

DC Awards Honor Excellence in Historic Preservation

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The District of Columbia Office of Planning Historic Preservation Office presented the winners of the Eighth Annual Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation on Thursday, November 4th at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Dupont Circle.

Several restoration and renovation awards were presented including one for the Eastern Market restoration project and the Individual Lifetime Achievement Award to author and DC cultural history pioneer Kathryn Schneider Smith.

In total, 18 awards were presented to individuals, businesses, and local organizations for exemplary work and commitment to historic preservation, adaptive reuse, and public education. This year's honorees are:

INDIVIDUALS

Richard T. Busch, Community Involvement and Advocacy: Dupont Circle Conservancy, Historic Districts Coalition

Cornelia R. Stokes, Stewardship: Organization of St. Luke's Church Records and Archives

Audrey Schwartz (posthumously) and **Diane Tamayo**, Stewardship: Restoration of Methodist Cemetery, Tenleytown

Judith A. Capen, AIA Education: Developing and writing the Capitol Hill Design Guidelines; teaching preservation and architecture at Catholic University of America; writing a preservation column for the Hill Rag

PROJECTS

Residential

19 4th Street, NE: Carbon neutral rehabilitation of pre-Civil War frame house

CITTA 50: Rehabilitation of an unusual coal delivery building designed by an African-American architect and its incorporation into a contemporary apartment building project

Woodward Building: Tax Act rehabilitation of a downtown office building for residential apartments and retail

Public Projects

The School Without Walls/Grant School: Bold contemporary addition to and rehabilitation of 19th century school for School Without Walls charter school

Langston Terrace: Recreation of distinctive historic windows on the city's only landmark public housing project by the DC Housing Authority

Eastern Market: Extraordinary restoration of the District's only functioning 19th century public market after a devastating fire

Institutional Projects

Washington National Cathedral: Underground parking facility for cars and buses seamlessly integrated into the site allowing the restoration of Olmstead's vision of a cathedral sitting in a park setting

State Historic Preservation Office Award

American Pharmacists Association Headquarters: Restoration and significant expansion of a landmark facing the National Mall

Historic Preservation Review Board Chair's Award

Tersh Boasberg: For ten years of service leading the Historic Preservation Review Board

Lifetime Achievement Award

Kathryn Schneider Smith: For multi-faceted efforts to celebrate and promote Washington's history through the Washington Historical Society, Cultural Tourism DC and authoring books

Honorable Mention

1228 9th Street, NW: LEED-certified rehabilitation of an historic rowhouse for office use

907 11th Street, SE: Extraordinary efforts to save and reconstruct an early frame house using recycled and salvaged materials

1001 F Street, NW: Tax Act rehabilitation of a downtown commercial building

Buddhist Cultural Center, 3417 Massachusetts Ave, NW: Compatible and sensitively designed building adjacent to a landmark on Massachusetts Avenue

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