



Michigan Historic Preservation Network 2012 Preservation Awards

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Preservation Awards. The Awards Program will be held during the MHPN Annual Michigan Preservation Conference in Flint, May 11, 2012.

Submission deadline: 5 PM, **Wednesday, February 22, 2012.**

You are invited to submit nominations for awards in the following categories:

- Building Award** Awarded to an outstanding building preservation project completed within the past three years. The project may be restoration or rehabilitation, must include exterior rehabilitation work and may also involve interior work.
- Tax Credit Project Award** Awarded to an outstanding building preservation project completed within the past three years that included qualified use of federal and/or state tax credit programs. The project may be restoration or rehabilitation, must include exterior rehabilitation work and may also involve interior work.
- Cultural Landscape Award** Awarded to an outstanding cultural landscape preservation project completed in the last three years. Cultural landscapes can include a wide range of places ranging from gardens, parks, heritage areas or corridors, scenic byways and thousand-acre rural landscapes, to quaint homesteads and front yards. The nominated project should be a restoration of an existing historic landscape or the preservation of a landscape of historical or cultural significance.
- Preservation Gem Award** Awarded to an outstanding preservation project completed within the last three years that includes restoration or rehabilitation of an element of a building, or of a structure or an object: for example, a front porch, major window rehabilitation, single interior room, commercial facade, theater marquee or similar building element, or of a structure or object, or other project that does not include a complete building or landscape rehabilitation.
- Citizen Award** Reserved for an outstanding individual who, through personal effort and/or involvement in historic preservation projects, has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Michigan's heritage.
- Community Award** Awarded to a community; i.e. neighborhood association, business preservation group, historical society, etc., that has engaged in a comprehensive plan for historic preservation related projects.
- Government/
Institutional Award** Awarded to agencies, cities and/or institutions who by their actions have accomplished significant positive changes in the historic preservation climate and activity in the State of Michigan.

JUDGING CRITERIA

These awards are evaluated by the Awards Committee, made up of members of the current Michigan Historic Preservation Network Board and emeriti members, which will review the nominations for the degree to which the building, citizen, community, tax credit, cultural landscape, or government/institution has:

- 1) adhered to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, where applicable (the Standards are available at <http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/standguide/>); and
- 2) made a positive impact on historic preservation in their/its community or the State as a whole; and
- 3) affected other communities, projects or individuals; and
- 4) been deemed a success locally and/or statewide.

The jury will evaluate each nomination on its individual merit. In the case of rehabilitation of existing structures, awards will be given for **outstanding** examples in which the integrity of the historic structures is retained or restored and in which alterations or additions are appropriate and the historic context is respected. The jury reserves the right to make multiple awards, or no award, in each category, and to nominate projects it deems worthy of awards.



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NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Required Documentation for all Submissions:

- All award submissions **must be in digital format**, submitted on a CD/DVD or flash drive. The nomination must include:
 1. The name of the person or organization ("entity") being nominated.
 2. The name of the project or achievement for which the entity is being nominated (e.g. "The Restoration of the Borden Creamery Building" or "Her Preservation Activism in Ann Arbor, Michigan.") The name should be no more than 10-12 words in length.
 3. The name of the community or communities in which the project or achievement took place.
 4. Contact information (address, phone, email) for the person or entity being nominated. For an organization, this should include the name of an official contact person who will be notified in the event the project/organization is selected for an award.
 5. The person or organization submitting the nomination.
 6. Contact information (address, phone, email) for the above. A submission by an organization should include the name of an official contact person.
 7. The award category in which the entity is being nominated. Building and Tax Credit Award nominations must indicate if the project was residential or non-residential (commercial, institutional, etc).
 8. Names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of two reference contacts who may be called for additional information.
 9. Supporting information as detailed below.
- Supporting information must include:
 1. A minimum 500 word narrative describing the project or achievement for which the person or organization is being nominated, in Word or PDF format. See specific category requirements below.
 2. A minimum of 6-10 good quality (300 dpi) photographs in TIFF or JPEG format. See specific category requirements below.
 3. No more than ten support letters and/or other documents (newspaper articles, brochures, etc).

- Specific Category Requirements:

Building, Tax Credit, Cultural Landscape, or Preservation Gem Award: The narrative should include the building or landscape size, age, style and history of use, the building/landscape owner and tenants, the work done, financing, local or state assistance received, and any other special design considerations. Include firm name, contact person, and address for major design professionals who participated in the project, including architect, landscape architect, specialty consultants, general manager or contractor, specialty contractors, or any others who should be recognized. Photographs **must** show both before and after conditions; historic images are strongly encouraged.

Citizen Award: The narrative should note organizations of which the nominee is a member, tenure or leadership positions held, and a list of accomplishments in historic preservation that were directly attributable to the nominee. Supporting documentation such as media articles or support letters are very helpful in this category. Photographs should include a closeup (head and shoulders) shot of the nominee and other relevant images related to the person's achievements.

Community Award: The narrative should include the goals of the community or association, etc. and how these goals were accomplished. Supporting documentation may include listings of public hearings or other informational meetings held, lists of publications distributed with copies attached, and before and after photographs of community rehabilitation projects, as applicable.

Government/Institution Award: The narrative should include detailed documentation showing the government or institution's accomplishments and/or involvement in historic preservation-related activities, including photographs of relevant projects.



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Do not send paper copies of submission materials. Please submit a separate nomination and supporting documentation for each nomination on a CD or flash drive. Multiple nominations may be submitted in separate folders on a single CD or flash drive as space allows.

If you are unsure of what category your nomination might fall under, or if you have any other questions regarding the nomination procedure, please contact the Awards committee chair, Ruth Mills, at 810-335-1609 or ruthmills@gmail.com.

Supporting materials/media are not returnable. Submission of photographs and all other material authorizes the Michigan Historic Preservation Network to use them for judging and award presentation, and to publish such material in the course of its activities.

Mailing and Delivery

All nominations should be mailed/delivered to:

Michigan Historic Preservation Network, 107 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906-4348

Deadline

Nominations are due by 5 PM, **Wednesday, February 22, 2012**.

Incomplete or late nominations will not be considered. Nominations may be resubmitted in the following year.