

MEMORANDUM

To: Historic District Commissioners
From: Jill Thacher, Historic Preservation Coordinator
Date: May 13, 2015
Re: List of 2015 HDC Awards Winners

The Historic District Commission Awards Committee has nominated the following properties and people for 2015 HDC awards. Staff requests a motion to approve the list. The awards will be handed out at the June 1, 2015 City Council meeting, with a party following at the home of Susan Wineberg on East Ann Street.

31st Annual Historic Preservation Awards

Preservation Awards are given to owners who have maintained the historic character of their property for at least 10 years. This year's winners are:

1. John and Patty Zeichman, 332 Third St. It is in the Old West Side Historic District
2. Lee and Susan Kaufman, 630 Fifth St. It is in the Old West Side Historic District
3. Stephen Muller and Christina Tsien 1150 Mixtwood. This is the Edward and Irene Olencki House built in 1954.
4. Walter and Geraldine Mayer, 1000 Berkshire. This 1936 home (with several additions) was designed by noted Michigan architect Alden Dow for his sister Margaret Dow Towsley and her husband Harry Towsley.
5. Hoover LLC, 2015 Washtenaw. This French Chateau was built in 1917 for Leander Hoover of Hoover Ball Bearings.
6. Marcia Feingold, 352 Hilldale. This year marks the 50th year of ownership for Ms. Feingold, an original owner.
7. Clayton and Ann Wilhite, 2101 Hill St. Built in 1913 and designed by noted Detroit architect Albert Kahn, it was built for George and Merib Patterson in a stately Georgian Revival style.
8. Robert Samborski, 3865 Glazier Way. This home, which dates to the late 1830s, is a gem of a Greek Revival house hidden away amongst UM's north campus buildings and related residences.
9. Anne Chase, 2855 Devonshire. This 1965 home was designed for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chase by David Osler.

REHABILITATION AWARDS are given to projects that have substantially returned a property to its historic condition.

10. Steve Gutterman, 713 and 715 Miller. These two houses from 1900 were recently rehabilitated by the owner after being derelict for many years.

11. Daniel and Marianne Clauw, 514 Lawrence. This 1850s home, remodeled many times, has been restored to its 1920s appearance using up to date technology supplied by Michael Mahon who won LEED gold for this project.
12. Victor and Sheryle Lacca, 402 Second. This 1850s house in the Old West Side Historic District was recently renovated by the removal of asbestos siding and porch renovation which are noticeable on this corner lot.

ADAPTIVE REUSE AWARD

13. Argus Farm Stop. 325 W. Liberty. A derelict gas station from the 1970s was transformed into Ann Arbor's latest hot spot for fresh, locally sourced produce and meat.

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS are given to unusual single item changes to the historic character or other projects relating to local history.

14. First Baptist Church, 420 E. Huron- The congregation recently replaced the slate roof at great expense.
15. St. Paul's Lutheran Church-420 W. Liberty- Another great church (this one in the Old West Side) replaced its slate roof with the same result.
16. Mark Hildebrandt, 1930 Cambridge- Dr. Hildebrandt is receiving a Special Award to acknowledge his dedication in researching and writing the History of St. Andrew's Church Part II, which was published in 2015.

PRESERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

This year the award goes to **Judith (Judy) Chrisman**, Collections Chair, Recording Secretary and Past President of the Washtenaw County Historical Society. Since the 1980s Judy has given unselfishly of her time and talents (she has a degree in historic preservation from EMU) to help the WCHS and its museum (MOMS) come into being. She took the challenge of dealing with a jumble of artifacts stored at Willow Run, re-catalogued them, and formed a state of the art system for inventory for the collections. She has cheerfully designed exhibits for the Museum on Main Street, ranging from funeral practices, agriculture; wedding dresses, and tools—all things Washtenaw. She is an outstanding asset to the community.

STEWARDSHIP AWARDS are a new category of awards. They will be certificates mailed to past award winners who have maintained their historic homes for at least 20 years since the award was granted. Staff asks that the Historic District Commission allows the Awards Committee members to determine the recipients of Stewardship Awards.