



SAM AND ALFREDA MALOOF  
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# The Wooden Latch

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**Award for Creativity  
given for the first time**

Sam and Beverly Maloof and John Van de Kamp, President of the California Historical Society, hold the award. The Maloof Museum is in the background.



## Sam Maloof recipient of prestigious award from the California Historical Society

**A**s 90 guests looked on, John Van de Kamp, President of the Board of Trustees of the California Historical Society, presented the organization's Californian Award for Creativity to master woodworker Sam Maloof. It was the first time the California Historical Society, the State's official historical society, had given such an award. In honoring Sam,

Van de Kamp said, "Sam Maloof is not just a California treasure, he's an American treasure. The best known woodworker of his time, this MacArthur Fellow has made his furniture-making an art. At 87 he's going strong, creating new pieces, as well as sharing his craft teaching master classes. What Frank Gehry is to architecture, Sam Maloof is to furniture making."

In accepting the award, Sam said, "I thank you for this award. God has given each of us a special talent – some

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