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“LOCAL TREE GROUP AND HOMEOWNER RECOGNIZED BY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION”

Menlo Park, CA - The City of Menlo Park Environmental Quality Commission presented two Environmental Quality Awards at a ceremony at the City Council meeting on September 23, 2003. Awards are given annually for projects, efforts or property designs that contribute to improving environmental quality in Menlo Park. Environmental Quality Award nominations take place through self-nomination and through nominations from community members.

Trees for Menlo, Inc. was recognized for its outstanding volunteer and fundraising efforts among residents and businesses to beautify El Camino Real with the planting of over 200 trees. The group is planning to raise more funds to help complete the third phase of the project between Middle Avenue and Oak Grove Avenue, plus the median strip from the Creek to Middle Avenue. A plaque acknowledging the group and donors is planned for Menlo Center plaza. Trees for Menlo Inc. can be reached at 650.323-5358.

The Commission also presented an award to Eric Joustra and Paulien Strijland for their outstanding efforts to conserve resources in the design and construction of their home. Features conserve energy and water, as well as reduce air and water pollution and waste in the remodeled home. Construction included salvaged materials, recycled long lasting steel, recycled tire rubber in flooring, glass fiber wall covering, and cool roofing metacrylics material. Other “green building” features include energy efficient appliances and fixtures, R-40 insulation, passive solar, thermal windows, water-saving features and an insert in the wood burning fireplace to minimize air pollution. The designers/owners can be reached at 650.854-7567 or by e-mailing spacious@mac.com for more information about this project.

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