



Dr. Miller's house, Cedar and Elm streets.

## February SCOPE Award To Dr. Miller's House

Dr. Miller's house, corner of Cedar and Elm streets, is the recipient of the February Award given by SCOPE (Santa Cruz Organization for Progress and Euthenics.)

The house contained the offices of Dr. Miller, dentist, for about five years following World War II.

The award goes to three business partners: John Cureton, president of Now Investments Inc.; Eugene Williams, general contractor; and Gary Bascou.

Bascou, a fifth generation baker, can be found at the Staff of Life Bakery when he isn't working on old buildings which is his hobby.

The three men put their imaginations to work and decided to utilize the "Dr. Miller" sign that was emblazoned across the facade of the building. The 14-inch high letters were repainted and the entire building was done in seven colors, creating a carousel-like atmosphere "without being garish" as SCOPE's comment points out.

The porch, with alternate geometric cubes and sphere spindles framing its top, is attractively painted.

The building now houses four shops and two offices, after several walls were brought up to code and doorways were cut through, according to Cureton.

"All these structural changes were made as carefully as possible so as not to destroy the 1890s atmosphere of the rooms," he notes.

The entire property also has been landscaped and two lamp posts and a plank sidewalk

added which leads to the side and back of the property.

Shops and their owners in the house now include the following: Wimpy's Antiques and Gifts with Dani Ricco and David Downey; Santa Cruz Weavers' Supply with Pam Brouwer and Vickie Farréll; Shoes for Free People with David and Inger Runk; Wonder Works with Christine McGuire.

The offices are Yea Productions, a promotion and booking company, and the Santa Cruz Community Legal Clinic.

"SCOPE is happy to make this presentation to this particular project," states its president, Tony Oliveira. "There are great esthetical rewards in the renovation and remodeling an old property into an attractive and very useful building."