

# **SDA ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER HISTORY**

## **(From ASA to SAA to SDA)**

### **SDA Orange County Chapter – Organized July 1973; Reorganized 1983**

**Organized in 1973**, the original chapter was called the Architectural Secretaries Association (ASA), Orange County Chapter. The following are remembrances of Kathleen Flanagan, the first chapter president, who was with Thomas/Richardson Associates:

“We organized in the early 70s, when Thelma Imschwiler and Rosemary Baker came to Orange County from the ASA Los Angeles Chapter, wanting to start a second chapter. L.A. was the first in California, having organized in the ‘60’s.

We met at Corporate Plaza 2, I think, at the entrance to Fashion Island, in an architect’s office. I was voted the first president. We then started meeting at the Saddleback Inn in Santa Ana.

We invited our architect bosses to a couple of meetings and enlisted their help to pay memberships and subsidize trips to our conventions, held in concert with AIA conventions. We were able to piggyback with their tours of the area of the convention.”

**Reorganized in 1983** - It is unknown how long the original chapter lasted. However, the seed was sown and within a few years, the need for a new chapter arose. Geri Eckner and Betsy Nickless, both of Carl McLarand Associates, Inc., were the co-founders of the current Orange County Chapter of the SDA. Geri had heard about the ASA Chapter in Los Angeles and had them come down to OC to talk about the organization in 1982. Geri and Betsy started the OC Chapter in 1982, but did not get official “charter” status until 1983, under the ASA name.

#### **Charter Members**

Patricia Bergmann  
Francine Bergren  
Mignon Bourgeois  
Evelyn Croce  
Karen Danielson  
Geri Eckner

Ginger Ekker  
Michelle Friedman  
Amy L. Getzlaff  
Dorothy M. Jean  
Brier Ann Lindsay  
Patricia Mires

Betsy Nickless  
Mary Redwitz  
Mari Sterling  
Sheri Strange  
Jo Thrasher  
Joan Yost

In the early ‘80s, the chapter meetings were held in the evenings, usually at the AIA office, located in South Coast Village in Santa Ana. Geri Eckner was the first president of the newly reorganized group, followed by Betsy Nickless. The first few years were challenging, but with their wonderful guidance and great leadership, the fledgling chapter gained exposure and with that, new members.

Over the years, the organization changed names – from Architectural Secretaries Association to Society for Architectural Administrators to Society of Design Administration to the current Society for Design Administration!

So, too, has our chapter progressed through the years, from meetings after work at the AIA office in South Coast Village, we changed to a combination of lunchtime brown-bag meetings, with some evening meetings, at the new AIA office by Noguchi Garden in Costa Mesa. Gradually, we began to have food brought in for the lunch seminars. Eventually we moved to having lunchtime meetings/seminars at local restaurants and met for several years at the Wyndham Hotel in Costa Mesa. Beginning in 2013, the chapter's educational programs have been held at the Lutron Event Center in Irvine, Calif.

The potluck Holiday Party, with the installation of officers and the fun ornament exchange, was started by Geri Eckner in the late '80s and has been a long-standing tradition among members.

Our chapter has grown from a few hearty souls with the conviction to share the SDA experience with others, to becoming one of the largest chapters in this National organization! We are proud that our leadership has encouraged members to become active participants at both the local and national levels. The Orange County Chapter has among its members past National Presidents Betsy Nickless, CDFCA and Natalie Newman; a former Executive Director of the AIA, Past President of the SDA and Honorary AIA OC member, Connie McKenna-McCulloch; and the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Winner, Betsy Nickless, CDFCA.

We have dared to expand our horizons through education, networking, and being very involved in our community. The Orange County Chapter has not only volunteered for numerous years at the AIA Design Awards and the Annual AIA Golf Tournament, but our association grew to include attendance at the AIA OC Board meetings. Among our accomplishments we count the following:

- Hosted “Newly Licensed Architects” receptions,
- Held a “Design A Better Birdhouse” competition for architects,
- Sponsored an SDA Open House and hosted a reception at The Museum of Architecture.
- Working with The Architecture Foundation of Orange County (TAF), the SDA OC worked towards the creation of the *Exploring Orange County Architecture Coloring Book*, first published in 1994 and now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.
- Members volunteered every year from 1992 – 2014 (the final year) at HomeAid Orange County's Project Playhouse event and even hosted a Coloring Contest (based on the TAF/SDA book) for three years.
- We have gone on tours to architecturally inspired places (The Performing Arts Center, South Coast Repertory, Pasadena Home Tour and The Getty Museum to name a few).
- Some members have worked as docents for the AIA's Art & Architecture Home Tours and also at the Design Home event.
- Nine years participation as a hosting organization of Canstruction.

- A/E/C Newly Licensed Industry Mixer/Networking Event (2015)

As a chapter, we have been fortunate to enjoy sharing experiences and warm fellowship, creating lifelong friends. We have shared moments of joy, sorrow and triumphs. Our industry is what brought us together, but our enjoyment and commitment to our friends and our SDA chapter is what keeps us going and growing. The following is but a recap of some of the highlights of the history of this exciting SDA Chapter!

