

The Council of Arroyo Seco Organization - CASO Tuesday, December 16, 2008

The 2008 Holiday meeting of the Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations was held at La Casita del Arroyo in Pasadena. The meeting began at 6:30pm with mingling and holiday cheer.

CASO's holiday traditionally features the annual Arroyo Verde Awards. These awards honor individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made outstanding contributions toward enhancing the Arroyo Seco and its communities throughout 2008.

Eileen Alduenda called the group to order at 7:10 pm and chaired the event. Tim Brick made a presentation on the Central Arroyo Stream Restoration project and future restoration programs. Then Eileen Alduenda proceeded to awarding of the Arroyo Verde Awards. This year's recipients were a notable lot.

Category	Awardee
Best Advocacy	Michele Zack
Greening the Arroyo (Organization)	Arroyo Seco Foundation
Greening the Arroyo (Agency)	City of Pasadena
Greening the Arroyo (Business)	CDM
Best Volunteer	January Nordman
Citizen Activist	Open Space Now
Public Official	Claire Bowen
Lifetime Achievement	Dorothy Green

Claire Bowen of the Los Angeles Planning Department was given the award for her outstanding work on the Cornfields Arroyo Seco Specific Plan. Dorothy Green was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously. Her son Josh accepted the award on her behalf.

After some very moving acceptance speeches, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.