

2013 Gertrude Gilbert Award

Will be presented by San Diego Mayor Bob Filner to
Ranger Kim Duclo

As a native Californian whose parents moved to San Diego when he was five, Kim Duclo became enamored with Balboa Park at an early age. Graduating from UCSD as a Communications and Visual Arts major, Kim began volunteering and later worked for several Balboa Park museums. After working for two years as a Ranger at Cuyamaca State Park, he got his dream job as Balboa Park Ranger, giving public tours and nurturing his interest in the history of Balboa Park. Over the years, Kim has become the widely-recognized public face of Balboa Park, a goodwill ambassador to thousands of park visitors from San Diego and from around the world.



2013 Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue Award

Will be presented by City Council President Todd Gloria to
San Diego Chamber of Commerce (1909-1916)

In On July 9, 1909, G. Aubrey Davidson, founder of the Southern Trust and Commerce Bank and president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, said San Diego should stage an exposition in 1915 to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal. He told his fellow Chamber of Commerce members that San Diego would be the first American port-of-call north of the Panama Canal on the Pacific coast. An exposition would call attention to the city and bolster an economy still shaky from the Wall Street Panic of 1907. On September 3, 1909, a special Chamber of Commerce committee formed the Panama-California Exposition Company and sent articles of incorporation to the Secretary of State in Sacramento. In 1910 San Diego had a population of 39,578, San Diego County 81,665. San Diego was the smallest of any city ever to attempt holding an international exposition.