

# 'PEOPLE IN PRESERVATION' AWARDS

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Our first awards are in the past but the warmth of the occasion lingers on. It was a lovely night, bringing new people into SOHO and renewing old acquaintances. Everything about the evening was special--the enthusiasm of the recipients and their eager sharing of success stories with one another. Senator Mills gave the keynote speech--reflecting in a nostalgic manner on the values of older houses. Judge Carol Heepke gave an excellent presentation.

The purpose of the awards was to recognize those people who are sharing SOHO's mission by restoring their own residential structures. The winners were:



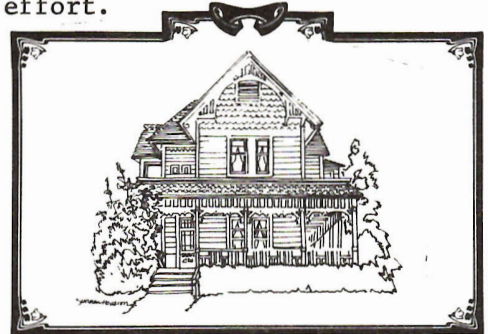
**1** Stough Beckett House, 2203 Denver, owners Ernie and Joy Mason. This was chosen for the precise manner in which the owners restored the Eastlake detail.



**2** Mertzmann-Windas House (1908), 3303 Second Avenue, owners Carolyn and Tom Ownan-Towle. Chosen as an interesting amalgamation of styles.



**3** Georgia Court, 4657 Georgia St., owner Rhonda Smith. This example of a 1920's built Southern California housing type was preserved through community effort.



**4** Risley House, 845 20th Street, owner Roger Nulton. This historic 1888 structure was restored over the last two years of sacrifice and devotion.



**5** 4769 Panorama Drive, owner Jody Rogers. This 1910 Craftsman is located in a very nice Normal Heights neighborhood that could be threatened if commercial development becomes attractive.

Winners were presented with line drawings of their homes rendered by SOHO artist Susan Simmen/Houston. A

slide show featured the winners' homes and inspired everyone present!