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City Council Meeting, March 21, 2011

Mayor's Art Achievement Award

The Mayor's Art Achievement Award began under the term of then Mayor Clara Johnson in 2003. The purpose of this award is to honor Brisbane residents who have achieved recognition through exhibition, performance or publication of their works of art. It also allows the community to understand the rich diversity of depth of talent that surrounds us. The program does not judge the value of any artist's work, but celebrates the recognition already given to the artist. Those selected must qualify according to guidelines established by the Brisbane City Council.

Dolores Gomez and Christy Thilmany have met the requirements through their work and publication of the book, *Brisbane*, a pictorial history book of the City of Brisbane.

Christy Thilmany, born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, graduated from the University of Texas with a major in history. While working in St. Louis, she made the decision to come to San Francisco and began working at the Brisbane Library in 1974. Dolores Gomez was born and raised in San Francisco and began visiting her grandmother in Brisbane in 1940. Her family moved here in 1941. Attending local schools, interested in history and genealogy, she began working at the Brisbane Library in 1963. Christy and Dolores enjoyed working together and both found an interest in the Brisbane Historical Collection. After both had retired from the Library, Dolores was approached by Arcadia Publications about creating a pictorial history book of the City of Brisbane. The book would be part of Arcadia's Images of American Series. Dolores knew immediately Christy would be co-authoring the book with her. Familiar with the history and collection of Brisbane photos gathered over the years, the writing duo produced a book entitled "Brisbane" that holds over 200 vintage images along with a supportive narrative. Highlights of the book include: images of the aftermath of the 1982 flood, long-distance and overhead views of Brisbane showing the continuing development from a town with few structures to today's tightly packed houses, apartments and industrial parks, and celebrates the area's early pioneers, city organizations and activities including parades and celebrations.

The Brisbane City Council and citizens of Brisbane honor Dolores and Christy for their accomplishment and honor them with the Mayor's Art Achievement Award.