

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ann Arbor Preservation Awards



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# Preservation Awards

Presented in recognition of superior maintenance of a significant property to preserve its essential historical, cultural or architectural value for a period of 10 years or more.

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# Helen Pappas-809 E. Kingsley Street



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- Built in 1929
- Art Deco Style; features include Moorish overtones in the pointed arched doorway
- Old Fourth Ward Historic District
- Designed by local architect R.S. Gerganoff, who also designed the Washtenaw County Courthouse
- Pappas family has owned the building since 1992



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# Jeff and Marcia DeBoer-1515 Cambridge Road



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- Built in 1927
- Colonial Revival Style
- Preservation work includes meticulous restoration of all of the house's windows
- The DeBoer's have owned the home since 1997



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# Walter Spiller-548 S. Fifth Avenue



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- Built c. 1883
- Ann Arbor Vernacular Style; features include distinctive round window in the attic, two-over-two windows, heavy eave overhang
- Occupied by the Kern family from c. 1883 to the 1940s
- Walter Spiller purchased the property in 1977 and preserved it and four other properties on nearby Madison





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# George and Danielle Kuper-431 Highland Road



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- Built in 1927 for A.F. Shull, Associate Professor of Zoology at UM
- Designed by Wells Bennett, former UM School of Architecture Dean
- Tudor Style; features include Gothic arch doorway, half timbering, and the steep roof pitch
- The Kuper's have been preserving the house since their purchase in 1989



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# Bethlehem United Church of Christ

423 S. Fourth Avenue



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- Built in 1895 and designed by Detroit architect Richard Rasemann
- Richardsonian Romanesque Style
- Church has remained on its original downtown, neighborhood site since it was built
- Bethlehem United Church of Christ is the oldest German church in Michigan
- An addition was constructed in 1935



# Firestone Complete Auto Care

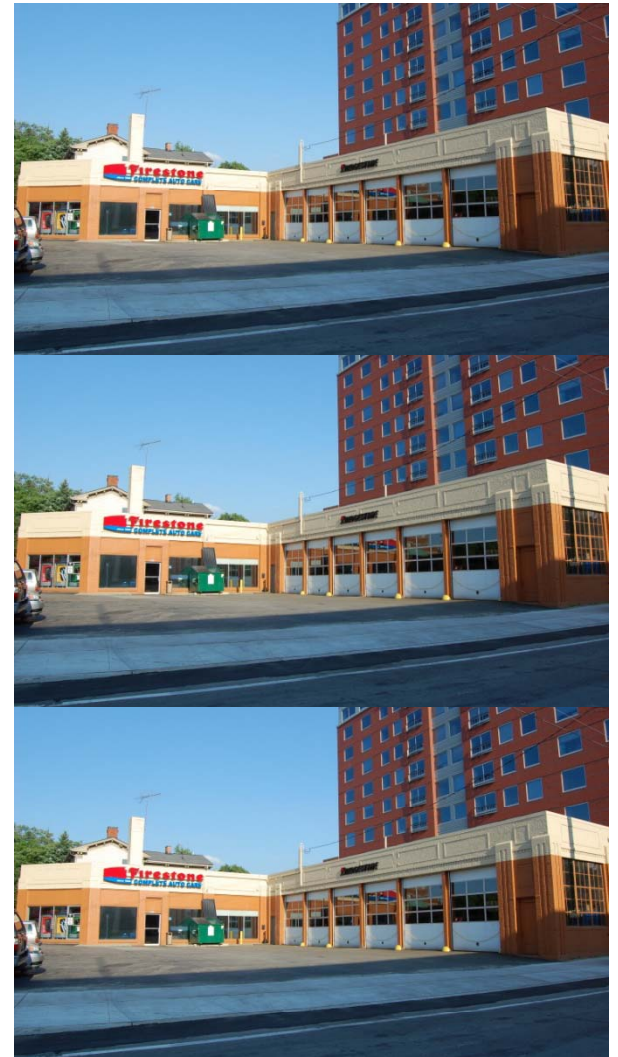
402 E. Huron Street



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# Firestone Complete Auto Care - 402 E. Huron Street

