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SB Museum of Natural History Wins Santa Barbara Beautiful Award

Award given for Santa Barbara Commons/Public Open Space

Santa Barbara, California (September 30, 2019) — The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History was honored on Sunday, September 29 with the award for Santa Barbara Commons/Public Open Space at the Santa Barbara Beautiful 55th Annual Awards Celebration, *Pathways to Community*, held at the Music Academy of the West.

The award recognizes the beauty and environmental stewardship of the Museum's renovations along Puesta del Sol and its new ADA-compliant arrival corridor—both part of the \$21 million Centennial Project completed in June 2018.

The Museum improved public access by building a pedestrian-safe, ADA-compliant and stroller-friendly arrival corridor, which guides visitors from the parking lot to the historic front entry via the Blue Whale courtyard and a walkway surrounded by geological and paleontological wonders. On the other side of the entrance, a new pedestrian path parallel to the historic Hazard Estate "stegosaurus" Scottish picket wall along Puesta del Sol provides safe access between the Museum and Mission Canyon Road, in homage to the original 1922 design.

"We'd like to thank Santa Barbara Beautiful for recognizing and celebrating the Museum's transformative Centennial Project that created inviting spaces for the community. We wanted to preserve the Museum's historic heritage while making the public spaces in front of the Museum environmentally responsible and accessible to all," said Museum President & CEO Luke J. Swetland.

The Museum shares this award with an outstanding team of architects, contractors, and landscapers including Suzanne Elledge Planning & Permitting Services, Schacht Aslani Architects, Frank Schipper Construction Company, Van Atta Associates, and Steve Hanson Landscaping, Inc.

Santa Barbara Beautiful's 2019 award categories were adapted to meet the real and growing importance and impact of our climate and the need for environmental stewardship. For more information, visit sbbeautiful.org/awards.

About the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Powered by Science. Inspired by Nature. Founded in 1916, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History inspires a thirst for discovery and a passion for the natural world. The Museum seeks to connect people to nature for the betterment of both, and prides itself on being *naturally different*. For more information, visit sbnature.org.

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Left to Right: Heidi Jones from Suzanne Elledge Planning & Permitting Services, SBMNH President & CEO Luke J. Swetland, Susan Van Atta, SBMNH Groundskeeper Brent Flaaten, SBMNH Project Manager Barbara Barker, and Fernando Orta from Schipper Construction



Pedestrian pathway along Puesta del Sol to Mission Canyon Road

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ADA-accessible walkway to the Museum entrance



Another view of ADA-accessible walkway to the Museum entrance

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Historic Hazard Estate "stegosaurus" Scottish picket wall along Puesta del Sol