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## Native Daughters of the Golden West Announce Awards!

**San Francisco, California** –The Native Daughters of the Golden West are pleased to announce the 2010 California Image Awards and Roll of Honor recipient.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Award is awarded to individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses that publicly portray the positive image of California. This year four Image awards will be given. The first award goes to **Kevin Starr**, Professor of History, University of Southern California. Kevin has devoted his entire career to California history as an educator, author and state librarian of California from 1994 to 2004.

The second Image award goes to **Maisie Jane Hurtado** for creating Maisie Jane's California Sunshine Products. The company supports the local farming economy by selling products on-line and a retail store located in Chico, California.

The third Image award is being presented to the **Gilroy Garlic Festival**. Known as the Garlic Capital of the World, the festival promotes a positive image of California while helping local charities and non-profit groups.

The final Image award goes to **Pat Hunter and Janice Stevens** for collaborating on several books including, *Fresno's Architectural Past, Volumes I and II: William Saroyan, Places in Time* and the soon to be released *Remembering the California Missions*.

The Roll of Honor is awarded to an individual, who is not eligible for membership in the Native Daughters of the Golden West, but provides a major contribution to community and state. This year the award is presented to **Lynne Marie Bebout Schmitz** for her dedication to the community of San Miguel, California. Lynne is active in the Farm Bureau Women, Friends of the Adobes and is chairman of the San Miguel Resource Connection. She is also a local columnist for the *Telegram Tribune* and *Paso Robles Magazine*, writing about local history and current information in the San Miguel community.

The awards will be presented at the organization's annual convention in Ventura on June 17th. The Native Daughters of the Golden West is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the state with approximately 6,000 members. The group is dedicated to preserving the history of California. The Native Daughters of the Golden West were instrumental in marking the historic *El Camino Real* with bells in the early 1900's. These bells can still be seen all along Highway 101, connecting California's 21 Missions.

To find out more about the Native Daughters of the Golden West, visit their website:

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