- Built ca. 1930s
- Art Deco Style
- Retains its original configuration and many of its original windows
- Building has also maintained its original use



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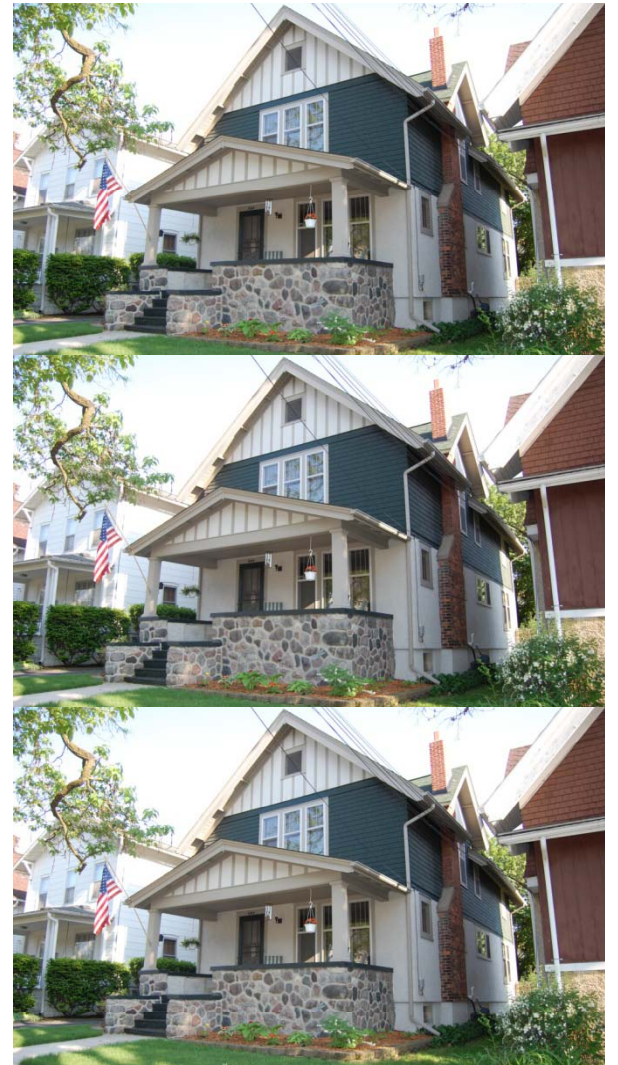
# Tom and Linda O'Brien-808 Lawrence Street



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- Built 1917
- Craftsman Style
- Old Fourth Ward Historic District
- Retained original features, including overhanging eaves, stone foundation porch, and different materials for the first and second floor
- Members of the O'Brien family have lived in the house since the 1920s





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# Alison Marsh-513 Second Street



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- Built ca. 1850
- Greek Revival Style; features include the long portion of the house facing the street and tiny eyebrow windows in the upper storey
- Old West Side Historic District
- Occupied by David Rupp, a cabinet maker, in 1868; the Gakle family resided there in the 1890s



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# Rehabilitation Awards

Presented in recognition of substantial work that returns a property to a state of utility through repair or alteration, facilitating contemporary needs but respecting the features of the property that are significant to its historic and architectural values.

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# Edward Shaffran/Shaffran Equities

306 S. Main Street



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## 306 S. Main Street

- Built 1896 as a corset factory
- Beaux-Arts Style
- Main Street Historic District; Pratt Block
- Housed Kline's Department Store for almost 70 years
- Restored the elaborate cornice using services of the Detroit Cornice and Slate Factory, who built the original over 100 years ago
- Ed Shaffran began removing the false/metal front from its Kline days 15 years ago, which sparked renovation of other buildings in the 300 block



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# Inter Cooperative Council (ICC) 711 Catherine Street



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## 711 Catherine Street

- Built in 1894
- Second Empire Style; features include Mansard roof and elaborate turned porch posts and cutouts
- Old Fourth Ward Historic District
- Originally served as a boarding house and then Phi Chi, a medical fraternity
- Renovation work included new, energy-efficient windows, removal of the asphalt siding, and restoration of the wood siding and late 19<sup>th</sup> century porch
- ICC is one of the biggest holders of historic homes in downtown



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# Jean and Randolph Perry-1701 Hill Street





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- Built in 1894 for J. Playfair McMurrich, a UM Professor of Anatomy
- Colonial Revival Style with Craftsman elements in massing and details
- Believed to have been designed by Chicago architects Pond and Pond who designed the Michigan Union and League



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# Special Merit Awards

Presented in recognition of exceptional projects, landscapes or other unique preservation projects.