## LISTING OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

- 1974 Kathleen Flanagan, Thomas Richardson Associates
- 1983 Geri Eckner (6 mos.), Carl McClarand Associates, Inc.
- 1983 Betsy Nickless (6 mos.), Carl McClarand Associates, Inc.
- 1984 Betsy Nickless, Carl McClarand Associates, Inc.
- 1995 Geri Eckner, Carl McClarand Associates, Inc.
- 1986 Geri Eckner, Carl McClarand Associates, Inc.
- 1987 Wendy Woolsey, Architects Pacifica, Ltd.
- 1988 Joy Pengra
- 1989 Joy Pengra
- 1990 Deborah Lee
- 1991 Wendy Vick, Andrews/Rothenburger, Inc.
- 1992 Connie (Scheer) McKenna, Anthony and Langford Architects
- 1993 Connie (Scheer) McKenna, Anthony and Langford Architects
- 1994 Karen Henderson, Anthony and Langford Architects
- 1995 J. J. Logan (6 mos.), Schleppey Hezmelhalch Associates
- 1995 Torri Johnson (6 mos.), Belden Hutchinson
- 1996 Karen Henderson, Ninyo & Moore
- 1997 Karen Henderson, Ninyo & Moore
- 1998 Cindy Loomer, Irwin Architectural Group
- 1999 Cindy Loomer, Irwin Architectural Group
- 2000 Judy Merrill, Nadel Architects, Inc.
- 2001 Judy Merrill, Nadel Architects, Inc.
- 2002 Judy Merrill, SDA/C, Nadel Architects, Inc.
- 2003 Judy Merrill, SDA/C, Nadel Architects, Inc.
- 2004 Anne Greenawalt, BBG Architects
- 2005 Anne Greenawalt, BBG Arch./ Ginger Castillo, SDA/C, DeRevere & Associates
- 2006 Ginger Castillo, SDA/C, DeRevere & Associates
- 2007 Natalie Newman, RNM Design, Inc.
- 2008 Natalie Newman, RNM Design, Inc.
- 2009 Natalie Newman, RNM Design, Inc.
- 2010 Natalie Newman,
- 2011 Nancy Burt, RNM
- 2012 Nancy Burt, RNM
- 2013 Penny Nelson,. CDFA, Douglas Pancake Architects, Inc.
- 2014 Penny Nelson. CDFA, Douglas Pancake Architects, Inc.
- 2015 Penny Nelson, CDFA, Douglas Pancake Architects, Inc.
- 2016 Dee Dee Jackson. IBI Group
- 2017 Judy Mitchell, Gensler
- 2018 Dee Dee Jackson, pjhm architects

## SDA OC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1974 President – Kathleen Flanagan
- 1983 President – Geri Eckner (6 mos.); Betsy Nickless (6 mos.)
- 1984 President – Betsy Nickless  
Vice President – Geri Eckner
- 1985 President – Geri Eckner  
Vice President – Betsy Nickless
- 1986 President – Geri Eckner  
Vice President – Betsy Nickless
- 1987 President – Wendy Woolsey
- 1988 President – Joy Pengra
- 1989 President – Joy Pengra
- 1990 President – Deborah Lee
- 1991 President – Wendy Vick
- 1992 President – Connie Scheer;  
Vice President – Wendy Vick  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding/Recording Secretary – Karen Henderson  
Directors – Geri Eckner; Wendy Woolsey
- 1993 President – Connie Scheer  
Vice President/Program Chair – Karen Henderson  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary/TAF-BEEP Director – Karen MacLeod  
Recording Secretary – Wendy Woolsey  
Director – Geri Eckner
- 1994 President – Karen Henderson  
Vice President – J. J. Logan  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless, SDA/C  
Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Loomer  
Recording Secretary – Terri Meyers (3 mos.)  
Recording Secretary – Wendy Woolsey (9 mos.)  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Connie Scheer, Wendy Woolsey

- 1995 President – J. J. Logan  
Vice President – Torri Johnson  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Loomer  
Recording Secretary – Yvonne Young  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Karen Henderson, Connie Scheer, Wendy Woolsey
- 1996 President – Karen Henderson  
Vice President – Sandra Sackett  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Loomer  
Recording Secretary – Charlotte McCluskey  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Connie McKenna, Wendy Woolsey
- 1997 President – Karen Henderson  
Vice President – Sandra Sackett  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Loomer  
Recording Secretary – Judy Merrill  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Connie McKenna, Wendy Woolsey
- 1998 President – Cindy Loomer  
Co-Vice Presidents – Connie McKenna; Betsy Nickless  
Treasurer – Yvonne Young (7 mos.); Susan Schueddekopp (5 mos.)  
Corresponding Secretary – Wendy Woolsey  
Recording Secretary – Judy Merrill  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Karen Henderson
- 1999 President – Cindy Loomer  
Vice President – Karen Henderson  
Treasurer – Susan Schueddekopp (5 mos.); Betsy Nickless (7 mos.)  
Corresponding Secretary – Joey Pitcher  
Recording Secretary – Judy Merrill  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Connie McKenna, Wendy Woolsey
- 2000 President – Judy Merrill  
Vice President – Karen Henderson  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Joey Pitcher  
Recording Secretary – Janet Caprario  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Wendy Woolsey

- 2001 President – Judy Merrill  
Vice President – Anne Greenawalt  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Sue Dewan  
Recording Secretary – Lorrie McConaughy  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Wendy Woolsey
- 2002 President – Judy Merrill  
Vice President – Anne Greenawalt  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Ginger Shelton  
Recording Secretary – Lorrie McConaughy  
Directors – Geri Eckner, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Wendy Woolsey
- 2003 President – Judy Merrill  
Vice President – Anne Greenawalt  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Ginger Castillo  
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Mathes  
Directors – Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Wendy Woolsey, Geri Eckner (honorary)
- 2004 President – Anne Greenawalt  
Vice President – Ginger Castillo  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Natalie Newman  
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Mathes  
Directors – Karen Henderson, Cindy Loomer; Connie McKenna, Judy Merrill, Wendy Woolsey, Geri Eckner (honorary)
- 2005 President – Anne Greenawalt  
Vice President – Ginger Castillo  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Burt  
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Mathes  
Directors – Karen Henderson, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna-McCulloch, Judy Merrill, Wendy Woolsey
- 2006 President – Ginger Castillo  
Co-Vice Presidents – Nancy Burt; Natalie Newman  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Debora Smith  
Recording Secretary – Susan Jo Crook  
Directors – Karen Henderson, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna-McCulloch, Judy Merrill, Wendy Woolsey

