

## 2014

### City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

#### Neighborhood Enrichment

- **Iola Beckley** - In recognition of her volunteer service to the Police Department and the COPE (Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies) program in Santa Rosa.
- **Allen Thomas and Lea Barron-Thomas** - For their ongoing efforts in the West End neighborhood to create a lively and connected community.

#### Expanding and Enriching the Artistic and Historical Culture of the City

- **Mario Uribe** - In recognition of his significant contribution to the arts in Santa Rosa.
- **Friends of Santa Rosa Libraries** - In recognition of over 40 years of supporting the programs, collections and facilities of Santa Rosa's libraries.

#### Fostering Sustainability and Protecting the Environment

- **Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Memorial and Habitat Garden Volunteers** - To recognize Becky Montgomery, Linda Ross and Jean McMullen for establishing and nurturing a memorial garden of native plants for 13 years.
- **Gloria Naisbitt and Debbie Levine** - For their ongoing commitment to and care of the park site at Kawana Springs Creek.

#### Serving Others, Particularly Young People, Seniors and Those in Need

- **Glen Hurley** - In recognition of his volunteer efforts and improvements at A Place to Play.
- **Ed Harman** - For his enthusiastic pursuit of improving student attendance through his 90% Plus Attendance Plan at Ridgway High School.
- **Robin Guasco** - For offering leadership training and life skills to at-risk youth through her Martial Arts Youth Institute.
- **Barbara Avery** - For her dedication to serving the poor and homeless through the Sunday Open Table program.
- **Gene Crozat** - For his ongoing generosity and assistance to those less fortunate.
- **Stella Agudelo** - To recognize the many ways she has devoted her life to serving the community.
- **Nino Rabbaa** - To recognize his community spirit, generosity and service to youth and those in need.
- **Collaborative Autism Training & Support Program** - In recognition of the invaluable education and support this program provides families living with autism.
- **Social Advocates for Youth Visioning Leaders** - For spearheading the establishment of the SAY Dream Center, which will provide services for homeless and former foster youth.