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2019 Heritage Preservation Awardees

Lifetime Achievement Award **Katherine Wells, Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project**

Since 1992, Katherine Wells has been inextricably linked the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Site located an hour north of Santa Fe. With her partner Dennis she built a small straw-bale house on 188 acres and soon discovered she was literally surrounded by thousands of petroglyphs dating to the Archaic, Puebloan, and Historic periods. Described in her memoir *Life on the Rocks*, Wells beautifully recaptures her efforts to safeguard the site eventually donating 156 acres to the Archaeological Conservancy to establish the Wells Petroglyph Reserve. By 1999, Wells had established the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project with over 100 volunteers to help preserve one of the most significant cultural sites in New Mexico.

Architectural Heritage Preservation Award **Congregation B'nai Israel, Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Congregation B'nai Israel is a late-20th-century Expressionist-style synagogue located on the East Mesa at the corner of Washington Street and Indian School Road in Albuquerque. Architect E. George Wynn designed the synagogue in two parts: a rectangular educational wing and the circular-shaped sanctuary, which is covered with a conical-shaped roof. The roof, which is supported by laminated-wood arches and covered with tongue-and-groove strips of wood, provides an open sanctuary that requires no interior supports. The building was completed in 1971. Since its construction the congregation has been an excellent steward of the historic synagogue even as its needs have changed.

Archeological Heritage Preservation Award **Dig Giusewa Public Archaeology Program**
New Mexico Historic Sites Division and the Pueblo of Jemez

In the summer of 2018, staff at Jemez Historic Site conducted the first archaeological excavations of the Giusewa ruins in over 50 years. The public archaeology project, entitled "Dig Giusewa," examined how Ancestral Towa lifeways at the pueblo changed with the Spanish Conquest. Jemez Pueblo embraced the project and encouraged tribal members to participate in the excavation of their ancestral site. Over an eight week period, New Mexico Historic Site staff, Jemez Pueblo tribal members, University of New Mexico students, and Friends of Coronado Historic Site excavated a large pueblo room just north of the Visitor Center.

Heritage Publication Award ***Imagine a City that Remembers***
Anthony Anella, Mark Childs, and the University of New Mexico Press

Imagine a City That Remembers grew out of a series of articles and photographs published in the *Albuquerque Tribune* in 1998 and 1999. This expanded and updated collection revisits Albuquerque nearly twenty years after the original articles were written. It juxtaposes historic and contemporary photographs of Albuquerque to show diverse moments in the city's history and development (Taken from the University of New Mexico Press Release).

Heritage Preservation Award for Organizations **Fleming Hall, Western New Mexico University, Silver City, NM, Conron and Woods Architects, Santa Fe, NM**

Home of the world's largest collection of Mimbres artifacts, the museum has been temporarily closed for almost two years while its official home, historic Fleming Hall, underwent a \$3.2 million transformation. "The breathtaking renovation of Fleming Hall was completed with attention to historic preservation while ushering in the subtle nuances of modern technology," WNMU President Dr. Joseph Shepard said. "This design allows for the museum's collection to be properly maintained without sacrificing the splendors of the building's rich history and unmatched architectural style."

Tribal Heritage Preservation **Pueblo of Santa Clara, YCC Restoration of Puye Cliff Dwellings**

Since 2011 several hundred tribal youth have been trained through the YCC program in several successful culturally relevant training projects meant to support community goals. The Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) has proven especially effective. Selected projects in cultural and natural resource preservation were designed to create temporary youth employment, learning, and mentoring opportunities. Project goals were meant to inspire youth to embrace nature and pueblo culture while encouraging healthy lifestyles and prepare them to become effective, contributing citizens through character development and community action. Puye Cliffs is a few miles from the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the site of its original settlement in Santa Clara Canyon. The National Monument is viewed as a living, breathing connection to the past. But during the past twenty years it has been devastated by forest fires and floods. It was selected as a primary work site because of its great cultural and economic significance.

Heritage Preservation Award for Organizations **Amador Hotel Restoration, Las Cruces, NM City of Las Cruces , The Amador Foundation, GMB Development , and Jonathan S. Craig Architect LLC with TimeSprings Inc.**

The historic Amador Hotel was built in 1885 by Martin Amador, a prominent member of the Las Cruces community. Originally, the Amador was a one story adobe building located at the south end of downtown. The building was subsequently enlarged with a second story and used as a hotel for the next 84 years. In 1969, the building was acquired by Citizens Bank and renovated from its historic territorial style to portray a modern pueblo revival style building. It was later acquired by Dona Ana County and sold to the City of Las Cruces following a campaign by concerned citizens to save the building from demolition.

Heritage Preservation Individual **Dr. Brad Vierra, Archaeologist**

Dr. Vierra earned his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 1992 and has been working as a professional in the field of archaeology since 1975. Upon announcing his retirement in March 2019, Dr. Vierra was the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso. Over the past 40 years, he has worked in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, California, Washington, northern Mexico, France, Portugal and Senegal. He has a professional reputation of integrity and competence and is affiliated with numerous professional organizations associated with archaeological studies, including the Society for American Archaeology and the New Mexico Archaeological Council. Dr. Vierra's research interests involve studies of foraging societies, foraging technology, stone-tool technology, postglacial hunter-gatherer archaeology, and the beginnings of food production in the U.S. and European Southwest. This has involved working with Paleoindian and Archaic materials in the southwestern United States, and Upper Paleolithic, Epipaleolithic and Mesolithic materials in southwest Europe (Taken from the Webpage Academia.edu).

Awards will be conferred on Friday, May 17, 2019, at Meem Auditorium, Museum Hill Campus, 708 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The ceremony and reception and will take place from 2:00-5:00 p.m.