

## 2018 CHAMPION AWARD PANELISTS

Barbara Wallach, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy and Past Winner  
Harrold Hambrice, San Diego County Parks Society  
Conny Jamison, The San Diego Foundation  
Everette Au, The San Diego Foundation  
Elizabeth Bendrick, REI

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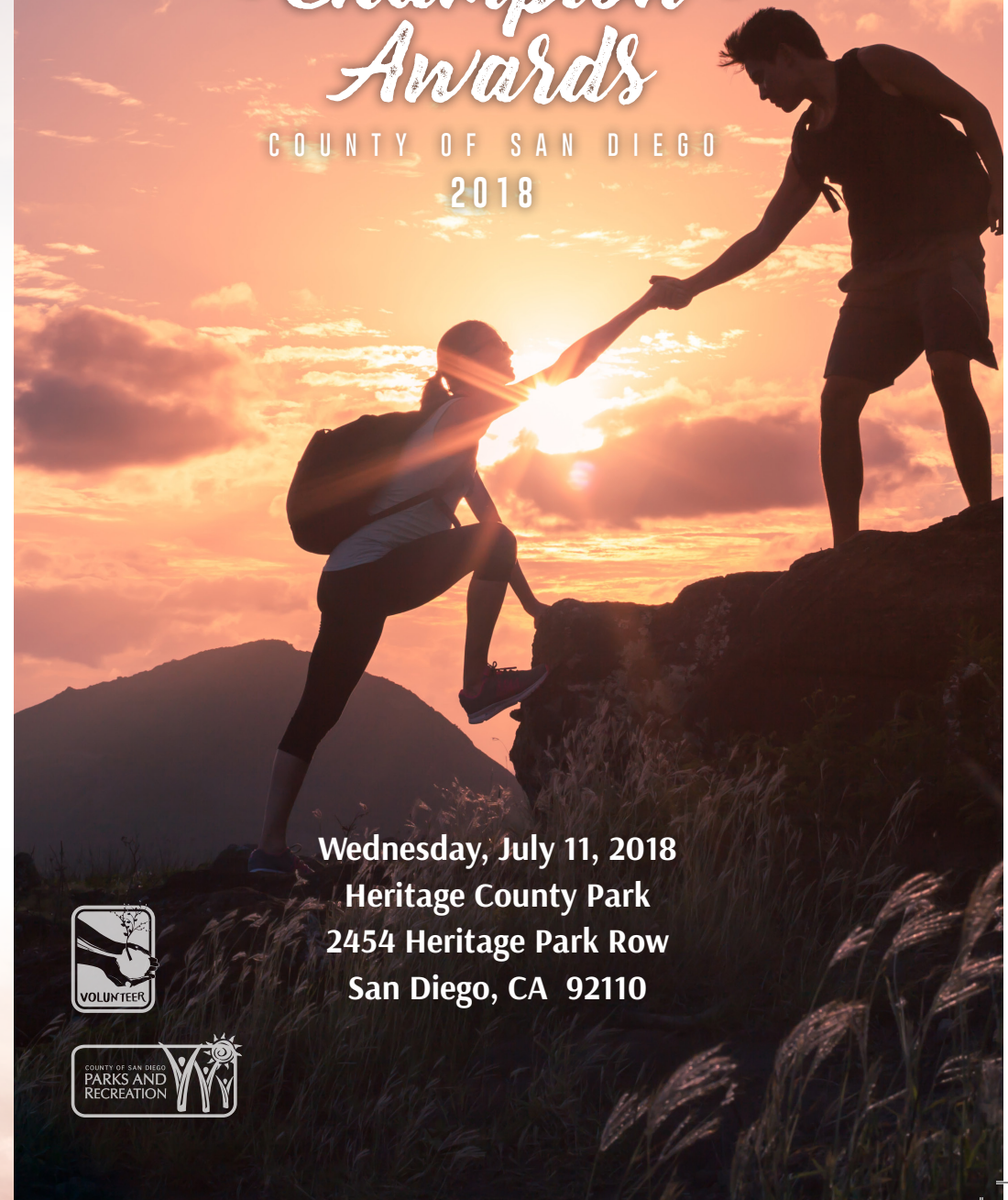
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## ABOUT DPR

The County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation enhances the quality of life for County residents and visitors of all ages. We promote health and wellness, safe communities and civic pride through thousands of programs across San Diego including festivals, hikes and rides, educational events and activities for youth, three strategically located recreation centers, and multiple state-of-the-art sports complexes. Daily programs enrich the lives of all patrons with a special focus on families, seniors, people with disabilities and at-risk youth. Our award-winning park system spans 56,000 acres with 126 parks and 360 miles of trails. For more information, visit [sdparks.org](http://sdparks.org).



