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Coronado Hotel is Declared an Orchid by San Diego Architects



The 1906 Lodge at Coronado Beach received the prestigious “Orchid” Award for Historic Preservation by the San Diego Architectural Foundation on November 12. The annual Orchids and Onions Awards ceremony recognizes the good and not so good examples of architecture in San Diego County. Of the 117 nominated, only 14 were selected for Orchids.

The [Coronado hotel](#) was chosen as a prime example of how the past and present can coexist. For years, this 1906 collaboration of Irving Gill and William Hebbard sat boarded up and deteriorating in the heart of Coronado. Today it is a 17 room boutique hotel that includes breakfast and afternoon refreshments in the daily rate.

Opened in May, the 1906 Lodge has received rave reviews from guests. Blossom and George Sanger, who recently stayed at the Lodge to celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary, said their night “felt like 3 weeks of rest and recovery!” They chose to stay in the Ocean Boulevard room, one of the larger suites which features a king sized bed, gas fireplace, huge spa tub, wet bar and refrigerator, and separate sitting room. Additionally, this suite has its own private patio and garden.

Each suite and guest room honors a different person or place from Coronado’s past. In the historic Lodge, one of the favorite guest rooms is the Winchester Room, named for Frederick Winchester who bought the building in 1924. Ky Roberts of Coronado, granddaughter of Frederick, stayed in her family’s namesake room and proclaimed the experience was “beyond fabulous”. Ky wrote in a thank you note, “It was truly magical in every way. The sleigh bed was too, too comfortable. We could barely get out ... nor did we want to. The color schemes, furniture, placement of accessories complete every square inch of the Lodge. Your labor of love is a jewel in the Crown City.”

In addition to uniquely decorated rooms, the 1906 Lodge offers a different gourmet breakfast special each day of the week, plus fresh baked scones, fruit, yogurt, bagels, and cereal.



Afternoon refreshments include wine, cheese, fruit, homemade crackers, and other goodies chosen by the innkeeper of the day!

A small hotel such as the Lodge has also proven to be a charming venue for wedding parties, baby showers, girl friend getaways, and board meetings. The Arts and Crafts decorated dining room and the back veranda overlooking the courtyard are the favorite location for these festivities. The three conference rooms on the lower level are perfect for private business meetings.

Accepting the Orchid award was Sue Gillingham, an owner and the general manager of the hotel. "We are thrilled to receive this award and wish to share the recognition with the city of Coronado", said Gillingham. Accepting the award with Gillingham were two of the co-owners, Dave Gillingham and Joe Jankiewicz, as well as Ann McCaull, senior planner for Coronado and the 1906 Lodge liaison to the city departments. Coronado Mayor Casey Tanaka and City Councilmember Mike Woiwode also attended the ceremony.

Architect for the 1906 Lodge Jeff Dreyfus, of Bushman Dreyfus Architects in Charlottesville, Virginia was unable to attend but Gillingham thanked the San Diego architectural community on his behalf. Dreyfus' expertise in reviving historic structures and adapting them to meet modern uses was at the center of the project's success.

San Diego landscape architects David Reed and Angelina Sotelo were in the audience and were also thanked by Gillingham. The contractor for the project was Erickson Hall Construction, based in Escondido, California.

The 1906 Lodge received Coronado historic designation in 2005 and the owners are seeking national historic designation. If approved, it would become just the second such property in the Coronado, joining the grand Hotel Del Coronado.

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Before and After Photos of back porch:

