Each year the Department of Environmental Protection, Historic Preservation Office, in cooperation with the New Jersey Historic Sites Council honors individuals, businesses and organizations in New Jersey who have made an important contribution to the preservation of the State’s historic and archaeological resources. The nomination deadline for “Awards for Outstanding Contributions” or “Excellence” is April 23, 2010. The purpose of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Awards Program is to:

- increase public awareness of historic preservation;
- recognize contributions by individuals, volunteers, organizations and/or agencies, to preserve and advocate historical preservation;
- recognize projects of excellent quality.
- recognize volunteer contributions to preserve historic resources

All applications shall include a completed form and narrative with supporting documentation. The application materials must be submitted as a PDF or in 8.5” x 11” booklet format. All architectural drawings or renderings must be reduced to 8.5” x 11” or 8.5” x 14”, clearly labeled and folded to booklet size. All visuals must be labeled, identified and cross referenced in the application narrative. If a nominated activity resulted in a planning document, publication or scholarly report, one (1) original must be submitted within the application. Letters of support for the nomination are desirable and should be included at the end of the package.

Awards will be made to those individuals, projects or programs that are judged to demonstrate exceptional merit in the field of historic preservation. All individual accomplishments, projects and programs are limited to activities involving historic resources eligible for a listing in the New Jersey and/or National Registers of Historic Places. In addition, projects and programs will be reviewed for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings.

Nominations must be received on or before April 23, 2010 by 12:00 p.m. Sorry, telephone facsimile (FAX) submissions will not be accepted.

Categories of Eligibility

A. INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES:
- Volunteers, professionals and/or agencies who have made significant contributions to:
  - the advancement of historic preservation, and/or
  - the preservation of historic resources in New Jersey.

B. PROJECTS:
- Restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, cultural landscapes or maritime properties.
- Especially projects that incorporate sustainability and green design.
- Urban revitalization through historic preservation.

C. OTHER:
- Pioneering or innovative efforts in historic preservation education or interpretive programs.
- Innovative historic preservation planning documents; including architectural design guidelines, master plan elements and local ordinances.
- Innovative efforts in planning to preserve communities, buildings, complexes, archaeological sites or other types of historic resources.
- Stewardship.
- National Register nomination or innovative survey which contributes to regional or statewide knowledge of historic resources and/or context.

Nomination Packages

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Nomination Standards

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All applicants must provide a type written narrative [one (1) page minimum] explaining why the individual, project or program deserves recognition. The narrative must substantiate the exceptional quality and success of the candidate’s project in terms of historic preservation. In general, the narrative must clearly identify all impacts, goals, objectives and benefits (cost savings, innovations, energy savings, community/economic development, historic/scientific research, planning innovations, etc.) produced by the nominated activity. All applicants must provide the total project cost, length of time required to complete the project and a list of the members of the project team. Please limit the number of team members to five (5) persons.

**Visual Aids:**

All award applications must be accompanied by photographs and/or digital images both printed (as an alternative to photographs) and burned onto a CD-ROM. These images will become part of the awards display, power point presentation and subsequent announcements. All visuals must be labeled, identified and cross referenced in the application narrative. The HPO must receive a minimum of 5 images in the formats described below. (PDF applications also require images on CD-ROM)

**Photo Requirements:**

All applicants must provide a minimum of five (5) photographs. All photographs must be 5” x 7” or larger, mounted on 8.5” x 11” pages inserted into the application package. The photographs must depict nominated individuals, programs and/or work. Before and after views are encouraged.

**Digital Image Requirements:**

The HPO must receive a CD-ROM containing all of the digital images (five or more) at a minimum of 2100 x 1400 pixels (approximately 2.8 mega-pixels) in size in TIFF format.

All materials will become the property of the Historic Preservation Office and will not be returned. Materials may be used (without compensation) by the HPO in promoting the Awards Program or historic preservation in general. (PDF applications also require images on CD-ROM)

**Nomination Submission**

PDF applications should be emailed to: Sara.Andre@dep.state.nj.us or

Hard Copy or Paper Applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to:

NJ Historic Preservation Awards
c/o Historic Preservation Office
P.O. Box 404
5 Station Plaza, 4th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey

Hand carried applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope to:

NJ Historic Preservation Awards
c/o Historic Preservation Office
501 East State Street
5 Station Plaza, 4th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey

**Selection:**

The Historic Preservation Awards Jury will review all award applications and select the award winners. The Awards Jury will consist of:

- 1 member of the Historic Preservation Office
- 1 member of the Historic Sites Council
- 1 invited juror who is professionally active in historic preservation

Award winners and their nominators will be notified by the Historic Preservation Office.

**Inquiries:**

For questions concerning the awards, please contact Genny Guzman or Sara André at the Historic Preservation Office, (609) 984-0543 or (609) 292-0032.

**Application Information Checklist:**

- Nomination Form
- Narrative, comprised of __________ pages
- Project Cost
- List of Project Team Members (not to exceed five (5) persons) with mailing addresses included
- Time required to complete the project
- Photographs included. Number of photos ________
- CD-Rom included. Number of images ________
- Maps included and number of maps ________
- Architectural drawings/renderings folded to 8.5” x 11”. Number of documents ________
- Letters of support included and number of letters ________
- Other attachments are listed on a separate sheet of paper

**Project Team:**

On a separate sheet of paper, provide the names and contact information of all major contributing organizations having a significant role in the accomplishment of the achievement. This may include volunteers, nonprofit organizations, municipal or state offices, architects, contractors, craftspeople, consultants, and other professionals.

*The HPO reserves the right to limit the number of award certificates to five (5) persons.*