



HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 PRESERVATION AWARDS

SAVANNAH, GA — DECEMBER 21, 2019 — Nominations are now being accepted for Historic Savannah Foundation's 2020 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 restoration project that may be award-worthy are encouraged to submit a nomination.

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 Rehabilitation. For more information on these standards, visit www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm.

Winners will receive their HSF awards at a special dinner to be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at the DeSoto Hotel.

"We anticipate a great selection of projects to be submitted for consideration by our jury. Savannah's focus on historic preservation efforts improves annually, which makes choosing winners an increasingly difficult decision. We hope the preservation community will come together during this inaugural dinner event to celebrate the best of the best in historic preservation projects," said HSF Interim CEO and President Director Susan Adler.

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, academia 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. 31, 2020. Mailed entries must be postmarked or dropped off at HSF by this date. The application cost is \$35 for HSF members. Non-members are asked to join HSF by visiting <http://www.myhsf.org/giving/general-membership/> prior to submitting the application. 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.

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 more than 400 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. For tickets or special event sponsorship information, please contact Nadine Mooers, Director of Special Events and Programs at 912-483-7295 or nmooers@myHSF.org.

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