

Peninsula Seniors Win Video Awards

Peninsula Seniors TV programs were honored with two Stanley awards and four honorable mentions at TCtv's 18th Annual Community Television Awards recently held at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. The programs are produced by volunteer producers Betty and Jarel Wheaton.

The winning programs are Peninsula Seniors Out & About at the Concours d'Elegance and Peninsula Seniors Out & About at Dryden Flight Research Center.

Programs receiving honorable mentions are Parnelli Jones – Auto Racing Legend, WASP Gertrude Tompkins Silver, John Fer – Vietnam POW, and Frank Vogt – South Coast Botanic Garden.

“We appreciate their consistently high quality programs that attract large audiences of all ages, especially the programs about aviation and cars” said Mark J. Doddy, manager of RPVtv. “Their programs cover a wide variety of topics and are able to go into much more depth than can be covered by commercial TV” added Doddy.



“We often are asked to donate copies of our programs to museums, libraries, and other organizations across the country” said Seniors President Ann Shaw.

“What began two years ago as part of our outreach program to better serve seniors on the Peninsula has really taken off. It's our contribution to the community” added Betty Wheaton. Jarel pointed out “Special thanks to Marty Dodell at Peninsula Seniors and Cindy Macha at the Western Museum

of Flight for scheduling the excellent lecture speakers that we film.” “Then there are so many special events like the Concours d'Elegance so we are never short on opportunities for on-location programs,” added Betty.

Mayor Steve Wolowicz recognized the Wheatons and Peninsula Seniors at the February 2nd Rancho Palos Verdes City Council meeting for winning the video awards and the contribution their TV programs have made to the community.

Volunteers Betty and Jarel Wheaton, have produced over 90 one-hour Peninsula Seniors TV programs during their first three years. They can be seen daily at noon and 7pm on RPVtv (ch33 on Cox Cable and ch38 on Verizon FiOS) in Palos Verdes, TCtv (ch28 on Time Warner Cable and ch36 on Verizon FiOS) in Torrance, and are video streamed from the Peninsula Seniors website (www.pvseniors.org).