

## 2026 Historic District Commission Awards Nominations

### Rehabilitation Awards

1. **520 South Ashley Street** – This 1896 house was originally built by John Ziegler, a clerk at Dean and Company, and was restored by Jay Simrod and Constance Crump.
2. **331 E. Ann Street** – A new porch and rear addition approved by HDC, adding some density without compromising historic qualities. The 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. Ryan Pantaleo purchased the property in 2023.

### Preservation Awards

3. **Cooley Fountain at the University of Michigan** – This is a 1940 sculpture by Carl Milles known as “Sunday Mornings in Deep Waters” that was restored a few years ago.
4. **227 Orchard Hills Drive** – The Palmer House was designed, inside and out, by Frank Lloyd Wright and remained in the Palmer family until 2009, when it was sold to Jeffrey and Kathryn Schox. They have maintained the historic character of this house, one of the showplaces of Ann Arbor, by renting it as a Vacation Rental by Owner, with strict supervision over its use.
5. **1701 Morton Avenue** – This 1942 Tudor was built by Mark Ross, owner of Midwest Furniture. He lived here with wife Martha and two children listed as students. It has been owned by Michael Faulkner and Lisa Seyfried since 2005.
6. **1444 Ferdon Road** – Built in 1922 in an unusual Arts and Crafts style by Wilbur Heimerdinger, it was the home of Louis Ferman from the 1950s until 1999. Since then it has been owned by Robert Axelrod and Amy Saldinger.
7. **725 Arlington Boulevard** – Built in 1925, this house of cedar shakes and eyebrow windows, as well as wood shutters and a barn in the rear, has all the bells and whistles of a craftsman home from the time period. It’s been owned by Andrew and Amy Shepherd since 2002.

### **Sesquicentennial Awards**

8. **Zion Lutheran Church** celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> year in 2025.
9. **The University of Michigan School of Pharmacy** is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> this year.
10. **The University of Michigan's Rackham School of Graduate Studies** is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> this year.

### **Special Merit Awards**

11. **An Award to the University of Michigan for moving the Raoul Wallenberg House** to S. Division St. to join the Arthur Miller house to which will be connected. Both houses will be used as office space and have exhibits about two of its most distinguished alumni.
12. **An Award to Washtenaw County Historical Society** for replacement of the roof of the Museum on Main St (built in stages in the 1830s) with age-appropriate cedar shingles.
13. **An Award to the Jones School Historic Marker Committee** for their erection of a historic marker in May 2025 celebrating Jones School from 1922-1965 when it was the primary elementary school in the Black community. It was accompanied by a film entitled "There Goes the Neighborhood" which interviewed many who attended the school and lived in the neighborhood. Since 1972 the school has been Community High School, an alternative school of choice which selects the students by lottery drawings.

Susan Wineberg. May 4, 2026.