

Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc.
2011 Preservation Awards

Preservation Month is May 2011

Preservation Month is a nationally recognized event, sponsored annually with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, honoring and promoting historic preservation. The Historic Wilmington Foundation, local co-sponsor with the National Trust, will hold events promoting Wilmington's historic resources and preservation successes as well as showcasing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation.

Each year as part of National Preservation Month, the Historic Wilmington Foundation recognizes outstanding preservation projects by presenting **Preservation Awards** to individuals whose contributions demonstrate outstanding excellence in historic preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and compatible new infill construction. By identifying these projects, the Foundation strives to educate the community on the importance of preservation and the role historic structures play in building community identity. The Foundation is also accepting nominations for the *David Brinkley Preservationist of the Year* and for the *Thomas H. Wright Lifetime Achievement in Preservation Award*. This year's Preservation Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at New Hanover County Court House in historic downtown Wilmington. The event is supported by New Hanover County, Wilmington Downtown and the Residents of Old Wilmington.

Our Mission:

*To protect and preserve the irreplaceable historic resources
of Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear region*

For more information on Preservation Month, Preservation Awards or membership,
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What type of project will qualify for an award?

- Categories for awards are restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, and appropriate new construction in a historic district. Eligible projects must be complete by April 2011.
 - *Restoration* is process of accurately depicting the form, features, and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time
 - *Rehabilitation* is making a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values
 - *Adaptive reuse* is a process that adapts buildings for new uses while retaining their historic features.
 - *Appropriate new construction* is any new addition or structure in an historic area that complement the area and support its overall character; must be a contemporary design with sensitivity to adjacent structures
- Historic structures must be at least 50 years of age and in the lower Cape Fear region.
- Awards of Merit are given to projects, groups and individuals that promote and advance an understanding of historic preservation. Professional Merit Awards are also presented for workers in the preservation field.
- The David Brinkley Preservationist of the Year is awarded for extraordinary preservation work of large scale, scope and effect.
- The Thomas H. Wright Lifetime Achievement award is presented to a dedicated preservationist who has spent a career saving the region's rich architectural heritage and making a difference in the area's quality of life

What are the nomination procedures and requirements?

- Self-nominations are accepted.
- Nominations must be received by Monday, April 11, 2011.
- All materials submitted will become the property of the Historic Wilmington Foundation unless the nominator specifically requests that they be returned and provides a self-addressed package with adequate postage for this purpose.
- The Historic Wilmington Foundation is not responsible for any of the material submitted and reserves the right to use all materials for future publicity.
- Each nomination must include a completed nomination form, brief history of the site, description of the project, and (preferably digital) before and after photographs. Incomplete forms may not be considered for nomination.

Who decides which Preservation Projects will receive the Foundation's Awards?

The Preservation Awards Committee reviews all nominations received. The committee is made up of HWF members, local architects and preservation professionals. The following criteria are used by the committee in selecting the Preservation Awards recipients:

- Historical Interest or Architectural Significance
- Quality of Workmanship
- Sensitivity to Architectural Integrity
- Appropriateness of Adaptation to Contemporary Use
- Helps advance the cause of historic preservation