

39th Annual Ann Arbor Historic Preservation Awards

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Historic Preservation Awards Committee

Susan Wineberg

Fran Wright

Grace Shackman

Ellen Ramsburgh

Tom Stulberg

Betsy Williams

Sarah Nisbett, HDC Member

Jenna Carter, HDC Member

Preservation Awards
are presented in recognition of
superior maintenance of a
significant property to preserve
its essential historical, cultural
or architectural value for 10
years or more.

Preservation Award

Cooley Fountain

1940

The fountain features a bronze sculpture by renowned Swedish sculptor Carl Milles called *Sunday Mornings in Deep Waters*, which depicts the sea god Triton with his sons and thirteen smaller fish. The fountain is named for Thomas Cooley, a Dean of the Law School.

*Presented to the University of
Michigan*



Preservation Award

227 Orchard Hills Drive

1952

Known as the Palmer House, this house was designed inside and out by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1952. It is from Wright's Usonian period when he designed small houses for mass consumption and was built in a pattern of equilateral triangles by local builder Erwin Niethammer.

Presented to Jeffrey and Kathryn Schox



Photo courtesy of the Ann Arbor District Library

Preservation Award

1701 Morton Avenue

1945

The Tudor style house was built by Mark Ross, President and Treasurer of Midwest Furniture. The design is defined by its parabolic arched doorway outlined in stone and set on an angle to the house, which gives this corner a unique configuration.

*Presented to Michael Faulkner and
Lisa Seyfried*



Preservation Award

1444 Ferdon Road

1922

This house was built in an unusual mix of styles by Wilbert Heimerdinger, a local building contractor. There are elements of the Craftsman, Bungalow, and Prairie styles. It also has a wraparound porch that is reminiscent of earlier Victorian houses with open porches

*Presented to
Robert Axelrod and Amy Saldinger*

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Preservation Award

725 Arlington Boulevard

1925

This house built by Clifton O. Carey, reputedly as a rare Sears “Honor” kit house, which, according to kit house expert Andrew Muth, is known to have only 12 houses built. With cedar shakes, eyebrow dormers, and wood shutters, it has all the bells and whistles of a Craftsman home.

*Presented to
Andrew and Amy Shepherd*

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Rehabilitation Awards
are presented to projects that
have substantially returned a
property to its historic condition.

Rehabilitation Award

520 South Ashley Street

1896

This house was built by John Ziegler, a clerk at Dean and Company. It is a simple Queen Anne, L-shaped house with a wraparound porch. All the restoration carpentry was done by the current owners.

*Presented to Jay Simrod and
Constance Crump*

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2019

Rehabilitation Award

331 East Ann Street

c. 1830s

This house was probably built in the early 1830s as the wing of a house which was destroyed by fire ca. 1913. The gambrel roof façade was added in 1914. The current owner restored the original front porch and constructed a compatible rear addition that was approved by the Historic District Commission in 2023

Presented to Ryan Pantaleo

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2019

Special Merit Award
are given in recognition of an
exceptional project, landscape,
or other unique preservation
project, including lifetime
achievements.

Special Merit Award

Jones School Historic Marker Committee

For the installation of a marker along
Detroit Street that celebrates Jones
School from 1922 to 1965, when it was
the primary elementary school in the
Black community.

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Special Merit Award

University of Michigan

For the relocation of the Raoul
Wallenberg house to 439 South
Division Street, adjacent the Arthur
Miller house.

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Special Merit Award

Washtenaw County Historical Society

For the replacement of the roof on the
Museum on Main Street, located at
500 North Main Street, with authentic
cedar shingles.



Anniversary Awards
are given in recognition of
organizations that have existed
in Ann Arbor for 100 years
or more.

Sesquicentennial Award

Zion Lutheran Church

1875

The first service was held on July 11, 1875. The move to the current building, designed by Detroit firm George DeWitt Mason, began in 1948 and was completed in 1958, when the building was dedicated.

*Happy 150th birthday to
Zion Lutheran Church!*

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Sesquicentennial Award

University of Michigan College of Pharmacy

1876

The College of Pharmacy is the first and oldest pharmacy school at a state university. Its faculty are recognized as innovators in drug discovery, development and delivery, precision pharmacotherapy, and clinical practice.

*Happy 150th birthday to the
College of Pharmacy!*

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Sesquicentennial Award

First PhDs Granted at the University of Michigan

The University was one of the first research universities in the country to offer degrees in graduate studies. They offered a Master of Arts degree beginning in 1849, and the first two PhDs were conferred in 1876. In 1938 the Rackham Building was dedicated and has been home to the Rackham Graduate School ever since.

