

# 1995 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards

In 1995, the Governor's Office, the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, and the South Carolina Department of Archives and History presented South Carolina's first statewide awards for historic preservation projects. The organizations presented nine Honor Awards and the Governor's Award on June 4, 1995, at the Governor's Mansion Complex in Columbia. The following projects, individuals, and organizations were recognized.

## Honor Awards

*The Honor Awards celebrate successful and exemplary historic preservation projects in South Carolina.*

### Rock Hill Downtown Revitalization

Through the efforts of the city government, educational institutions, and private businesses, a dramatic transformation was made in the historic core of Rock Hill's business district. The covered mall, which once obscured many of the historic buildings was removed and historic buildings were rehabilitated, spurring downtown revitalization.

#### **Fairforest Hotel, Union**

*DeWayne Anderson, Developer  
City of Union*

Public and private funds were used to rehabilitate the Fairforest Hotel, a five-story hotel constructed in 1926 in downtown Union. The once vacant and deteriorated landmark now provides low-and-moderate-income housing.

#### **Chaplin Court, Beaufort**

*Christopher Malliet  
Elizabeth Lee*

Christopher Malliet and Elizabeth Lee restored Chaplin Court, which had been converted into a multi-unit apartment house, into a single family dwelling. The house now displays its former elegance.

## **Waccamaw River Memorial Bridge, Conway**

*Conway Main Street, USA*

*Historical Iron, Inc.*

Conway Main Street, USA and Historical Iron, Inc. worked together to restore the Waccamaw River Memorial Bridge, which connects the town of Conway to the Grand Strand. The Bridge was constructed in 1937 and dedicated as a memorial to the sons and daughters of Horry County who served in the wars of our country. Later the original cast-iron light standards were replaced with modern aluminum lights. In 1992-1993, the bridge was rehabilitated and the modern lights were replaced with cast-iron standards with fluted columns that were cast from the molds used to cast the original light standards.

## **Granite Dairy Barn, John de la Howe School, McCormick**

*County*

*John de la Howe School*

Since 1918, the John de la Howe School has been a state-supported residential facility for assisting South Carolina's at-risk children. The granite dairy barn, constructed in 1931, provided positive experiences for de la Howe youth who operated a dairy that provided a much needed campus and community service. When it was no longer needed for a dairy, the school rehabilitated the barn, and today it is used as a country marketplace that showcases crafts made by de la Howe youth.

## **St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Charleston**

*Cummings and McCrady, Architects*

Cummings & McCrady, Architects guided the sensitive rehabilitation of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, completed in 1838, and one of Charleston's most important landmarks.

## **Swift Creek Baptist Church, Boykin**

*Alice Boykin*

*William Fulmer*

*Lee McCaskill*

The Swift Creek Baptist Church was built around 1827 in the Boykin community of Kershaw County. The Greek Revival building had been little changed from its original appearance when it was severely damaged by Hurricane Hugo. Alice Boykin with the assistance of

William Fulmer, serving as architect, and Lee McCaskill, serving as the contractor, sensitively restored the building to its former beauty.

### **Chester County Courthouse**

*Carlisle Roddey, Chester County Supervisor*

*Frank Williams, Architect*

This award was given for a project that brought the Chester County Courthouse into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act without destroying the historic character of the building. The Courthouse was built between 1852 and 1854 following designs by Edward Brickell White of Charleston. A new elevator tower provides access for persons with disabilities while blending with the historic building.

### **Milford Plantation, near Pinewood, Sumter County**

*Richard H. Jenrette*

Richard Jenrette has meticulously restored Milford Plantation, one of South Carolina's finest Greek Revival homes. Built in 1939 for the Manning family, the house has six carved columns on granite bases that support a classic portico.

### **Governor's Award**

*The Governor's Award recognizes an individual for lifetime achievements in the support of historic preservation in South Carolina.*

### **William O. Fulmer**

William O. Fulmer, a noted Columbia architect, received the first Governor's Award for his more-than-thirty years of preservation and restoration work throughout the state. Fulmer's preservation projects in Columbia include the Maxcy Gregg House, the Big Apple, and the Sylvan Brothers Building. He also served as the first chairman of the Columbia Landmarks Commission. Fulmer's projects elsewhere in the state include the Church of the Good Shepherd and McCelvey School in York and Swift Creek Baptist Church in Boykin.