

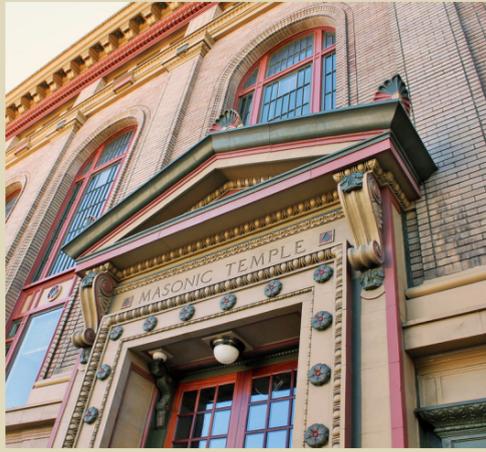


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## California Preservation Foundation Award - Temple Art Lofts

The Temple Art Lofts was awarded the Preservation Design Award during the **California Preservation Foundation** awards ceremony on September 27, at the Merchants Exchange Building in San Francisco.

The ceremony awards leaders throughout different fields of preservation and showcases outstanding projects included in Preservation, Rehabilitation, Restoration, Reconstruction, Contextual Infill, Sustainability, Cultural Resource Studies - Reports, Craftsmanship and Preservation Technology, Archaeology and Interpretive Exhibits. The Preservation Design Award recognizes outstanding achievement in the areas of preservation and highlights numerous notable preservation efforts and projects throughout California.



The lengthy competitive process involves a panel of experts who carefully review dozens of entries, and then selects only a handful of projects that conform to the Secretary of the Interior's **Standards** for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The Temple Art Lofts was awarded for its rehabilitation project involving the adaptive reuse of the city's historic Old City Hall and Old Masonic Temple to feature unique, low-income apartments, art studios, a performance hall and retail storefronts.

The **Temple Art Lofts** was one of 20 to receive the Preservation Design Award. Other award winners include the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center in Richmond, Pier 29 Fire Reconstruction Project in San Francisco, the Ease San Jose Carnegie Branch Library in San Jose, and the Buena Vista Cellar Building Seismic Strengthening in Sonoma. It is a great honor to receive an award for work that has positively affected the California landscape for current and future generations.

## SEMAP Certification Rates 'High Performer Status' to VHA

The **Vallejo Housing Authority** (VHA) submitted its annual Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification for Fiscal Year 2012-13, as required by Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The VHA received an impressive score of 140 of 135 points or 104 percent.

SEMAP is used by HUD to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of housing authorities. HUD ranks housing authorities in fourteen categories ranging from waitlist management to Housing Quality Standards enforcement.

Housing authorities are scored as "High Achievers" for 90 to 100 percent, "Standard Performers" for 61-89 percent and "Troubled" for those below 60 percent who are subject to HUD sanction and other corrective actions.

**VHA SEMAP SCORES FISCAL YEARS 2008-2009 THROUGH 2012-2013**

| FISCAL YEAR      | SEMAP SCORE        | RATING                |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2008-2009        | 93 percent         | High Performer        |
| 2009-2010        | 100 percent        | High Performer        |
| 2010-2011        | 89 percent         | Standard Performer    |
| 2011-2012        | 100 percent        | High Performer        |
| <b>2012-2013</b> | <b>104 percent</b> | <b>High Performer</b> |

Over the last five years, the VHA has received all but one "High Performer" ratings with a single "Standard Performer" rating of 89 percent. This year's SEMAP Certification score of 140 garnered a 104 percent. The additional four percent was made up of a five point credit from a de-concentration bonus for which the VHA was eligible.

As one of the top 12 percent of housing authorities in the nation in terms of budget, the VHA continues to provide much needed rental assistance to more than 2,000 Vallejo families in need, in a manner consistent with HUD guidelines, and ranks among the best performing housing authorities.

## 'Feels like Fall'

The **Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve** will host a live music concert in Rowser Garden this Saturday. A picnic dinner potluck and optional sunset walk to the Mare Island Hilltop will complete the festivities.

Local jazz keyboardist **Guy Arrostuto** and San Francisco Bay Area jazz singer **Frankye Kelly** will provide entertainment featuring a mixture of jazz, blues and rock and roll in the 2nd Annual "Feels like Fall in the Rowser Garden" fundraiser.



"Guy Arrostuto is a local legendary pianist and we're lucky that he's able and willing to help us out with this event," said Myrna Hayes, volunteer Preserve Manager and event organizer.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. on October 5, with the potluck picnic dinner in the 1934 era ruins of the former Navy Ammunition Depot groundskeepers' homes along the Preserve's main trail. Guests are encouraged to bring something to share with friends or contribute to the potluck. Free root beer floats will be served following the dinner. Guests are also encouraged to bring chairs, mats and blankets for seating on the gently sloped hillside. Some flat paved areas are available and very limited vehicle access for mobility impaired.

A \$10 donation fee for adults and \$5 for seniors and students is requested. Children are free and no reservations are required. For additional information please call (707) 249-9633.

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## Oktoberfest Gala and Auction

The **Florence Douglas Senior Center** (FDSC) will be transformed into a Fabulous Bavarian Hall, hosting its 3rd Annual Oktoberfest Gala and Auction on October 19.

The festivities include music, catered authentic German cuisine and cocktails, a premium raffle, and grand silent and live auctions featuring items exclusively for Oktoberfest, many of which have been donated by local supporters.

The annual fundraiser is necessary to fund operation of the community center. The FDSC has been serving more than 2,200 members of the senior community for more than 35 years.

The FDSC provides several recreational, educational and social activities, volunteer opportunities, nutrition programs and coordinates a number of other services throughout Solano, Napa and Contra Costa counties.

The Oktoberfest Gala and Auction will take place on October 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, located at 333 Amador Street. Tickets are \$40 for FDSC members and \$45 for the general public.

For additional information contact **Guia Del Rosario** at (707) 643-8704 or the FDSC at (707) 643-1044. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, contact **Peter Wilson** at (707) 731-1426.

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