# PARKS AND RECREATION Champion Awards COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 2018



Wednesday, July 11, 2018  
Heritage County Park  
2454 Heritage Park Row  
San Diego, CA 92110



## ABOUT THE AWARDS

In the spirit of environmental stewardship and promoting healthy, active lifestyles, the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is proud to celebrate the finalists and winner of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Champion Awards. Three years running, this awards program recognizes local volunteers for their work in community programs, park education and land ambassadorship.

## PROGRAM

- 4 p.m. Welcome Reception with Live Performance by Biomimicry
- 5:15 p.m. Recognition and Congratulatory Remarks by Brian Albright, DPR
- 5:20 p.m. Review of Finalists by Jessica Geizler and Dave Knopp, DPR
- 5:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards, Unveiling of the 2018 Champion
- 5:45 p.m. Continued Celebration and Photos

## ABOUT HERITAGE COUNTY PARK

Located in Old Town San Diego, Heritage County Park features a number restored homes from the late 1880s-1890s. Each home represents a different type of Victorian architecture favored by well-to-do residents such as Italianate, Stick-Eastlake, Queen Anne and classic revival. All properties were relocated from their original locations with the help of the Save Our Heritage Organisation.

Temple Beth Israel is San Diego's first synagogue, which opened its doors in 1889 and remains in operation today as an event space for bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings and other celebrations. The nearby Whaley House is also open to the public, with a haunted past that draws tourists year-round.

Learn more at [sdparks.org](http://sdparks.org) or [sohosandiego.org](http://sohosandiego.org).

## CHAMPION AWARD FINALISTS



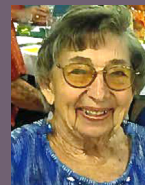
### Aleksei Naumov

Aleksei Naumov is an action-oriented community leader in the Oak Park neighborhood and a stalwart ambassador for Chollas Lake Park. As president of the Oak Park Community Council he's built a grassroots support network to help clean up, revitalize and beautify parks. Other efforts focus on safety and bringing healthy food to local markets.



### Chris Heiserman

For 10 years, Chris Heiserman has served as President of the Dictionary Hill Open Space Advocates. Once the locale of a proposed housing development, Heiserman sought to preserve Dictionary Hill as a recreation destination. His persistence and ability to work across groups led to the acquisition of the land for trails and to protect unique plant and animal species.



### Flo Liviers

With over 32 years of service to the City of Oceanside Senior Center, Flo Liviers has helped countless at-risk, ill and injured residents find comfort, community and hope. Her volunteer efforts, from knitting quilts and pajamas to managing events – buoyed by her passion for swimming and golfing – have inspired many to lead healthy, active lives.



### John Allen

Driven to improve habitat awareness, restoration and recreation in parks, John Allen has been a park ambassador for more than 30 years. Most recently, he's joined the volunteer force of the San Diego River Park Foundation – seeking sustainable fixes for riparian and headwater spaces. He strives every day to keep parks clean, healthy and accessible.



### John Degenfelder

John Degenfelder has been championing trails since the 1980s when he joined the Ramona Planning Group, leading to the start of the Ramona Trails Association and the region's first trails plan in 1989. He's volunteered with DPR, the San Dieguito River Conservancy and Sheriff Mounted Patrol, as well as, the California Trails and Greenways Foundation.



### Paul Zawilenski

As chair of both the Ramona Community Foundation and Ramona Chamber Economic Development Committee and Governmental Affairs, Paul Zawilenski is committed to building community, boosting philanthropic growth and enhancing recreation opportunities. Recently, he launched the Ramona Hiking Challenge to highlight lesser-known hiking destinations.



### Travis Lindsay

For 11 years, Travis Lindsay has led positive change through the City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation Volunteer Range Program. As Board Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission and member of the City of San Marcos Trails Advisory Committee, his smart and steadfast efforts have improved service, safety and sustainability at events citywide.