- 2007 President – Natalie Newman  
Vice President – Nancy Burt  
Treasurer – Betsy Nickless  
Corresponding Secretary – Debora Smith  
Recording Secretary – Susan Jo Crook  
Directors – Ginger Castillo, Karen Henderson, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna-McCulloch, Judy Merrill, Wendy Woolsey
- 2008 President – Natalie Newman  
Co-Vice Presidents – Betsy Nickless; Karen Henderson  
Treasurer – Nancy Burt  
Corresponding Secretary – April O’Neil  
Recording Secretary – Debbie Kuhns (6 mos.); Cheryl Mathes (6 mos.)  
Directors – Ginger Castillo, Cindy Loomer; Connie McKenna-McCulloch, Judy Merrill, Wendy Woolsey
- 2009 President – Natalie Neman  
Co-Vice Presidents – Betsy Nickless; Karen Henderson  
Treasurer – Gina Lesley / Nancy Burt  
Corresponding Secretary – Tammy Bennar  
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Mathes  
Directors – Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Judy Merrill, Wendy Woolsey
- 2010 President – Natalie Neman  
Co-Vice Presidents – Betsy Nickless; Karen Henderson  
Treasurer – Helen Palermo  
Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Burt  
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Mathes  
Directors – Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Judy Merrill, Wendy Woolsey
- 2011 President – Nancy Burt  
Vice Presidents – Betsy Nickless  
Treasurer – Helen Palermo  
Corresponding Secretary – Diana Dubich  
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Mathes  
Directors – Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Judy Merrill, Natalie Newman, Wendy Woolsey
- 2012 President – Nancy Burt  
Vice Presidents – Betsy Nickless, Diana Dubich  
Treasurer – Helen Palermo  
Corresponding Secretary – Penny Nelson  
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Mathes  
Directors – Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Natalie Newman, Wendy Woolsey



- 2013 President – Penny Nelson  
Vice Presidents – Betsy Nickless, Diana Dubich  
Treasurer – Helen Palermo  
Corresponding Secretary – Marcy Fields  
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Mathes  
Directors – Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna, Ginger Castillo, Karen Henderson,  
Nancy Burt, Natalie Newman, Wendy Woolsey
- 2014 President – Penny Nelson  
Vice Presidents – Betsy Nickless, Judy Mitchell  
Treasurer – Cheryl Mathes  
Corresponding Secretary – Marcy Fields  
Recording Secretary – Dee Dee Jackson  
Directors – Nancy Burt, Karen Henderson, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna,  
Natalie Newman, Wendy Woolsey
- 2015 President – Penny Nelson  
Vice Presidents – Betsy Nickless, Judy Mitchell  
Treasurer – Cheryl Mathes  
Corresponding Secretary – Sunday Sagmit  
Recording Secretary – Dee Dee Jackson  
Directors – Nancy Burt, Karen Henderson, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna,  
Natalie Newman, Wendy Woolsey
- 2016 President – Dee Dee Jackson  
Vice President - Judy Mitchell  
Treasurer – Cheryl Mathes  
Corresponding Secretary – Betsy Nickless  
Recording Secretary – Anna Kordik  
Directors – Nancy Burt, Karen Henderson, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna,  
Penny Nelson, Natalie Newman, Wendy Woolsey
- 2017 President – Judy Mitchell  
Vice President – Dee Dee Jackson  
Treasurer – Cheryl Mathes  
Corresponding Secretary – Betsy Nickless  
Recording Secretary – Anna Kordik  
Directors – Nancy Burt, Karen Henderson, Cindy Loomer, Connie McKenna,  
Penny Nelson, Natalie Newman, Wendy Woolsey

## MEMBERS HOLDING NATIONAL OFFICE

2002 – Janet Caprario, SDA/C – Vice President  
2003 – Janet Caprario, SDA/C – Vice President  
2004 – Janet Caprario, SDA/C – President-Elect  
2005 – Janet Caprario, SDA/C – President  
2006 – Janet Caprario, SDA/C – Past President  
2011-2012 Betsy Nickless, CDF A – Treasurer  
2012-2013 Betsy Nickless, CDF A – President Elect  
2013-2014 Betsy Nickless, CDF A – President  
Natalie Newman – Secretary  
2014-2015 Betsy Nickless, CDF A – Past President  
Natalie Newman – President Elect  
2015-2016 Natalie Newman – President  
2016-2017 Natalie Newman – Past President

## MEMBERS HOLDING NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSITIONS

1987 Betsy Nickless, SDA/C, Education Committee Member  
1992 Connie (Scheer) McKenna, SDA/C, Education committee Member  
1995-96 Connie (Scheer) McKenna, SDA/C, Academic Curriculum Committee Member  
1996-02 Janet Caprario, SDA/C, Public Relations Committee Member  
1996-00 Betsy Nickless, SDA/C, Certification Committee Member  
1996-97 Betsy Nickless, SDA/C, Education Committee Member  
1996 Connie (Scheer) McKenna, SDA/C, Education committee Member  
1996 Cindy Loomer, National Publication Columnists Director  
1997 Cindy Loomer, Public Relations Committee, Contributors Chair  
1997-98 Cindy Loomer, National Publication Columnists Director  
1997-98 Janet Caprario, *Behind the Design*, Advertising Director  
1999 Janet Caprario, Leadership 1999, Registrar  
2001-02 – Janet Caprario, SDA/C, Editor, *Behind the Design*, News Section of website  
2001-02 Janet Caprario, SDA/C, Convention Committee Member  
2000-02 Betsy Nickless, SDA/C, Certification Committee Chair  
2001-02 Ginger (Shelton) Castillo, On-Line Resource Committee Member, List Serv Manager  
2002 Anne Greenawalt, 2002 Convention Minutes Approval Committee  
2002-03 Janet Caprario, SDA/C, National Membership Committee Chair  
2003 Ginger (Shelton) Castillo, Convention committee Member  
2002-03 Matthew Curtin, National Membership Committee Member  
2002-03 Cheryl Mathes, Program Planning Guide Committee Member  
2003-04 Janet Caprario, SDA/C, National Membership Committee Chair  
2004 Betsy Nickless, SDA/C, National Convention Chair (Chicago)

2007 Betsy Nickless, SDA/C, EDSymposium 07 Committee  
2007 Janet Caprario, SDA/C, Past Presidents Committee Chair  
2008 Betsy Nickless, SDA/C, Co-Coordinator EdSymposium 08 (Boston)  
2009 Betsy Nickless, CDFA, Bylaws/Governance Chair; Natalie Newman,  
Connections Committee; Betsy Nickless, CDFA, Publications Committee  
2010 Natalie Newman, Connections Committee Chair  
2011 Natalie Newman, Connections Committee  
2012 Natalie Newman, Connections Committee; Betsy Nickless EDSymposium  
Committee  
2013  
2014  
2015 Betsy Nickless, CDFA, Bylaws Chair; Anna Kordik Communications  
Committee; Penny Nelson, CDFA, Certification Committee  
2016 Betsy Nickless, CDFA, Bylaws Chair; Anna Kordik Communications  
Committee; Penny Nelson, CDFA, Certification Committee

## **CERTIFIED MEMBERS**

Until 2006, a Certification Program was in place through the National SDA organization. When you joined SDA, you were allowed to put “SDA” after your name to show you had started and were willing to further your knowledge and grow as a member. The Certification Program took it a step further. By meeting specific requirements and taking specific courses, you could become SDA Certified and use “SDA/C”. This is a high honor among members of SDA and the design industry and serves as a tangible measure of competence. Members first became Certified, then had two renewal procedures before receiving their Final Certification.

