

2012 NEW MEXICO HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

SPECIAL AWARDS

NEW MEXICO HERITAGE PRESERVATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. The most significant level of recognition by the Cultural Properties Review Committee, it recognizes the highest level of achievement and devotion to heritage preservation in New Mexico, whether through the efforts of an individual or an organization. It has been presented each year since 2004.

STATE HISTORIAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW MEXICO HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in New Mexico heritage scholarship that resulted from original research that provided new and important insights into the state's heritage (archaeology, history, architectural history, or cultural history). The nomination must be completed with the assistance of the Office of the State Historian. Although not presented annually, nominations are encouraged each year. Please contact Dennis Trujillo at 505-476-7998 or dennis.trujillo@state.nm.us to discuss a nomination in this category.

HONORS AWARDS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD. Efforts to preserve and protect archaeological sites, including those that involved exceptional efforts to comply with state and federal cultural protection laws and regulations or resulted from HPD-funded or administered initiatives, are especially suitable in this category. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to, survey and inventory, archaeological training and instruction, recordation, documentation and interpretation.

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD. The architecture award is for the preservation, restoration, stabilization or rehabilitation of historically significant buildings, structures and objects or other efforts to protect them. The category recognizes outstanding use of state and/or federal preservation tax credits or HPD's loan fund or recordation, documentation, and interpretation of historic buildings, structures, districts and/or objects. Exceptional efforts to comply with state and federal laws are eligible.

URBAN DESIGN WITHIN AN HISTORIC CONTEXT. The award recognizes new construction and rehabilitation of an existing building in an historic district or setting that contributes to the district's historic context and enhances the area's sense of place. Especially appropriate for infill construction and adaptive re-use projects, the award is for architecture in scale with nearby buildings completed in a manner that acknowledges its historic setting without copying historic styles.

CITIZEN ADVOCACY "RITA HILL" AWARD. The award recognizes individuals and organizations who work to protect their communities against imminent threats to cultural resources. The award is presented to those who successfully mount a campaign to challenge and positively influence change to projects that had the potential to damage or destroy important cultural resources.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD FOR INDIVIDUALS. Individuals, professionals or advocates in historic preservation, archaeology, anthropology, ethnography, history, architecture and related fields who have made significant contributions to preserving New Mexico's heritage and cultural landscapes are eligible. The award is particularly appropriate for "local heroes" who contributed to historic preservation in their community or state. It recognizes efforts by cultural resource management professionals who performed above and beyond expectations.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD FOR ORGANIZATIONS. The Heritage Organization award recognizes efforts by governmental, private or non-profit entities that have successfully preserved or promoted New Mexico's heritage and cultural landscapes. It is particularly appropriate for projects completed because of unique alliances among preservation-related groups and corporations, private businesses, state or federal agencies, local units of government or educational institutions such as universities, schools and museums.

TRIBAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD. This award recognizes efforts by pueblos and tribes to record, interpret, preserve, or pass on traditions through education or training their pre-history, history, language or culture.

HERITAGE PUBLICATION AWARD. Books, pamphlets, articles, reports, Web sites, and/or related products, and their authors and creators, that have contributed to the understanding, accessibility and appreciation of New Mexico's heritage are eligible in this category.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLANNING AWARD. The award recognizes a community that has demonstrated excellence in planning and executing archaeological, architectural, heritage or cultural landscape preservation—including efforts to engage public participation—or has developed and maintained the highest standard for design review in historic districts. This award is particularly suitable for recognizing outstanding efforts by a New Mexico Certified Local Governments, local preservation organizations or design review boards.

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REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY

The preservation activities of any individual or organization or any project in New Mexico consistent with the programs and policies of the State Historic Preservation Office are eligible for a Heritage Preservation Award. Nominations relating to New Mexico's statehood Centennial are strongly encouraged, but all nominations will be reviewed equally.

Nominated individuals are not required to be residents of New Mexico.

Staff members of the Historic Preservation Division and members of the Cultural Properties Review Committee are not eligible for Heritage Preservation Awards during the period of their active service.

Previous nominations that were not selected may be revised and resubmitted if they conform to current documentation requirements.

Nominations may be made without the knowledge of the nominee. Self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations for posthumous awards will not be accepted. Previous award winners are eligible when a new, unrewarded outstanding project is completed, but the nominator should check with HPD to determine which activity was previously recognized.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION (each nomination must include the following):

1. A fully completed nomination form. Forms can be downloaded from the HPD web site at www.nmhistoricpreservation.org and returned by e-mail. Forms can be mailed to nominators upon telephone request, 505-827-6320.
2. A concise description between 300 and 500 words of the project, organization and/or individual nominated must accompany the nomination (see form). The description should include discussion of the following items:
 - If the nomination is for a specific project, explain its significance, duration, and any challenges that were overcome.
 - Explain how the project influenced the community, and illustrate its impact at a local, state, and/or national level.
 - List the organization and/or individuals who participated in the project. Name individuals whose participation warrants an award certificate signed by the governor, but limit the number of individuals to four (4).
 - If nominating an individual, please provide a brief biography (200-words maximum) explaining the nominee's relation to his or her community and the state. Provide a time sequence of years spent in New Mexico and explain other preservation activities at the local, state and national level, if appropriate.
3. A minimum of five (5) black-and-white or color images or photographs that include of the project, organization and individual(s) being nominated *must* accompany the nomination. High resolution digital images in jpeg or tiff formats are preferred, although prints on photographic paper are accepted. Photocopied photographs are not acceptable. Do not send photos embedded in Word or other document formats. Individual photo files may be e-mailed with the nomination form, or mailed on a CD to HPD. All images must be labeled or, in the case of digital images, briefly described and individuals and objects identified on a separate sheet of paper. A print-out of digital images must accompany your nomination, but cannot be the sole provided source of the images. Nominations that do not include images will be returned.
4. Supporting brochures or news clippings cannot be substituted in lieu of photographs, but are encouraged as supplements to nominations. Heritage Publication nominations must include a copy of the publication(s).
5. Awards are made based upon the merits of the nomination. Letters of recommendation may not be submitted in lieu of a completed nomination form, but may supplement a nomination.

DEADLINES

All nominations must be received by HPD no later than **March 9, 2012**. Nominations can be e-mailed to tom.drake@state.nm.us or mailed to the Historic Preservation Division, 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501. Nominations will be reviewed by staff and CPRC subcommittees in March and April. Final award decisions will be made by the CPRC at its April 2012, meeting and presented at the 38th annual Heritage Preservation Awards ceremony on May 18 in Santa Fe as part of Heritage Preservation Month.