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Orinda's 2011 Best Architectural Design Nods Honor Both Businesses and Homes

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Flying A gas station Photo Andy Schreck

For the first time since the inception of the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Architecture, business owners working to improve the face of Orinda's retail community are being honored side-by-side with owners of some of the city's most stunning homes.

Victor Ivry and Michael Karp, co-owners of Table 24, were recognized for bringing life back to 2 Theatre Square - a retail space that has been a veritable revolving door of restaurants.

Allen Pennebaker, long-time owner of Orinda Motors, was honored for his transformation of the Valero station at 22 Bryant Way into Flying A Gasoline, a brightly-colored facility easily visible from Highway 24 where customers can now have their windshields cleaned and gas pumped for them by the hands of Pennebaker's employees.

The following residential winners were also recognized for 2011:

Minor:

(Awarded for residential additions under 1,500 square feet and remodels)

10 Crestview Court
Lupita Sutton, homeowner
Fred Hyer, architect

19 Via Hermosa
Susan and Howard Warner, homeowners
Robin Pennell and Cindy Chan, Jarvis architects

1 Crestview Court
Mark and Karissa Bohon, homeowners
The Bohon Group
Major:
(awarded to new single family homes)

14 Meadow Park Court
Ian and Lani MacKenzie, homeowners
David Fagerstrom, architect

2 Honey Hill Court
Dan and Jennifer Lyons, homeowners
Peter Golze, architect

Participants were presented with their awards by Mayor Victoria Smith at the Orinda City Council meeting on December 6, 2011. The purpose statement of the annual Mayor's award, recently revised to reflect the addition of the new Downtown improvement category, now reads: "To recognize excellence in residential design and downtown property improvements which make an extraordinary contribution to the character and livability of Orinda neighborhoods and the vitality of the downtown." Details about the award and the 2011 award winners are available on the City's web site: www.ci.orinda.ca.us.

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