In 2008, the National SDA revamped the Certification requirements and those who complete the new process, or who have completed their final certification, will be using the initials “CDFA”.

The following members have received their Certification as indicated:

- 1991 Betsy Nickless, SDA/C (renewed 1996, final renewal 2003)
- 1994 Connie McKenna-McCulloch, SDA/C (renewed 2001)
- 2002 Janet Caprario, SDA/C
- 2002 Judy Merrill, SDA/C
- 2003 Wendy Woolsey, SDA/C
- 2005 Ginger Castillo, SDA/C
- 2009 Aimee Mandala, CDFA  
Penny Nelson, CDFA
- 2017 Cheryl Champagne, CDFA

## **HONORARY MEMBERS**

The following individuals have earned the title of Honorary Member of the SDA OC based on their unique connection to our Chapter. Through their efforts and support we have become a more viable Chapter and have enjoyed the opportunities to make lasting relationships. We thank them for their contribution to our Chapter over the years.

- Geri Eckner, SDA - Co-Founder of the SDA Orange County Chapter in 1983, Past President, Past Vice President, Director
- Carl Irwin, AIA – Irwin-Pancake Architects, supporter of SDA/OC and past speaker
- Carolyn Newsom, AIA – Director of the AIA OC in the early ‘90’s and SDA/OC friend
- Mark Lowry – Director of the Orange County Food Bank
- Judy Merrill – (2011) Four-year chapter president

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The SDA OC Chapter started a scholarship program in 2002 to help deserving members with registration costs for attendance at National Conventions and Western States Conferences. In addition, our members have applied for National scholarships available for National Conventions. The following have been recipients:

- 2000 Anne Greenawalt – Erma Bolick Professional Development Grant (SDA National 2000)
- 2002 Anne Greenawalt – SDA OC Scholarship (1<sup>st</sup> recipient) - (SDA National 2002)
- 2003 Ginger Castillo – Erma Bolick Professional Development Grant (SDA National 2003)
- 2003 Natalie Newman – SDA OC First Time Attendee (SDA National 2003)
- 2003 Cheryl Mathes – SDA OC First Time Attendee (SDA National 2003)
- 2004 Natalie Newman – SDA OC First Time Attendee (Western States)
- 2004 Suzie Bauman – SDA OC First Time Attendee (SDA National 2004)
- 2004 Sharon Gunther – SDA OC Returning Attendee (SDA National 2004)
- 2004 Judy Merrill – SDA OC Returning Attendee (SDA National 2004)
- 2005 Ginger Castillo – McGraw Hill Branded Scholarship (SDA National 2005)
- 2007 Natalie Newman – National Scholarship – Leadership Conference
- 2007 Debbie Kuhns – SDA OC First Time Attendee (SDA National 2007)
- 2007 Cheryl Mathes – SDA OC Returning Attendee (SDA National 2007)
- 2007 Jill Wood – Deltek Scholarship (EdSymposium 07)
- 2008 Tammy Bennar – SDA OC First Time Attendee (EdSymposium 08)
- 2008 Betsy Nickless – SDA OC Returning Attendee (EdSymposium 08)
- 2008 Betsy Nickless – SDA/OC Western States Regional Conference
  
- 2011 Helen Palermo – SDA/OC First-Time Attendee (EDSymposium11, Charleston, SC)
- 2012 Natalie Newman – SDA Past President’s Council Grant (EDSymposium13)
  
- 2015 Betsy Nickless and Rebecca McCune – SDA/OC EDSymposium15 (Golden, Colo.)

## CHAPTER AWARDS

- 1994 Award of Appreciation from the Building Industry Association and HomeAid Orange County for Volunteerism during Project Playhouse '93
- 1994 Community Service Award for Project Playhouse (presented by National SDA)
- 1995 Award of Appreciation from the Building Industry Association and HomeAid Orange County for Volunteerism during project Playhouse '95
- 1995 Certificate of Appreciation from the AIA Orange County Chapter for outstanding service at AIA OC Design Awards, Golf Tournament Supporters and Project Playhouse Volunteers
- 1996 Award of Appreciation from the Building Industry Association and HomeAid Orange County and Project Playhouse '96 Committee for Volunteerism during Project Playhouse '96
- 1999 Leadership Conference – Received award from National SDA for increase in membership
- 2000 Certificate of Excellence from National SDA for enormous effort and significant contribution to the success of the National Membership Drive “15 for 12” Fall 2000 (18.52% membership increase)
- 2001 Recognized by the AIA OC and invited to participate in AIA OC Board Meetings
- 2002 “15 for 12” Membership Drive co-winner with Seattle Chapter – Received ½ registration scholarship to Convention
- 2002 Members Choice Award for the Education project category for Chapter's joint venture with TAF to produce the second edition of Exploring Orange County Architecture Coloring Book
- 2003 Jury's Award for Website Design
- 2003 The People's Choice Award for Website Design
- 2003 Jury's Award for Education and Public Awareness for 2002 SDA Western Regional Conference
- 2003 The People's Choice Award for Education and Public Awareness for 2002 SDA Western Regional Conference
- 2006 Won National Membership Drive, called by Melodee Futch, SDA National VP

