

2014 Historic Preservation Awards

Sponsored by the Palmetto Trust, the S.C. Department of Archives and History and the Office of the Governor, the awards recognize exceptional accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation and interpretation of South Carolina's architectural and cultural heritage.

The Governor's Award which is presented to an individual in recognition of a lifetime of significant achievements or landmark efforts in the support of historic preservation.

Mr. Craig M. Bennett, Jr. Bennett, a practicing structural engineer with a firm that focuses exclusively on existing and historic structures, pairs his expertise in structural engineering with his passion for historic structures and his love for hometown Charleston to make significant contributions to the field of historic preservation. Mr. Bennett has been involved with a range of preservation projects presenting a variety of different structural problems and deterioration mechanisms. He has dealt with them innovatively, while keeping preservation of form and material as his priority. His lifelong contributions to preservation efforts in South Carolina as a professional, public servant (serving on Charleston's Board of Architectural Review and Museum Board), educator (teaching in preservation and community planning programs at the College of Charleston, Clemson University and The Citadel, as well as many local presentations), and advocate of preservation efforts in South Carolina make him a deserving choice for this year's Governor's Award.

Preservation Service Awards which recognize projects and activities that make exemplary contributions to the advancement of historic preservation.

The Hampton Plantation State Historic Site for its Hampton Plantation Enslaved Community Interpretation Project, which took place from 2010 to 2013. The project aimed to expand the interpretation of slavery and African-American life at the site, as well as to further the preservation of associated archaeological and landscape features. One of the most important results of the project was a strengthening of the relationship between the park and neighboring communities, and the sharing of information about important historic resources.

Horry County Board of Architectural Review for the Horry County Historic Preservation Plan, adopted by Horry County Council June 18, 2013 and made part of the Horry County Comprehensive Plan. This program marks the first time Horry County has set forth the framework for preservation activities in a stand-alone comprehensive manner. In addition to the future preservation activities, the Plan also details the past of Horry County and its development into one of the most heavily visited tourist areas in the country.

Stewardship Awards which recognize those who have ensured the ongoing preservation of historic buildings, structures or sites through long-term care, planning, management, protection, or continuous ownership.

The **Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation** has purchased or leased a number of properties significant to the history of Daufuskie Island, restored properties, acquired and organized related artifacts, created a children's exhibit, a historic trail and oral history program as well as provided tours and speakers in an effort to document and disseminate information on the history of the Gullah people.

May Robertson Baskin Hutchinson for her longstanding care, maintenance and stewardship of the Robertson-Hutchinson House in Abbeville, as well as its historic Coastal Redwood tree and historic letters and documents.

The **Woman's Club of Rock Hill** for its work on the Mauldin Gardens Restoration Project, completed in June 2010. Club members contributed thousands of hours of volunteer work, both organizational and physical work researching appropriate landscape materials, raising funds for contractors, digging and replanting heritage bulbs and providing for the future maintenance and preservation of the site.

The **Staff of Rose Hill Plantation** for their work on the parlor faux graining project on the plantation. The project exhibits commitment to the best preservation techniques, enhances the restoration of the mansion's interior and serves as an excellent interpretive tool for the site's many visitors.

Historic Preservation Honor Awards celebrate successful and exemplary historic preservation projects around the Palmetto State.

First Baptist Church & First Baptist School and **Liollio Architecture of Charleston** for the preservation and rehabilitation of **24 Water Street**, a residence built c. 1910 that has spent most of its life as part of the school campus.

The Preservation Society of Charleston, Bennett Preservation Engineering and the **Magnolia Cemetery Trust** for their work on the structural stabilization of the **Receiving Tomb, Magnolia Cemetery**, Charleston. This work ultimately preserved the resource with the option for future conservation work of finishes and architectural elements when funds become available.

Spartanburg Community College and **McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture, LLC** for the renovation of the Evans Academic Center on the Spartanburg Community College campus. This renovation project modernized the 1930s building for its current technical and academic needs

while undoing some of the changes accomplished in a previous renovation that had erased most of the historic fabric and character of the building.

Historic Columbia, Richland County and John Milner Associates for the **Woodrow Wilson Family Home Rehabilitation**. The goal of the rehabilitation was to produce an interpretive scheme for the property that would showcase not only the Wilson family's time in Columbia, but the Reconstruction era in which it existed.

First Citizens Bank, Studio 2LR and Hood Construction for the renovation and restoration of the Brennan Building in Columbia. One of Columbia's best examples of intact French-Victorian commercial structure, the Brennan Building was completed in 1871 and has served as a grocery store, boarding house, laundry and restaurants among other things.