



HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 PRESERVATION AWARDS

SAVANNAH, GA – December 15, 2017 – Nominations are now being accepted for Historic Savannah Foundation's 2018 Preservation Awards. Each May, HSF celebrates the area's best preservation projects with a program that recognizes individuals, organizations, and companies who embody and practice excellence in preservation in Savannah and Chatham County.

Historic Savannah Foundation members who have completed a restoration project within the past three years or who know of a project that may be award-worthy are encouraged to submit a nomination.

Nominated projects must have been completed within the past three years, and entrants must have the consent of the property owner for a nomination. Self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations that were previously submitted but were not selected to receive an award may be revised, expanded and resubmitted. To be eligible for an award, nominated projects must have adhered to the applicable Secretary of the Interior's Standards for preserving, rehabilitating, restoring or reconstructing historic buildings. For more information on these standards visit www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm.

Winners receive signed certificates at a luncheon in May; bronze award plaques can also be purchased for placement on the building.

"We are eager to see an array of projects submitted for consideration. Savannah's focus on high quality preservation efforts seems to improve annually, and this makes selecting winners an increasingly difficult decision. However, it's a good problem to have and a challenge we're happy to be tasked with," said HSF President and CEO Daniel Carey.

Historic Savannah Foundation Preservation Awards are juried. The general evaluation criteria include:

1. Quality and degree of difficulty of the nominee's project or effort.
2. Degree to which the nominee's project or effort is unusual or pioneering, or serves as an example that influences good preservation practices.
3. Demonstrable or measurable impact of nominee's project on the community.

A jury of local professionals with representation from the fields of architecture, preservation, and planning is invited to review nominations for HSF's Preservation Awards.

Nominations should fall under at least one of the following categories: restoration, rehabilitation, new construction, stewardship, craftsmanship, or archaeology.

The deadline for all award nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2018. Mailed entries must be postmarked by this date. Preservation Award recipients will be notified by the end of March. The nominator or primary contact will be notified for those not selected. Award announcements and presentation will be made at HSF's Preservation Awards Ceremony in May 2018.

Mail entries to:

Historic Savannah Foundation
Attn: Preservation Awards
P.O. Box 1733
Savannah, GA 31402

Hand-deliver entries to:

Historic Savannah Foundation
Attn: Preservation Awards
321 East York Street
Savannah, GA 31401

Historic Savannah Foundation saves buildings, places and stories that define Savannah's past, present, and future. Following its formation in 1955, HSF started a Revolving Fund to save endangered historic properties, now totaling nearly 370 buildings throughout several of Savannah's historic districts. HSF has grown into one of the most respected local preservation organizations in the country — emphasizing not only the protection of individual historic buildings but also the revitalization of blighted neighborhoods. HSF demonstrates the cultural, social and economic benefits of preservation as good public policy by proving that preservation and progress go hand-in-hand.

For more information about the annual awards or Historic Savannah Foundation, please visit www.myHSF.org or call 912-233-7787.

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