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- 2008 Honor Award for New Education Project for 2007 Western States Regional Conference
- 2008 Members' Choice Award for New Education project for 2007 Western States Regional Conference
- 2008 AIA California Council Presidential Citation
- 2010 National Chapter Excellence Award
- 2012 National Chapter Foundation Award (Gold)
- 2012 National Star Award – Betsy Nickless  
National Forum Award (Finance) – Betsy Nickless
- 2013 National Star Award – Karen Henderson
- 2014 National Star Award – Dee Dee Jackson
- 2015 National Star Award – Cheryl Mathes
- 2016 National Star Award –
- 2017 National Star Award – Anna Kordik

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**  
**(awarded national STAR award in years when given)**

1994 Wendy Woolsey (1<sup>st</sup> recipient)  
1995  
1996 Cindy Loomer, Betsy Nickless  
1997 Janet Caprario; Cindy Loomer  
1998 Betsy Nickless  
1999  
2000  
2001 Anne Greenawalt; Nesi Reams  
2002 Ginger Castillo  
2003 Wendy Woolsey  
2004 Nancy Burt; Diane Sommerville  
2005 Nancy Burt  
2006 Natalie Newman  
2007 Karen Henderson; Diane Sommerville  
2008 Wendy Woolsey  
2009 Betsy Nickless, CDFA  
2010 Cheryl Mathes  
2011 Betsy Nickless, CDFA  
2012 Nancy Burt, Diane Sommerville  
2013 Karen Henderson  
2014 Dee Dee Jackson  
2015 Cheryl Mathes  
2016  
2017 Anna Kordik

**MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

1993 Connie Scheer, CAA – Named an Honorary Member of the AIA OC  
199\_ Geri Eckner – Named an Associate of McLlarand Vasquez & Partners  
199\_ Karen MacLeod – Named an Associate of AT3  
199\_ Elaine Ricketts – Named an Associate of J. R. Miller & Associates  
1993 Betsy Nickless, CAA – Named an Associate of Steven Langford Architects, Inc.  
1998 Sue Dewan – Surprise baby shower  
1999 Susan Schueddekopp – Surprise baby shower  
200\_ Judy Merrill – Named an Associate of Nadel Architects, Inc.  
2002 Geri Eckner – Named Honorary SDA Member at May Luncheon  
2002 Wendy Woolsey – Named an Associate of Bassenian Lagoni Architects  
2002 Ginger Castillo – Surprise wedding shower  
2003 Ginger Castillo – Surprise baby shower  
2004 Betsy Nickless – Lifetime Achievement Award SDA OC  
2004 Judy Merrill – Outstanding Commitment Award SDA OC  
2005 Janet Caprario – Installed as SDA National President



- 2005 Wendy Woolsey – Award of Excellence - Volunteer Service for Project Playhouse
- 2007 Cindy Loomer – Member of The California Spirit Over 50 Team in Senior Olympics Women’s Gold Medal Softball Team
- 2007 Judy Merrill – Lifetime Achievement Award SDA OC; Retires from Nadel Architects, Inc.
- 2008 Betsy Nickless – Lifetime Achievement Award SDA National
- 2011 Betsy Nickless – Installed as SDA National Treasurer
- 2012 Betsy Nickless – Installed as SDA National President Elect
- 2013 Betsy Nickless – Installed as SDA National President  
Natalie Newman – Installed as SDA National Secretary
- 2014 Natalie Newman – Installed as SDA National President Elect
- 2015 Natalie Newman – Installed as SDA National President

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

'80s The first meeting was held in January of 1983. Seminars were usually held at the AIA Orange County Chapter office, located in South Coast Village in Santa Ana, or the Hungry Tiger Restaurant. Meetings switched between lunches (bring your own brown bag; cost for meeting and a drink - \$1.00) and after work (cheese, crackers & wine provided) in an effort to appeal to a broader group. With exposure through the AIA newsletter and ads in the local newspaper, we gained new members.

A California ASA one-day conference in Long Beach was held in the late '80s, with Mark Victor Hansen as our speaker.

Geri and Art Eckner started the tradition of a holiday brunch at their house in early December in '86 or '87. It grew to include a buffet brunch, the installation of officers for the upcoming year and the ever popular ornament exchange.

Since the late '80s, SAA/SDA members have volunteered for a variety of industry-related yearly events, such as the AIA Design Awards, AIA Golf Tournaments, Art & Architecture Home Tours and HBC Casino Night parties. In addition, many members have volunteered time at the SDA Booth and/or assisted at Canstruction displays during National Conventions for many years.

'90s Lunch meetings were now the norm, with an occasional evening event, and were held at the new AIA OC Chapter office in the Great Western Bank Tower, by the Noguchi Gardens, in Costa Mesa. General meetings were \$5.00. We slowly transitioned to bringing food in and raising the price of seminars to \$10.00. By 1998, we began having the general meetings at the Wyndham Hotel, where lunch was \$15.00 and parking was free.

In the early '90s, the officers and board of directors would meet at 7:30 a.m. at Coco's or Ruby's to hold our business meetings. As the chapter grew, we found we couldn't cover everything in that short amount of time (and still get to work), and so began our tradition of holding evening business meetings once a month at rotating offices (conference rooms and a light meal offered by members). These meetings are now open to all SDA members as well.

1991 Sponsored a "Build a Better Birdhouse" Competition for AIA OC members, chaired by Karen MacLeod; Thad Gleason did a poster promoting it. Three monetary awards were given – one to each of the three of the participants! Unfortunately, there was not a lot of participation on the part of the AIA, but this provided fun memories over the years for those involved.

1992 The Architecture Foundation of Orange County (TAFOC) held a reception for the SAA at the AIA OC office on April 1st.

1992 Volunteers assisted at the HBC Casino Night at South Coast Western Hotel.

Started our first newsletter, *The Archive*, with Sherall Gradias, Crowell Insurance Agency, as Editor.

Toured Gibson Research Corp.'s newly completed "smart building", by Richard Clarke Architects, in Mission Viejo.

Volunteered at the AIA OC Design Awards.

Participated in the first ever HomeAid Orange County Project Playhouse event in Newport Beach. SAA members, friends, and family volunteered several weekends, plus worked the last shift of the last day of the event, followed by the Auction Party, which has become a tradition for us. HomeAid has recognized our chapter volunteers over the years in their printed playhouse catalogs and with letters of appreciation. This event is our chapter outreach program to our local community. Funds raised from Project Playhouse help give hope and shelter to the transitionally homeless in Orange County.

