

Local cable program captures national award

Peninsula Seniors Lecture Series "Marthe Cohn — Behind Enemy Lines," produced by Betty and Jarel Wheaton of Peninsula Seniors Productions, was recently awarded an Honorable Mention from the Alliance for Community Media Hometown Video Awards.

"Marthe Cohn is an amazing woman. We were very honored to produce a program based on her experience as a French Jewish spy in Nazi Germany and how after decades of silence she was awarded France's highest military award, the Médaille Militaire," said

Betty.

"The Hometown Video Awards have been honoring local programming for 31 years," said Deborah Vinsel, Hometown coordinator. "It's the largest video competition for local cable programming in the United States."

Nearly 1,100 entries were received from 35 states and Canada in this annual competition that honors locally produced public, educational and governmental cable access programs.

Betty and Jarel have produced more than 40 TV programs as volunteers for Peninsula Seniors and were

honored earlier this year when two of their programs received Torrance Community TV Video Awards.

"When we began producing programs in early 2007 to reach shut-ins, we never imagined we'd be winning national awards and have our programs being shown regularly on 15 channels in 13 cities," said Betty.

"Readers can go to the Peninsula Seniors Web site at www.pvseniors.org/videos.cfm for a complete listing of the cities/channels and to watch any of our programs on their computer," added Jarel.