

# 2003 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards

Each year the Office of the Governor, the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, and the South Carolina Department of Archives and History recognize exceptional accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and interpretation of our architectural and cultural heritage. On April 11, 2003, the following projects, individuals, and organizations were recognized at the ninth annual South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards ceremony at the Archives and History Center.

## Honor Awards

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

### **Drayton Hall, Charleston**

*Drayton Hall, a National Trust Historic Site*

This National Historic Landmark, which was constructed in 1738, is an outstanding example of Georgian architecture. In 2001, the National Trust for Historic Preservation began a major conservation project on the house museum. Five issues were addressed including structural problems with the upper floor, repair of the great hall ceiling, repair of window sash, installation of UV control, installation of a climate monitoring system, and paint conservation. The meticulous conservation work was based on two decades of research and analysis.

### **Fremont School, Spartanburg**

*Campbell Meek and Associates  
Progressive Redevelopment, Inc.*

Fremont School, which was constructed in 1915, housed an elementary school until 1979. It was vacant and deteriorating for many years until Progressive Redevelopment, Inc. undertook a major rehabilitation of the building. The rehabilitation work uncovered the windows, removed insensitive additions, and enhanced the building's distinctive architectural character. Once again a vital part of community life, Fremont School provides forty-six apartments.

### **Market Hall, Charleston**

*City of Charleston, Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor  
Joseph K. Oppermann, Architect, P.A.  
NBM Construction Company, Inc.*

Designed by E.B. White and constructed in 1841, Market Hall is a National Historic Landmark. In 1992, the City of Charleston began restoration of Market Hall, which had sustained heavy damage during Hurricane Hugo. The goal of the project was to conserve original building fabric and to use traditional methods and materials to repair or replace missing sections. As a result of extensive research and a historically accurate restoration, Market Hall—painted in its original colors---again provides a handsome entrance to Charleston’s old market sheds.

**Mobile Meals, Spartanburg**  
*Mobile Meals of Spartanburg*  
*McMillan Smith & Partners Architects*  
*First Presbyterian Church*

In 2001, the First Presbyterian Church purchased the former Bobo Funeral Home building on East Main Street, which was constructed as a residence in 1918. Mobile Meals of Spartanburg, in partnership with the Church, rehabilitated the building to accommodate the organization’s growing mission while preserving the building’s historical integrity. Care was also taken to blend a new addition with the existing structure. The project has provided a link to Spartanburg’s past while serving the needs of a valuable outreach ministry.

**Wilds-Edwards House, Darlington**  
*Jeffrey Drane Kimbrell*  
*Kevin Lee Earney*  
*Isiah Wilson*

This Darlington landmark, built in 1856-1857, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Italianate style mansion, which includes fourteen rooms and over 5,700 square feet, possesses many exquisite details. The house was empty and seriously deteriorated when it was purchased by Jeffrey Kimbrell. With the assistance of Kevin Earney (partner and designer) and Isiah Wilson (head carpenter), he has sensitively rehabilitated the house, which now graces a Darlington tourism brochure.

**Heritage Tourism Award**

*The Heritage Tourism Award recognizes the use of South Carolina’s cultural and historic resources in the promotion and development of tourism.*

## **Kilburnie, the Inn at Craig Farm**

*John E. Craig, Jr.  
Johannes L.M. Tromp  
Paul Belk Construction*

Kilburnie, built in 1828, is believed to be the oldest surviving residence in Lancaster. In 1988, the house was threatened by demolition when Eckerd's Drug Company purchased the property. John Craig—with the assistance of Johannes Tromp and Paul Belk Construction—carefully disassembled, moved, and rehabilitated the building. Today, Kilburnie is a elegant bed and breakfast, encouraging heritage tourism in the Lancaster area.

### **Elected Official Award**

*The Elected Official Award is presented to an individual elected official in recognition of significant achievements or landmark efforts in support of historic preservation in South Carolina.*

### **Salley K. Huggins-Cook**

Salley K. Huggins-Cook, who was elected Mayor of Dillon in 1999 at the age of 30, was not only Dillon's youngest mayor, but also its first female mayor. Under her leadership, the City hired a consultant and formed a committee to encourage the preservation of the historic areas of Dillon and the revitalization of the downtown. Since 1999, the City has successfully nominated the downtown to the National Register of Historic Places, established a historic preservation ordinance and board of architectural review, created the Dillon House Research Library, achieved Certified Local Government status, and made improvements to downtown streetscapes. These efforts have resulted in the rehabilitation of fifteen commercial buildings and the opening of twelve new businesses.

### **Governor's Award**

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

### **Angelle Penn Adams**

Angelle Penn Adams has lived in Greenwood County for most of her life. Married to L.B. Adams, secretary of Greenwood Mills, she has played an active role in historic preservation for three quarters of a century. She quietly stepped in to save and restore significant buildings that likely would have been lost without her

support, including the Dr. W. Lewis Anderson House in Ninety-Six and the John I. Chipley House, the J.B. Park House, the J.W. Sproles House, and the Aldrich House in Greenwood. She has also been actively involved in the preservation and care of three cemeteries. Mrs. Adams and her husband developed the Railroad Historical Center as a gift to the Greenwood community in recognition of the city's railroad heritage. At the age of 97, Mrs. Adams still takes an active interest in local, state, and national affairs.