1993 Sponsored the Newly Licensed Architects Reception, April 22, 1993 at the AIA OC Chapter office.

Gena Hester became the Coloring Book Committee Co-Chair in July for what would become the *Exploring Orange County Architecture Coloring Book*.

Asked to participate in creating a national network of college programs for future design firm administrators (College Curriculum Program). Connie Scheer and Cindy Loomer will participate.

Harper & Shuman OC MICRO/CFMS User Group Meetings started.

Attended the AIA Pasadena/Foothill Chapter's Home Tour.

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

SAA OC and AIA OC held their first joint installation of 1994 Officers at Carl McLarand's home in Newport Beach. Carl McLarand, AIA was the installing officer. Thank you, Geri Eckner, for arranging this!

1994 *Exploring Orange County Architecture Coloring Book* was first published as a joint effort of the SAA OC and TAFOC (The Architecture Foundation of Orange County). The first edition was dedicated to the memory of two extraordinary individuals, Kathie Davis, Honorary AIA and Director of the AIA OC and Art Eckner, a warm and inspiring architect and late husband of SAA OC Co-founder, Geri Eckner. Proceeds, if any, from the sale of the coloring book will be used to provide architecture-related educational and awareness opportunities and support for young people from Orange County.

1994 SAA sponsored a coloring contest at HomeAid Orange County's Project Playhouse event. Donations were gathered, judges were sought out and coloring sheets distributed under the direction of Sandra Sackett. Winners were awarded prizes at the Project Playhouse Auction Party. Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

SAA OC and AIA OC held a joint installation and holiday part at the Hotel Laguna, December 14, 1994. In addition to installing new officers for the upcoming year, President Richard Coleman, AIA named Connie Scheer, CAA an Honorary Member of the AIA OC.

1995 The National SDA changes the name of our organization from Society of Architectural Administrators (SAA) to Society of Design Administration (SDA), effective January 1, 1995. Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

Planning weekend at Joe Belden's condo in Palm Springs. Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

Project Playhouse Coloring Contest sponsored by SDA and volunteers work at Project Playhouse.

Fall Planning Committee Session/Overnighter at Wendy Woolsey's.

1996 Donated \$250.00 to the AIA OC to support their events.

Hosted the Western States Regional Conference (*Fun, Sun & Education*) at the Wyndham Hotel in Costa Mesa. Events included a tour of the Orange County Performing Arts Center and the Farewell Season of the Main Street Electrical Parade at Disneyland. Our Chapter's white t-shirts with our SDA logo were popular.

Toured Bowers Museum and had dinner at Topaz Café.

Project Playhouse Coloring Contest sponsored by SDA and volunteers work at Project Playhouse.

1997 Donated \$130.00 to the AIA OC for the PEEG Initiative.

Donated gift certificate to the AIA OC for Golf Tournament. Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

Established a scholarship fund for the AIA Student Chapter.

Volunteered at the AIA OC Design Awards.

1998 Volunteered at the AIA OC Design Awards, plus SDA OC presented a Certificate for Community Involvement thru "Tiny" Architecture for Project Playhouse to HomeAid OC's Director, Mike Lennon

Hosted sunset reception at Alto Capistrano, designed by John Lautner, FAIA, home to the new Museum of Architecture

AIA OC moved to Westcliff in Newport Beach, site of a few SDA meetings.

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

1999 Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

2000 Volunteers assisted at AIA Home Tour.

Started a monthly newsletter called *The Commentary*.

Volunteered at AIA OC Design Awards.

Volunteers at Project Playhouse.

2001 Under the leadership of Judy Merrill, the SDA OC Chapter was acknowledged for our energy and efforts on behalf of the design industry and was officially invited to participate in AIA OC Board Meetings.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of *Exploring Orange County Architecture Coloring Book* is printed by SDA and TAFOC, with assistance by Lorrie McConaughy, Connie McKenna and Nesi Reams from the SDA.

Volunteered at Project Playhouse.

2002 AIA OC office moved to Tom Blurock's "shed" in Newport Beach; toured new office.

Chapter attendees at National Convention in Charlotte, NC donned "orange" and distributed "orange" stress balls advertising our upcoming Western States Regional Conference.

Volunteered at AIA OC Design Awards.

Volunteered at AIA OC Golf Tournament.

Hosted the Western States Regional Conference (*A crate full of learning and fun...California grown education in the sun!*) in Costa Mesa at the Wyndham. Seminars covered all five PEGS, included a "big" design tour to The Getty Museum (with Richard Meier Architects' rep) in Los Angeles and a "small" design tour to the 2002 Project Playhouses. Tagline...."Orange you glad you're in the SDA?"

2002 Volunteers assist at Project Playhouse.

Geri Eckner named an "Honorary SDA OC Member", as she left the architecture field (temporarily), but not our hearts. Presented with flowers and the title at a lunchtime meeting.

Started Chapter Scholarship program

2003 Moved General Meetings to the third Thursday of the month.

The SDA OC website was started, thanks to the major efforts of Ginger Castillo and her husband, Ed. Looks great and the modern technology to get SDA information out to people is at hand.

Presented a skit at the 2003 SDA National Convention in San Diego to advertise the upcoming 2004 National Convention in Chicago. An enthusiastic group, including Ginger Castillo, Judy Sharp, Judy Merrill, Anne Greenawalt, Cheryl Mathes, Deborah Carlson (SDA Chicago) and starring Matthew Curtin and Betsy Nickless (Convention Coordinator for 2004), gamely donned roaring twenties attire and entertained the audience to the music from *Chicago* in a script by Wendy Woolsey. (*SDA in Chicago – It would be a crime to miss it!*)

Volunteered at SDA Canstruction booth at National Convention, San Diego.

Volunteered at AIA OC Design Awards.

Volunteered at AIA OC Homes Tour.

Volunteered at AIA OC Golf Tournament.

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

Firm Appreciation Breakfast at the Wyndham featured Hernando Miranda, a high-regarded Consultant in So. Cal on LEED™ (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

2004 First "Extreme Home Makeover – Behind the Scenes" presentation was made by Bassenian/Lagoni Architects at lunchtime meeting.

