



Michigan Historic Preservation Network Celebrates its 2014 Historic Preservation Award Winners

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) is pleased to announce our 2014 Historic Preservation Awards winners. Fourteen award winners from across Michigan were selected in six categories, including: Building, Cultural Landscape, Preservation Gem, Government/Institution, Tax Credit, and Lifetime Achievement. The awards ceremony is one of the highlights of the 34th Annual MHPN Conference, "Michigan Places Matter." A reception and awards presentation will be held Friday evening, May 16, 2014, at the Michigan Theatre of Jackson, Jackson, Michigan.

Four Building Awards are presented for projects completed within the last three years. Winning projects may be a restoration or rehabilitation, and must include exterior work, but may also include interior work. While many think of preservation as the multi-million dollar restoration of large historic landmarks, preservation is not limited by size, location or cost. This year's winners include:

The **DeZwaan Windmill, Holland**. With the restoration of this 18th century Dutch windmill, brought to Michigan in 1964, the eighty-foot sails are once again turning, milling flour and serving as the linchpin in the revitalization of Holland's Windmill Island Gardens.

The **Elizabeth Lane Oliver Center for the Arts, Frankfort**. The Oliver Art Center transformed a formerly abandoned 1934 Lake Michigan Coast Guard Station into a sustainable, community-centered social hub that retains the authentic characteristics of its original purpose.

Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, Port Huron. Innovative technology and a ground-breaking construction approach repaired the exterior masonry of Michigan's oldest lighthouse, enabling the opening of the light station as one of the state's newest tourist destinations.

Stewart Edward White Hall, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids Community College created a sustainable, completely accessible faculty and administrative space within this historic 1907 Tudor Revival mansion, honoring the building's historic integrity while giving it new life.

The Cultural Landscape Award is presented to an outstanding cultural landscape preservation project that restores a prior existing historic landscape or preserves a landscape of some historical or cultural significance. The 2014 Cultural Landscape award is presented to the **McGregor Memorial Conference Center Reflecting Pool and Sculpture Garden on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit**. The meticulous restoration of renowned Modern architect Minoru Yamasaki's masterpiece of landscape design is once again inspiring the university community and visitors with Yamasaki's vision of "surprise, serenity, and delight."

The Government/Institutional Award is presented to an agency, city, or institution who, by their actions, has accomplished significant positive changes in the historic preservation climate and activity in the State of Michigan. This year's winner of the Government/Institutional Award is **The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority**, given in recognition of its extensive and successful effort to document, evaluate, and celebrate Michigan's leading role in Modern architecture and design in the mid-twentieth century.

The Preservation Gem Award is presented to an outstanding preservation project that includes restoration or rehabilitation of an element of a building, or of a structure or an object. The winners of this year's Preservation Gem Awards are:

The **Detroit Institute of Arts Theater Terrace Arcade, Detroit**. The rehabilitation of the marble arcade and stair on the east side of the Detroit Institute of Arts' theater wing reversed years of incremental deterioration and temporary repairs, making it once again a welcoming entry for museum patrons.

Honolulu House Museum Fence, Marshall. Meticulous historic documentation and exquisite craftwork by local artisans re-created the ornate fence that formerly surrounded the Honolulu House, one of Michigan's, and the country's, most unique historic structures.



The **Tibbits Opera House Façade, Coldwater**. After being hidden for more than seventy years, the stately Second Empire façade of the 1882 Opera House was unearthed and restored to its original glory following a twelve-year fund-raising campaign.

The Tax Credit Award is presented to an outstanding project completed in the last three years that included qualified use of federal and/or state tax credit programs. Two Tax Credit Awards are presented this year to:

The **Coronado Apartments, Detroit**. The rehabilitation of the 1894 Coronado Apartments, one of Detroit's first apartment buildings, provides twenty-four safe and upgraded affordable housing units to community residents.

Cottage 36, The Village at Grand Traverse Commons, Traverse City. Part of the redevelopment of the former Northern Michigan Asylum complex, this rehabilitation gave Cottage 36 new life while creating twenty-nine affordable, eco-friendly housing units within a walkable community.

The winners of the final award category, the Lifetime Achievement Award, are selected by consensus of the Network's senior leadership. The individuals who receive this award have worked throughout their careers to promote historic preservation in the State of Michigan. In 2014, three recipients have been selected to receive the MHPN Lifetime Achievement Award.

Coleman Stephan Demeter, Jackson. Steve is being honored posthumously for his lifetime of dedication to discovering and sharing the prehistory and history of Michigan.

Norman and Ilene R. Tyler, Ann Arbor. The Tylers' unique forty-plus year partnership has been committed to preserving communities through advocacy, teaching, and professional practice.

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network is a non-profit organization that advocates for Michigan's historic places to contribute to the state's economic vitality, sense of place, and connection to its past. Field assistances for local preservation efforts is provided by Network staff and volunteers and technical assistance is funded through small grants. For more information visit www.mhpn.org.



Conference Registration, and tickets for the Annual Awards Ceremony close on Wednesday, May 7th!



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