

Friday April 6, 2007

RESTORATION OF MARIN FOUNTAIN

Editors, Daily Planet:

The California Park and Recreation Society's District III Awards and Installation Banquet was held April 5 at Dublin Senior Center in Dublin. An award for Outstanding Volunteer in Parks and Recreation for the City of Berkeley was being presented to Sara Holmes.

Sara was involved in fund-raising for the restoration of the fountain in the center of the Marin Circle. Since the dedication of the fountain in 1996, she has devoted much time to the maintenance of the fountain itself, the surrounding circle and Fountain Walk. As the coordinator of an enthusiastic group of volunteers, she oversees the monthly cleanup of weeds, leaves, debris, and graffiti. Always tactful and gracious, Sara has maintained cordial relations with homeowners in the area as well as with Marc Seleznow, Director of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront for the City of Berkeley, who nominated her for this recognition.

Previous articles detailing Sara's dedication have been written by Matthew Artz and published in the Berkeley Daily Planet on March 8, 2005, and August 5, 2005. These articles are available in the newspaper's online archives.

Working with Sara on the first Saturday of each month, the volunteer group is very appreciative of her ability to keep the group focused on necessary work while providing an opportunity for interaction amongst us all. Her attention to detail keeps the fountain an attractive asset for the neighborhood and for all the people who transit the Marin Circle every day. New volunteers are always welcome: call 526-5347.

Cynthia Wantland

Volunteer with Friends of the Fountain and Walk