

PRESERVATION

Buffalo Niagara

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2012 Awards Program Description of Award Categories Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming Counties

Nominations are due January 20, 2012

Awards are presented on the basis of the contributions of the person or project to the community and compliance to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. For more information on these Standards, please visit the National Park Service website: <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/>

For questions about this awards program, call 716 852-3300.

Awards may not necessarily be given in every category.

Self nominations are acceptable; nominations can also be made by the members of the Awards Committee.

Eligible properties include religious, educational, not-for-profit, commercial, governmental or residential buildings, structures, objects or sites.

*Applicable projects may be submitted to the
Buffalo Preservation Board Awards Program*

Excellence in Restoration Awards recognize exemplary restoration of historic structures. An accurate restoration project depicts the form, features and character of a historic building as it appeared at a particular period of time. Restoration requires sensitive upgrading of mechanical systems and other code-required work to make the site functional. Work must substantially comply with Secretary of Interior Standards, or in the case of objects or archeological sites, comply with other accepted professional conservation standards.

Excellence in Rehabilitation/Adaptive Use Award recognizes projects that make compatible use of a building through repair, alterations, or additions while preserving features of the property that convey its historic value, use high quality materials with attention not only to affordable cost but also environmentally friendly products. The project may demonstrate that affordable housing can be created in historic properties using green materials and technologies. Additional consideration is given for projects

where the rehabilitation of the buildings is leading to the stabilization of the community or neighborhood.

The **Stewardship Award** recognizes those who have ensured the preservation of historic properties through long-term and on-going care and maintenance at a high level, including stabilization, protection or continuous family ownership. Care may include appropriate changes to the building fabric.

Preservation Service and Leadership Awards recognize persons, groups, businesses and/or government entities that demonstrate exemplary activities and promotion of awareness in the field of historic preservation, including media, journalists and elected officials. Commendable community and individual efforts such as advocacy, fund raising, creation of a protective ordinance, etc. are also eligible.

New Construction Award recognizes the act or process of construction of a new building that is sensitive and appropriate to the historic place, and architecturally and aesthetically an asset within the context of the existing streetscape and neighborhood, or historic district.

Preservation Craft Award recognizes excellence in the hands-on physical reality of historic preservation as practiced by those skilled in different crafts, trades and materials such as carpentry, masonry, metalworking, painting and more. The award will be given for a well planned and managed execution of a specific design or for a body of work.

Neighborhood Conservation Award recognizes an individual or organization that has successfully protected an historic resource (or collection) from harm, ensured the future protection of the property/properties through covenants, reuse, rehabilitation plans, neighborhood plans or other measures. Special consideration will be given to efforts that have served as a tipping point to encourage additional reinvestment, physical stabilization, and repair at the neighborhood level. Collaborations that demonstrate that a preservation project is really all about community - not just individual buildings – and shows the impact that preservation has on people's lives will also be given special consideration as well. Other considerations include combining sustainability and preservation by using green materials and technologies in a rehabilitation project that led to the stabilization of the neighborhood/community for both current residents and newcomers.

Landscape Preservation Award recognizes and encourages the thoughtful rehabilitation/restoration and stewardship of significant features of an historic landscape, preservation of a significant open space or rural character, through planning and plant selection, while addressing accessibility, ease of maintenance and safety.

Education/Outreach Award recognizes outstanding achievement in education furthering the aims of historic preservation, including but not limited to:

- Encouraging and assisting in the development and improvement of historic preservation education programs and endeavors; educating interested individuals, students, developers, public officials, and neighborhood and civic groups on historic preservation, urban planning, and neighborhood revitalization.
- Facilitating the collection, exchange and dissemination of information and ideas concerning preservation education;
- Creating public awareness of endeavors in preservation education;
- An individual who has made significant contributions to educating future preservationists
- Curriculum and supporting materials designed to increase student/individual interest, understanding and appreciation for local history, architecture, landscapes, to educate the next generation of preservationists.
- Scholars, educators, artists, performers, and residents who explore the breadth and depth of WNY history through architecture, the arts, humanities, and science programs that serve as a model for presenting, interpreting, and preserving the strong sense of place within a community.

Planning Award recognizes excellence in developing planning documents incorporating principles of historic preservation in landscape plans, neighborhood plans, Master Plans and other planning documents which could be used to further the goals of historic preservation.

Preservation Spirit Award recognizes a project that exemplifies the spirit and the concept of historic preservation, rehabilitation and adaptive re-use which does not necessarily comply with the Secretary of the Interior Standards. This award is meant to identify projects which have contributed to stabilization and enhancement of their environments and which encourage others to follow their lead. Individuals can also receive this award in recognition of extraordinary effort in furtherance of the goals of community preservation and enhancement.

The **Landmark Pewter Plate Award** shall be awarded to a project, organization or individual, in any of the above categories, for exemplary and outstanding achievement that has significant impact on Buffalo and its region. The Landmark Pewter Plate Award need not be awarded every year.