to "render protection and assistance to strangers, to sick, and to dependent women and children." The essence of this mandate continues 160 years after the Society's founding, through the services of The Heritage, a residential life care retirement community.



Award of Merit Cable Car Museum

For almost 20 years since its founding, the Cable Car Museum has dedicated itself to preserving the history of one of the city's most iconic institutions — the cable car. The museum has delighted both residents and visitors with its displays and artifacts.



Award of Merit Chinese Historical Society of America

Through its museum exhibits, publications, and programs, the Chinese Historical Society of America has illuminated the history of the Chinese in America. Shown here: part of the "Finding Jake Lee: The Paintings at Kan's" exhibit.



Award of Merit ODC

Taking its place among San Francisco cultural centers, ODC is an internationally renowned dance company and school. Its numerous dance activities make it one of San Francisco's cultural treasurers.



Award of Merit Elaine Badgley Arnoux

A renowned artist in a city known for its art, Elaine Badgley Arnoux has painted the portraits of numerous famous and less-known San Franciscans, "the people who gave this city its soul."

Photo by Ron Henggeler.



Back row: SFMHS Founder and President Emeritus Charles Fracchia, Tim Shroeder of ODC, Jerry Graham and Don Holmgren of the Cable Car Museum, Ken Donnelly of Heritage, and SFMHS Board President Jim Lazarus. Front row: Kimi Okada of ODC, Amy Meyer, Sue Lee of the Chinese Historical Society of America, Elaine Badgley Arnoux, and Marilu Klar of Gump's.