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Foundation honors owners of historic inn


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The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation honored the owners and family associated with the Casa Cody Inn during a celebration on Saturday. A number of structures comprise the inn.

The first were built in the early 1900s, while other houses came later, such as the Casa Cody Hotel and apartments built in the 1930s.

Other additions were accumulated into the 1950s. On Oct. 15, the Palm Springs City Council designated the inn a class-one historic site.

"The reason we did this is because the Palm Springs City Council approves these sites without any type of recognition. It just happens one day with a plaque being put up on the property," said Ron Marshall, a Preservation Foundation board member.

During the celebration, the foundation allowed those in attendance to take a self-guided tour of the inn.

On the tour, structures were numbered and matched to a map.

The Adobe House, built about 1910, was rented periodically by actor/director Charlie Chaplin.

The property, now owned by Frank Tysen and Theresa Hayes, once belonged to Harriet and Harold William Cody. Harold was a relative of Buffalo Bill Cody, Marshall said.

Nine of the Codys' descendants attended the celebration.

Charles William Rogers, grandson of Harriet and Harold Cody, said he lived at the inn until it was sold in the 1970s.

Rogers said their house was what is now the inn's office.

"It (the property) had grapefruit trees and fig trees," Rogers said. "Every place I ever moved to I grew a fig tree because we had them when I lived here."

Palm Springs Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat presented the owners with the framed documentation, which recognized the Casa Cody Inn as a class-one historic site.

Foat also commended Hayes and Tysen for their work on restoring and maintaining the property.

"There's no more deserving people to have this property than these two," she said.

"It's gorgeous. It's nicer than it was when I grew up here," Rogers said.