Toured South Coast Repertory with Dennis Astl, Project Manager for Snyder Langston, who provided construction services, followed by dinner at the Wyndham.

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

2005 Presentations were made by Anne Greenawalt to the CACE Board and also the AIA California Council Board.

2005 Volunteered at AIA OC Design Awards.

Volunteered at AIA OC Golf Tournament

Volunteered at the Sunset Idea House at Covenant Hills in Rancho Mission Viejo - fundraiser for HomeAid hosted by Sunset Magazine and Dave Mulvaney.

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse. Six SDA members were successful bidders at the Auction Party for "Dinner for Six" at the Newport Beach Fire Station. Funds went to HomeAid Orange County. Dinner, the following November, was delicious and the tour was a treat – SDA gals even rode in a fire engine!

Lorrie McConaughy and Diane Sommerville represented the SDA OC on The Coloring Book Committee, preparing for the third edition of the TAF/SDA OC educational and awareness project.

Firm Appreciation Breakfast at the Center Club was highlighted by the guest speaker, Dr. Esmael Adibi, a leading economic forecaster of Chapman University, and his presentation The US and Regional Economic Forecast.

2006 Hosted Chapter Party for National Convention in Los Angeles (since there is no LA Chapter). The party was held at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum on the set from the television show "Cheers". Natalie Newman, Chair of the event, even managed to have a "Carla" impersonator working the bar and who posed for pictures with SDA attendees and had a green screen photo shoot! A tour of the museum, good food, raffle prizes, and great networking made this an outstanding event!

Firm Appreciation Breakfast at the Center Club featuring Michael J. Murtaugh of Murtaugh Meyer Nelson & Treglia LLP on "Litigationwise Business Practices".

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

2007 Hosted the Western States Regional Conference (*Convene On the OC Scene*) at the Costa Mesa Marriott. Attendees came from San Diego, Denver, Texas, Oregon, Washington, North Carolina and OC. Starting with a beach-themed welcome party on Thursday, we continued Friday with exciting and informative speakers presenting topics covering all PEGs. Natalie Newman chaired this event and scheduled tours that included the world-famous Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, designed by AIA gold medal winner Philip Johnson with John Burgee, and HomeAid Orange County's Project Playhouse display in Newport Beach. Via a double-decker bus, we traveled to Newport Beach for a Harbor Cruise, with time for sight-seeing and a delicious dinner before returning to the hotel for a late dessert and coffee final farewell!

Received official notification from the IRS that our application for tax-exempt status was approved.

2007 New 2008 Officer Installation was held at a lunchtime meeting at the Wyndham, with Judy Merrill presiding as the Installing Officer. Karen Henderson and Diane Sommerville received SDA Member of the Year Awards. A special presentation was made to Judy Merrill of a Certificate for Lifetime Achievement, plus a photograph book of SDA memories.

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

2008 Monthly seminars to continue at the Wyndham Hotel in Costa Mesa, price includes self-parking - \$35.00 for members; \$45.00 for non-members.

Natalie Newman, Chair and Betsy Nickless, Awards Gala Committee Chair joined forces with the AIA OC and others to assist with the first ever Canstruction event in Orange County. SDA volunteers worked at the awards gala. Canstruction is a food donation charity begun by the Seattle Chapter of the SDA in 1992 and is the National SDA charity.

Celebrated 25 years of the Orange County Chapter of the Society for Design Administration (from the re-organization and founding of the current Chapter), at the Costa Mesa Marriott, July 24, 2008. National convention was held in Boston.

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

2009 Second annual Canstruction event (Natalie Newman was Awards Gala Chair, Betsy Nickless was committee treasurer and Awards Gala Co-Chair). No national convention/EdSymposium was held this year due to an economic recession. Chapter members planned a three-day Mexico cruise, which was attended by 12 people including members from Orlando and Seattle Chapters.

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

2010 Third annual CanstructionOC Event

Volunteers assisted at Project Playhouse.

2011 This year our chapter offered seven educational seminars ranging from Health Care Reform to Social Media and provided two roundtable discussions for members. We delivered four informative newsletters and participated in our 20th annual Project Playhouse event. Chapter membership grew from 23 to 29 members.

Fourth annual CanstructionOC Event. Betsy Nickless, Co-Chair and Treasurer; Natalie Newman, Website, Awards Gala and Jury Committee Chair; Cheryl Mathes and Karen Henderson, Awards Gala and Jury Committee members.

2012 We offered eight educational seminars ranging from Meal and Rest Break issues to Cloud Computing to Cyber Liability. Our roundtable discussions continued to be very well attended. This year we provided a free seminar on Google



Architecture as well as a tour and cooking demonstration at the Sub Zero and Wolf Showroom. Eight members attended EdSymposium in Portland, and we participated in our fifth annual CanstructionOC Event and 21st year at Project Playhouse. We had a joint mixer with the BDA and continued to strengthen our relationship with the AIA. Our membership increased 38% this year.

2013 Celebrated 30 years of the Orange County Chapter of SDA at Le Pain Quotidien in Fashion Island in Newport Beach. Many past presidents attended, including original founding members. Volunteered at AIA OC Design Awards.

Sixth annual CanstructionOC Event. Betsy Nickless, Co-Chair; Karen Henderson, Awards Gala Chair

2014 Seventh annual CanstructionOC Event. Betsy Nickless, Co-Chair; Natalie Newman, Teams Chair; Sunday Sagmit, Build Night.

2015 Hosted our first A/E/C Newly Licensed Industry Mixer Networking event at Gensler

Eighth annual CanstructionOC Event. Betsy Nickless, Co-Chair; Karen Henderson, Awards Gala and Raffle/Silent Auction Chair; Natalie Newman, Website.

## SDA OC NEWSLETTERS

Over the years, our chapter has had a variety of names and styles for our newsletter. Beginning in the spring of 1992, our quarterly publication was called *The ARCHive*, a name suggested by Karen Henderson.

