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Preservation Award Winners Announced

Minneapolis Preservation Efforts Recognized

May 19, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS) – Preserve Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, and the Minneapolis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, announce the winners of the 2011 Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards. Awards recognize projects, individuals, and community organizations that celebrate and enhance the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis.

Winning projects demonstrate high standards of sensitivity for returning an existing building or landscape to its original character; reinterpreting or transforming the property in a way that is respectful of, but different from, the past. Organizations and people that have made an overall contribution to preservation in Minneapolis are also honored. A nine-member panel comprised of three members from each organization juried the awards. Submissions were judged on attention to the quality of design, architecture, workmanship, and materials as well as the positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood and community.

Winners were announced at a ceremony held at the historic International Market Square. The following projects were given Heritage Preservation Awards:



Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery: Fence Restoration – Phase I exemplifies a landscape that is being returned to its original character in a manner that is respectful to the property’s historic past. *Located at 2945 Cedar Ave S., Minneapolis, MN. Project Team: Friends of the Cemetery, City of Minneapolis, Miller Dunwiddie, Terra General Contractor, Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office.*



Pence Automobile Building represents a building that was successfully rehabilitated while maintaining the majority of the original exterior character. *Located at 800 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN. Project Team: Turnstone 800 Partners LLC, Diversified Construction, and Hess, Roise and Company.*



Hangar, Akerman Hall is a meritorious example of an adaptively reused historic building, transformed and reinvented to incorporate both new and old elements in a way that that is respectful of, but different from, the form of the past. *Located at 110 Union Street SE., Minneapolis, MN. Project Team: Department of Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, University Capital Planning and Project Management, University Capital Planning and Architecture, BWBR Architects, M. A. Mortenson, Hess, Roise and Company, and Sebesta Blomberg.*



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (phased) Renovation illustrates the collaborative effort of all parties to be respectful to the property’s historic past while upgrading the structure to fit the congregation’s current needs. *Located at One Lourdes Place, Minneapolis, MN. Project Team: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, Inc., Meyer Borgman Johnson, Michaud Cooley Erickson, McGough Construction, SRF Consulting Group, American Engineering Testing, C. E. Coulter & Associates, Inc., Roof Spec Inc., Conrad Schmidt Studios, and Gaytee Stained Glass.*



Sunroom restoration at 2720 Ewing Avenue South epitomizes the hard work and serious efforts one homeowner took on to responsibly restore and rehabilitate an older single family home. *Located at 2720 Ewing Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN. Project Team: The Elliott Family and Charlie Gibson.*



Gale Mansion's discreet and thoughtful addition is an excellent example of adapting a historic building to fit modern needs. A handicap accessible elevator was installed between the original structure and a modern addition in such a way to blend in and not call attention to itself. *Located at 2115 Stevens Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN. Project Team: American Association of University Women – Minneapolis Branch, MacDonald & Mack Architects, and Watson Forsberg Construction.*



The Old Highland Neighborhood Association in Near North, with funding made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, worked with residents to collect neighborhood history and to collaboratively document 96 neighborhood properties to help update and expand the existing self-guided Walking Tour Guide of significant properties in this neighborhood. Properties were selected for their architectural merit or for their contribution to some part of the Old Highland story. *Project Team: Old Highland Neighborhood Association, Angie Nelson, Historic Old Highland Steering Committee, State Historic Preservation Office, City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning & Economic Development – HPC team, Jeff Matson and Kelly Muellman at Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Neighborhood Housing Services, Dr. Jack Byers, and Tammy Lindberg.*



Preservation protection and rehabilitation efforts for the 2008 Pillsbury Avenue South home by the local preservation community, Whittier neighborhood, City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development, and Bell Mortgage is acknowledged. *Located at 2008 Pillsbury Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN. Project Team: Bell Mortgage, Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development, Whittier Alliance, the greater Minneapolis community, and Preservation Alliance of Minnesota.*



Jim Litsheim has displayed leadership, courage, and dedication to heritage preservation in Minneapolis and at the University of Minnesota over the course of his career. The Steve Murray Award is considered the top individual honor for preservation in Minneapolis.

The planning for the Heritage Preservation Awards luncheon and the Historic Walking and Biking Tours has been made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008, as administered by the Minnesota Historical Society.

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