

# 2005 NEW MEXICO HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS

## SAMPLE COMPLETED NOMINATION

### Section 1

**Ray Mann and Pat Wontorski**

Nominee

**P.O. Box 9999, Santa Fe, NM 87504**

Nominee's address (include city, state, zip)

**505-999-9999**

Nominee's daytime telephone w/ area code

**Luciano Varela**

Nominee's NM State Representative

**Nancy Rodriguez**

Nominee's NM State Senator

**None**

Nominee's institutional affiliation if any

### Section 2

**Dorothy Victor, HPD**

This nomination is submitted by

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Address (include city, state, zip)

**505-827-6320**

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### Section 3

I am nominating this individual/organization in the following award category (please check only one)

- New Mexico Heritage Preservation Lifetime Achievement Award
- State Historian's Award for Excellence in New Mexico Heritage Scholarship
- Archaeological Heritage Preservation Award
- Architectural Heritage Preservation Award
- Heritage Preservation Award – Individual
- Heritage Preservation Award(s) – Organization
- Tribal Heritage Preservation Award.
- Heritage Publication Award
- Community Preservation Planning Award

### Section 4

**See attached below**

On a separate sheet of paper please describe the reason why this individual or organization is being nominated. Minimum of 500 words, maximum of 750 words. (Please review eligibility requirements prior to completing this section).

### Section 5

**see attached below**

On a separate sheet of paper please provide a brief biography of the nominee. This information will be required for Press Release if your nominee is honored. (Please review eligibility requirements prior to completing this section).

### Section 6

Do you know if this nominee has previously received a NM Heritage Preservation Award?

- Yes       No       Don't know

**Return this form, required information and photos to: HPD/Awards Program, 228 E. Palace Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501**

## **Section 4: Description**

The small adobe house on Irvine Street in the Santa Fe Historic District had suffered from a fire and years of being vacant. The City of Santa Fe condemned 241 Irvine and was selling it in hopes a new owner would tear down the damaged house and build a new residence. Neighbors were fearful of the illegal activities that occurred in the vacant building and hoped this "blight on their street" would be torn down and the lot cleaned up. Ray Mann and Pat Wontorski looked at the modest adobe at 241 Irvine from a preservation perspective. They saw a building with sound walls and architectural features that made it a contributing property within the Historic District. They saw a property that could be rehabilitated for residential use. Ray contacted several banks in the Santa Fe area and presented his ideas for rehabilitation of 241 Irvine, showing before and after photos of three other properties that he and Pat had rehabilitated in Santa Fe. He asked them to make a commitment to historic preservation and neighborhood revitalization by partnering as the Lendor of Record with the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) Preservation Loan Fund. Los Alamos National Bank saw potential for the property and agreed to partner with Ray, Pat and HPD for the \$70,000 loan. HPD was thrilled by Los Alamos National Bank's participation. This would be the first Loan Fund project successfully funded in Santa Fe County. Three years before Ray approached several Santa Fe banks and could not convince them to participate with the HPD loan fund for a project on W. San Francisco. In July 2002, Los Alamos National Bank signed a Construction Loan with Ray and Pat. Prior to closing the loan, Ray and Pat were approved to use the State and Federal Tax Credits for Rehabilitation, programs managed by HPD. Utilizing a partnership of conventional and preservation financing, as well as the State and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits, Pat and Ray linked every dollar spent on the project to preserving a part of Santa Fe's history. Back to Irvine Street: In addition to cleaning several dumpster loads of debris from the lot in the spring and summer of 2002, Ray made the effort to talk with nearby neighbors and share Pat's and his vision of repairing the adobe house. After several weeks of watching trash leave the property, replaced by building materials and workmen, the neighbors began to talk with Ray about the family that had lived at 241 Irvine and shared memories of earlier days on the street. Ray, a licensed plumbing and heating contractor, acted as general contractor and performed much of the work himself. In August 2003, the construction was completed and residents of Irvine Street had new neighbors living in 241 Irvine. Ray Mann and Pat Wontorski are presented with this Award in recognition of their dedication and preservation of the house at 241 Irvine in Santa Fe. Their vision and hard work have made a positive preservation impact on this residential property in the Santa Fe Historic District.

## **Section 5: Brief Biography**

Ray Mann and Pat Wontorski are residents of Santa Fe and have successfully renovated three adobe residences on Kearney, W. San Francisco and Irvine streets in Santa Fe. Mr. Mann, a native of Oklahoma, and Ms. Wontorski, a native of New Mexico, have a contracting business in Santa Fe. Ms. Wontorski was a public school teacher in Santa Fe.