



City of Los Altos

2023 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATION

I am nominating Julie Rose for the 2023 Historic Preservation Award.

Describe the reasons why the nominee should receive the Historic Preservation Award and how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Demonstration of pioneering or innovative efforts in historic preservation or education.
2. Conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation.
3. Public Benefit received (educational, beautification, advocacy, etc.).
4. Impact to the City of Los Altos.

I nominate Julie Rose for the 2023 Historic Preservation Award. Julie Rose has been involved in the preservation of Los Altos history since the 1970s. She helped create tours of historic homes, helped with the interior design of the J. Gilbert Smith house shortly after it opened as the History House, served on the Museum Association Board, the History Museum Board, the Historical Commission, and recently on the oversight committee for the upgrade to the Permanent (cont.)

If applicable, submit copies of letters of commendation or any other supporting documentation (not required). Attach additional sheets as needed.

Nominated by: Gary Hedden Date: 6 APR 2023

In order to officially submit a nomination for the 2023 Historic Preservation Award, please submit one copy of all necessary documentation to the Historical Commission staff liaison Nazaneen Healy at nhealy@losaltosca.gov. Materials may also be submitted at City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022. All nominations must be received by **Friday, April 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm.**

Nominations will be considered at an upcoming Historical Commission meeting (date TBD). The 2023 Historic Preservation Award winner will be recognized by the City Council with a proclamation at a future meeting.

2023 Historic Preservation Award Nomination

Exhibition.

She is truly deserving of this honor.

Attached/Included

Letters of support from :

Jane Reed

Liz Nyberg

Nan Geschke

Pinky Whelan

Margie Alving

2023 Historic Preservation Award
Nomination Letter

5 April 2023

Honored Historical Commissioners,

I look forward to the nominations that are presented to the Commission each Spring. It is when we hear about the people who have helped preserve and protect the story of Los Altos. This connection to the past is an important part of the charm of our small city.

Some of the people you have considered have played a critical role in saving our history. People like Don McDonald, Margaret Thompson, Marion and Bob Grimm, Nan Geschke, Jane Reed and others have been recognized for truly significant work. This year I urge you to recognize Julie Rose.

Julie Rose has been involved in the preservation of Los Altos history for many years. She helped create tours of historic homes in the late 1970s, helped set up the interior design of the J. Gilbert Smith House shortly after it opened as the History House in 1977, served on the Museum Association Board, later served on the History Museum Board, and recently served on the oversight committee for the upgrade to the Permanent Exhibition that opened in February.

Please recognize Julie Rose for her many years of dedication to historic preservation and honor her with the 2023 Historic Preservation Award.

Thank you,

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Gary Hedden

April 4, 2023

Dear Chair and Members of the Historical Commission,

It is my pleasure to recommend Julie Rose to you as my choice for the Los Altos Historical Commission's annual Historic Preservation award for her service to the community of Los Altos.

Julie, born in an historic town in Pennsylvania, has always had an interest in history and historical objects. She has always appreciated the furniture, dishes and collectibles that have been handed down to her from her parents, grandparents, and other family relatives. She has an appreciation for her valued possessions and takes great pride in attractively displaying them in her home.

With this as background, and upon her arrival to Los Altos, it was natural for her to apply and serve on the Historical Commission early in the 1980s. Along with her interest in history, her talents as an organizer and manager have also served her well as she took on the Commission and then moved on to other responsibilities here in Los Altos.

Julie was an early member of the Los Altos Historical Association. When the new Los Altos History Museum was constructed and a new board was formed, she became a board member and soon after was elected to serve as President of the Board.

Julie continued her membership and active participation, as she went on to take working positions with the Tech Museum as their volunteer coordinator, and then she worked for the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, as its director. When she retired, she returned to the History Museum to volunteer with events and then served once again on their board.

Her management services were called into use with the fundraising for the new permanent exhibition, and that grew into her participation in the Oversight committee. About two years ago she was hired to take on the task as the project manager, to drive the Permanent Exhibition to its completion. She worked closely with Chair Nan Geschke and the Sibbett Group, staff, and volunteers to achieve the opening of the new permanent exhibition in February of 2023.

It is highly appropriate that Julie Rose be selected this year for the Los Altos Historic Preservation award. Her contributions over the years have had a significant impact in keeping Los Altos history alive.

Sincerely,

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Jane Reed

Former Mayor of Los Altos and member of the Los Altos History Association

Historical Preservation Award for 2022

March 31, 2023

Nominating Julie Rose

To Honored Historical Commissioners:

I am delighted to support the nomination of Julie Rose to receive this prestigious reward. Back in the late 1970's, she worked diligently on our house tour committee benefiting the Los Altos branch of the American Association of University Women. She contacted the owners of historic homes and cajoled them into agreeing to open their homes to the public.