### Editors:

- 1992 Sherall Gradias, Crowell Insurance Agency, with assistance from Wendy Vick, Andrews/Rothenburger, Inc.
- 1993 Karen Henderson, assisted by Connie Scheer, both of Anthony & Langford Architects.
- 1994 Betsy Nickless, Steven Langford Architects, and Rosemary Campbell.
- 2000 Jennifer Dater, The Planning Center
- 2001 Nesi Reams, Fundament & Associates.
- 2003 Nancy Burt, RNM Design, Inc. With an updated look, our publication received a new name also, *The Commentary*. Nancy received assistance from Nesi Reams and Judy Sharp, Carrier Johnson.
- 2004 Diane Sommerville, Acordia of California Insurance Services, Inc., became the newsletter designer assisting Nancy.
- 2005 Karen Henderson, Snyder Langston.
- 2006 Diane Sommerville, Wells Fargo Insurance Services, with assistance from Kimberly Marroquin, KTG Y Group, Inc.
- 2016 Penny Nelson, Douglas Pancake Architects
- 2018 Anna Kordik and Natalie Newman, ECORP Consulting, Inc.

Our newsletter has progressed to include more valuable information, President's message, timely and informative articles, synopses of lunch seminars, member profiles and credit to our sponsors – all in a colorful and professional presentation. Many members have had a hand in the creation of our various newsletters – either by contributing articles, submitting items, providing photographs, working on the newsletter layout, providing printing, and assisting our various editors. Since the beginning, our newsletter has been reviewed for proof and grammar by Betsy Nickless.

In the spring of 2008, it was decided to “go green” and our quarterly publication has become available by e-mail only!

## REPRESENTATIVES & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1983-08	Gerri Eckner; Betsy Nickless – Job Bank
1983-Present	Betsy Nickless – Employment Referral Coordinator
1990-08	Connie McKenna; Karen Henderson; Cindy Loomer; Wendy Woolsey – Nominating Committee
1991-92	Connie Scheer – AIA/OCC Liaison
1992-96; and	
1998-2008	Wendy Woolsey – Project Playhouse Volunteer Coordinator
1992	Karen MacLeod – The Architectural Foundation Liaison
1993	Karen MacLeod – TAF-BEEP Director
1993	Karen Henderson – BEEP Committee
1993	Gina Hester – Coloring Book Committee Co-Chair, 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition
1993	Connie Scheer – Director of The Architecture Foundation of Orange County
1993	Connie Scheer – National Network of College Programs Participant
1993	Cindy Loomer – National Network of College Program Participant
1993-96	Wendy Woolsey – Project Playhouse Committee Member
1994	Karen MacLeod – Coordinator OC BEEP Project
1994	Torri Johnson – Coloring Book Committee
1994-99	Janet Caprario – OC Chapter Historian
1995-96	Sandra Sackett – Project Playhouse Committee, Coloring Contest
1997	Karen Henderson & Janet Caprario – Project Playhouse Volunteer Coordinators
2000-08	Janet Caprario – SDA OC Resource Library
2000-08	Wendy Woolsey – OC Chapter Historian
2001	Lorrie McConaughy – Coloring Book Committee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
2001	Connie McKenna – Coloring Book Committee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
2001	Nesi Reams – Coloring Book Committee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
2002	Judy Merrill – AIA OC 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
2004	Jan Canters, Susan Crook and Diane Sommerville – Sponsorship Committee
2005	Susan Crook – Member Benefits
2005	Lorrie McConaughy – Coloring Book Committee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition
2005	Diane Sommerville – Coloring Book Committee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition
2007	Natalie Newman – Western States Regional Conference – OC, Chair
2007	Gina Lesley – Assistance Treasurer
2007	Ginger Castillo – Sponsorship Chair
2007	Jill Wood, Jennifer Palmer, Deb Smith – Program Planning Committee
2008	Natalie Newman, Chaired the first OC CANstruction Event. Betsy Nickless was the Awards Gala Committee Chair.
2008	Natalie Newman, OC Canstruction Awards Gala Committee Chair and Juror Committee Chair; Betsy Nickless OC Canstruction Treasurer and Gala Co-Chair
2009	Betsy Nickless, Canstruction OC Co-Chair; Natalie Newman, OC Canstruction Awards Gala Committee Chair and Juror Committee Chair

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2013 Betsy Nickless, Canstruction OC Co-Chair; Natalie Newman, OC Canstruction Teams Chair, Karen Henderson, Awards Gala Committee Chair, Nancy Burt, Raffle/Silent Auction Committee Chair

2013 Natalie Newman and Betsy Nickless did special Canstruction Event with Toyota

2014 Betsy Nickless, Canstruction OC Co-Chair; Natalie Newman, OC Canstruction Teams Chair; Karen Henderson, OC Canstruction Awards Gala Committee Chair

2015 Betsy Nickless, Canstruction OC Co-Chair; Natalie Newman, OC Canstruction Website Committee Chair; Karen Henderson, Can-Do Celebration Chair

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## HOLIDAY PARTIES

1988 Eckner  
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1993 Carl McLarand's Home with the AIA OC, Carl McLarand, AIA, Installing Officer  
1994 Hotel Laguna with the AIA OC – Don Jacobs, AIA, Installing Officer  
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1996 Woolsey  
1997 Woolsey – Carolyn Newsom, AIA, Installing Officer  
1998 Merrill – Robert Imber, Installing Officer  
1999 Pitcher – Connie McKenna, Hon. AIA and SDA/C, Installing Officer  
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2001 Woolsey  
2002 Woolsey – Cal Woolsey, P. E., Installing Officer  
2003 Woolsey – Bill McCulloch, FAIA, Installing Officer  
2004 Woolsey – Cal Woolsey, P. E., Installing Officer  
2005 Woolsey – Cal Woolsey, P. E., Installing Officer  
2006 Woolsey – Ken Gunther, Retired AIA, Installing Officer  
2007 McKenna-McCulloch; Wyndham – Judy Merrill, SDA/C, Installing Officer  
2008 Merrill (Cheryl Steele, AIA Executive Director, Installing Officer)  
2009 Woolsey (Jeffrey Gill, AIA Installing Officer)  
2010 Woolsey (Mark Lowry, OC Food Bank, Installing Officer)  
2011 Palermo / Cannon (Judy Merrill, Installing Officer)  
2012 Woolsey (Nancy Burt, Installing Officer)  
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