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Scott Kunst/Jane Raymond-Old House Gardens  
Heirloom Bulbs- 536 Third Street



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# Scott Kunst/Jane Raymond-Old House Gardens

## Heirloom Bulbs- 536 Third Street Street

- Built in 1929 by Otto Koch who ran his plumbing and heating business out of it for decades
- Restored barn-like garage in rear of home to run their internationally famous mail-order nursery devoted to antique flower bulbs
- Renovation designed by Ann Arbor architect Marc Rueter
- Preserved the second story's unretouched wood ceiling and walls, repaired the old haymow windows, and used soy-based, closed-cell, spray-on foam insulation



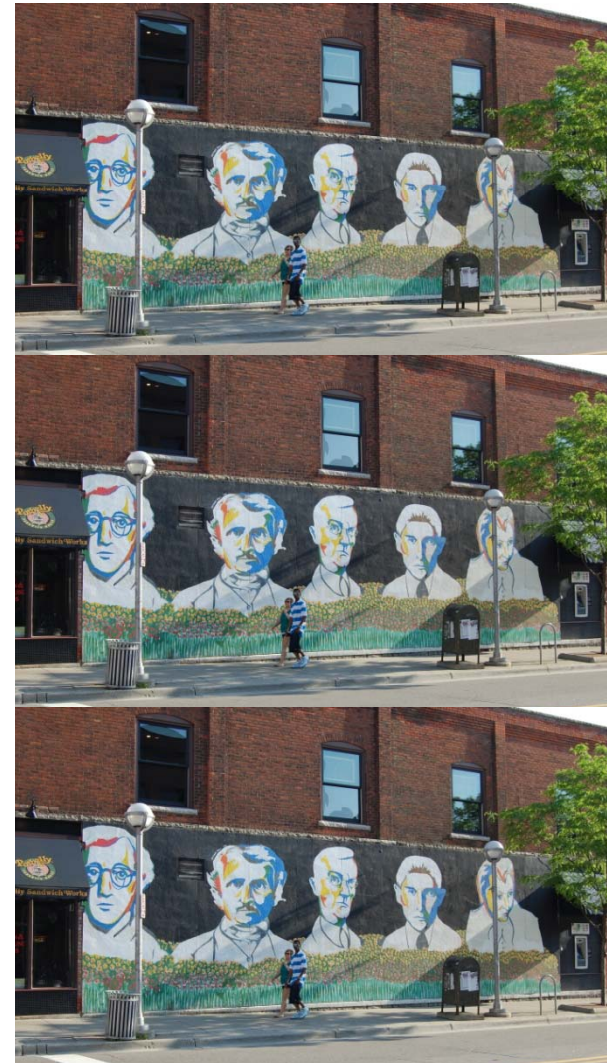
# Jeff Hauptman/Oxford Companies-300 S. State Street



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- Painted in 1986 and restored almost 25 years later by the original artist
- State Street Historic District
- Depicting Frank Kafka, Anais Nin, Thomas Mann, Woody Allen, and Edgar Allen Poe, it remains a downtown landmark



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# Preservation Project of the Year

Presented for outstanding restoration or rehabilitation of a historic structure, incorporating both the highest standards of preservation and stewardship of our cultural resources.

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# Matt and Kelly Grocoff-217 S. Seventh Street





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- Built ca. 1901
- Ann Arbor Vernacular Style
- Old West Side Historic District
- “Net Zero” house is a great example of how to marry preservation and sustainability
- Members of Gauss family lived there from before 1910 until Gert Gauss sold it to Grocoffs in 2006
- Work includes installation of solar panels on roof and geothermal heating and cooling system; restoration of every window
- House has been featured in *Preservation* and *Hour Detroit* magazines



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Congratulations to all of the  
award winners!