Then she served on another house tour committee, this time benefiting the Los Altos History Museum. Convincing these owners to agree to a tour was not an easy task, but she did it with her usual diplomatic manner. Because of this, we were able to feature the Merriman-Winchester home, Paul Shoup's home and the Marini home among others. Then she helped with the myriad details involved with each tour.

Many people value our historic homes, and now even more so because of touring them. But Julie did not stop there. The J. Gilbert Smith home was publicly opened as our city's history museum in December 1977. By the next month, the city council realized they needed an organization to run the museum. Julie was involved with helping to get the interior exhibit set up, if not right at the beginning, at least soon thereafter. She worked alongside Pinky Whelan, Jane Reed, Jo Zcshau, Tammy Tossy, Lee Lynch and others on the board of the newly created Los Altos Historical Association.

More recently, Julie served as chair of our History Museum Association in the 2000's once the new building was opened. Through so many years, her dedication for preserving and presenting our local history is evident. Once she sets a goal, she shows leadership and tenacity to finish the task. This was so evident during the two years she tirelessly worked on bringing the new permanent exhibit from an idea to reality.

One more area where Julie showed her dedication to preserving history may seem a bit far-fetched but has been important. She served as President of our Chamber of Commerce for ten years working to help businesses survive throughout all of Los Altos and to keep our business community successful and vibrant.

It gives me great pleasure to hope that you will honor Julie Rose with this award.

Sincerely Yours,

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Liz Nyberg

Nan Geschke
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Los Altos, CA 94022

March 26, 2023

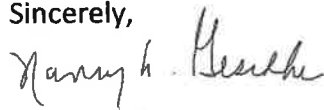
Dear Los Altos Historical Commission Members:

I am writing this letter to nominate Julie Rose to receive the Historic Preservation Award. I have known Julie for over 20 years as a board member of the Los Altos History Museum. Julie has participated on many of the committees I chaired. Among those exhibits produced for the museum with Julie's dedication were *Valued Partners: Lucile and David Packard*, *Touching Lives: Duvenecks of Hidden Villa*, and *Silicon Valley: The Lure and the Legends*. Julie and I also worked on the historic house tours that the Museum sponsored for several years ago.

More recently, I worked very closely with Julie as Chair of the Oversight Committee for the new permanent exhibit of the History Museum entitled *Making Connections: Stories from the Land*. The Museum and the community were very fortunate that Julie came out of retirement to run this project and revitalize this great asset.

As one of her friends has remarked about Julie, "she could run a Fortune 500 company." I wholeheartedly agree and enthusiastically endorse Julie Rose for nomination for the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award.

Sincerely,

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Nan Geschke

Chair of the Oversight Committee for the exhibit *Making Connections: Stories from the Land*
Los Altos History Museum

5 April 2023

Honored Commissioners,

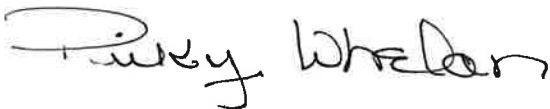
It is an honor for me to support the nomination of Julie Rose for the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award for 2023. Julie is a long-time Los Altos resident and a dedicated member of the History House Museum.

Julie has worked on a wide breadth of projects for the Museum. From research to fund raising, her work has been invaluable to the success of the Museum. Always with a smile and a nose-to-grind-stone attitude, she gets the job done.

For the past two years, she has been project co-manager with Nan Geschke for the Museum's new technology-driven permanent exhibition which opened earlier this year.

I can't think of a better recipient for this award and her nomination is well deserved.

Best,

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Pinky Whelan

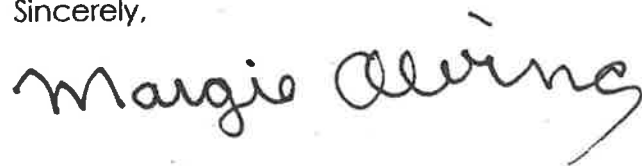
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Nazaneen Healy
Historical Commission staff liaison
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Hello,

I would like to nominate Julie Rose for the 2023 Historic Preservation Award. As one of the project managers for the Los Altos History Museum's new Permanent Exhibition she worked tirelessly for several years to coordinate the various contributors, designers, and installers needed to create and implement the exhibition from its initial vision to today's immersive, interactive multimedia experience that connects the region's past to the present in an entirely new way.

Sincerely,

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Margie Alving
Los Altos, CA