

## 2010 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

### Sather Gate and Sather Tower Restorations



*Sather Tower (left) and Gate on the campus of UC Berkeley*

Sather Gate and Sather Tower on the campus of the University of California Berkeley, exemplify the dignity, beauty, and history of the Beaux Arts ensemble of buildings and landscapes that form the core of the Berkeley campus. The two structures originally were funded with gifts from University benefactor Jane Krom Sather, widow of San Francisco banker Peder Sather, a trustee of the College of California, the private institution that gave the Berkeley campus to the University of California.

Sather Gate was completed in 1910, followed by Sather Tower (also known as the Jane K. Sather Campanile) in 1914. Both structures were designed by John Galen Howard, the supervising architect in charge of planning and designing the campus, and a notable practitioner of both the Beaux Arts and regional Arts and Crafts movements on the West Coast. Sather Gate and Tower are on the National Register of Historic Places. As both gate and tower approached their centennials, it became clear they were experiencing serious effects of deterioration. Instead of undertaking small repair jobs that simply averted the inevitable need for extensive work, the University decided to comprehensively address the challenges with both structures.

At Sather Gate, work involved salvaging, repairing, and reusing virtually every bronze element and attaching them to a new and completely hidden stainless steel armature. At Sather Tower, the stone spire was cleaned, repaired, stabilized, and restored. Both gate and tower retained their historic character and appearance while gaining a cleaner, sounder, and more secure structure overall.

The Sather Gate and Sather Tower restoration projects exemplify the best in careful stewardship of State-owned historic resources and the collaborative efforts to preserve them for future generations.

Learn more about Sather Gate and Tower and the woman responsible for both:

<http://news.berkeley.edu/2011/12/09/sather-centennial/>