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Conservation society to present 10 awards

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The San Antonio Conservation Society will present 10 awards tonight for outstanding preservation in the city.

Among those buildings honored by the annual awards, presented in conjunction with National Historic Preservation Week, are three sites restored by service organizations.

Those preservation projects are: San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry shelter at 910 W. Commerce, the Mission Road Developmental Center's renovation of the Votaw-James Homestead at 8706 Mission Road and the Myra Davis Hemmings Resource Center facility at 328 Pine Street.

The shelter, opened at the end of last year, is in the old Grant/Central Hotel, originally known as the Grand Central Hotel because it was near the Missouri Pacific Railroad Station. The three-sto-

ry brick commercial building was built in 1907.

The historic Votaw-James mansion, built in the 1870s by local stockman William Votaw, is now the administration building for the Mission Road Developmental Center. The two-story stone house is listed in the National Register of Historic Sites.

During renovation of the home, additions were removed and the entire roof had to be replaced. The large porches across the front of the house also were replaced.

A grant from the city to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority made possible the 1985 restoration of the Victorian-style home used by the Myra Davis Hemmings Resource Center. The house was built in 1909 and belonged to the YWCA from 1921-81.

Others receiving awards tonight include:

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■ Steves and Sons, for the Heilmann/Steves Building in St. Paul Square, 122 Helmann.

■ Alamo Plaza South Limited — Arthur P. "Hap" Velterman Jr., Tommy Chambers and the Richard Gill Co. — for the Alamo Plaza South Complex.

■ Duncan-Smith Co. and Lake-Flato — A. Baker Duncan, Goodhue W. Smith III, David Lake and Ted Flato — for the East Travis Building, 311 Third Street.

■ Stubblefield-Mogas Architects — Joe Stubblefield and Richard Mogas — for the Borglum Studio, 1 Millrace.

■ Jacqueline Bartell Tapp for the Bonner-Groos House, 143 E. Agarita.

■ Howard Street Associates — John McCamish Jr., Robert A. Shearer, William Scanlan Jr. and Thomas Guido — for the Alexander Hart Halff residence, 601 Howard Street.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hendrix Jr. for the Schuehle-Saathoff House in Quihi.

A special award will be presented to the H.E. Butt Grocery Co. for the restoration and adaptive use of the old U.S. Academy Arsenal at 646 S. Main.