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THE LANDMARK SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2015 PRESERVATION AWARDS

ROCHESTER, NY November 10, 2015 — Join The Landmark Society of Western New York on Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 p.m. for one of the most anticipated events of the year: The Landmark Society's 2015 Annual Preservation Awards.

This special ceremony will take place in Rochester's historic City Hall, the handsomely restored Richardsonian Romanesque landmark located downtown at 30 Church Street. The Awards are given to individuals and organizations in the organization's nine-county area that have made outstanding efforts in the preservation of their homes, public buildings, historic properties, and landscapes. The event is free and open to the public. Award winners include:

Barber Conable Award

The Barber Conable Award recognizes a large-scale rehabilitation of an historic building in our region completed within the past two years. This includes buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places and projects utilizing the Federal Investment Tax Credit Program.

- Carriage Factory Apartments
33 Litchfield Street, city of Rochester.
- 300 Alexander
300 Alexander Street, city of Rochester

The Carriage Factory Apartments were originally built in 1908 as part of the Cunningham Carriage Company's vast manufacturing complex. This industrial building has been rehabilitated into 71 loft-style, affordable apartments by the DePaul Properties, Inc. The world-renowned Cunningham Company produced carriages, motor vehicles, and plane motors in this building. After decades of vacancy, the building was acquired by DePaul Properties, Inc. Listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places, the building was rehabilitated using the Federal Investment Tax Credit program. This \$23.5 million project was designed by SWBR Architects, with Christa Construction as project contractor.

300 Alexander is a major project which features a former seminary dormitory rehabilitated into luxury apartments. Built in the 1870s as Trevor Hall for students at Rochester Theological Seminary, it continued its residential use through the early 20th century. In the 1940s, it was used as a barracks for World War II Army flying cadets. Acquired by Mark IV Enterprises, the Neo-Classical style building has been rehabilitated into 58 luxury apartments. Listed in the National and State Registers of Historic Places, 300 Alexander was rehabilitated using the Federal Investment Tax Credit program. This \$8 million project was designed by Bero Architecture, PLLC, with Barkstron & LaCroix Architects, working with developer Mark IV Enterprises.

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is for the sympathetic rehabilitation of an historic building or structure in our 9-county region completed within the past two years.

- Hilton Garden Inn
155 East Main Street, city of Rochester

This distinctive project features the transformation of a former 1920s department store into a modern hotel. One of only three department stores designed by architect J. Foster Warner, this elegant, 1924, Beaux Arts building was originally the home of the National Clothing Company. Located in the city's shopping district, the store continued operation until the mid 1970s. In recent decades, commercial and banking tenants occupied the building. Acquired in 2013 by DHD Ventures, the building underwent a creative rehabilitation and expansion into a 116-room boutique hotel. This \$16 million project opened in March of this year. Listed in the National and State Registers of Historic Places, the building rehabilitation was completed using the Federal Investment Tax Credit program.

- Birkett Landing
130 Water Street, village of Penn Yan, Yates Co

Standing prominently above Keuka Lake Outlet in the village of Penn Yan, this challenging project features the adaptive reuse of three, former industrial buildings as a mixed-use complex with 6,000 square feet of commercial space, 13 upscale apartments, and a fitness center. Constructed between 1850 and 1900, these heavy-timber-frame industrial buildings were previously owned by Birkett Mills, one of the largest producers of buckwheat products in the world. They were acquired by developer Chrisantha

Construction Corporation, Inc., who worked with architects Mossien Associates of Rochester and Iverson Construction Corporation of Gorham, NY to complete this \$6 million project. Listed in the National and State Registers of Historic Places, the buildings were rehabilitated using the Federal Investment Tax Credit program.

Historic Landscape Award

The Historic Landscape Award recognizes and encourages the preservation, restoration and stewardship of historically significant landscapes in our 9-county region.

- Linwood Gardens
1912 York Road, town of York, Livingston Co.

One of the Genesee Valley's most enchanting destinations was created between 1901 and 1910 by Boston landscape architect Thomas Fox for William H. Gratwick II, a prominent Buffalo industrialist. Third and fourth generation Gratwicks continue to reside here. Listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places, this 300-acre property is renowned for its designed gardens, whimsical architecture and tree peony collections, which were first developed in the 1940s by William H. Gratwick III. The gardens are open to the public during the annual "Tree Peony Festival" in May.

Historic Home Award

The Historic Home Award is given to owners of private residences for their continued care of and commitment to the preservation of an architecturally significant house over a minimum of seven years.

- 140 Brookwood Road
Brighton, New York
Owners: Michael & Elizabeth Brandt

This handsome Tudor Revival style residence was built in 1929 from a design by Rochester architect Leander McCord. It was originally the model home for the Brown Brothers' extension of their successful "Browncroft" residential development. This Brighton neighborhood features winding roads, generous lots, and the "Triangle of Safety" park all created by landscape architect Francis Hastings Gott. The house was purchased in 2004 by the Brandts, who are only the fourth owners of this property. The rehabilitation of the house, a decade-long project, required extensive interior and exterior work, including roof repair, copper flashing, new gutters, and woodwork restoration.

Paul Malo Award for Community Preservation Advocacy

- Alice Burdick
Village of Dansville, Livingston Co., NY

A member of the Landmark Society's Regional Preservation Network Committee since the late 1980s, Dansville resident Alice Burdick has been an outstanding advocate for historic preservation in Livingston County. If you want to know what's happening in the greater Dansville area – politics, real estate, business, tourism - ask Alice! Her networking initiatives through countless public programs and dinner meetings (often at her house), have connected residents with preservation professionals from regional and state organizations. These partnerships have resulted in many successful preservation projects, including the listing of buildings and Dansville's Main Street Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places. Her knowledge of the community and savvy instincts for preservation planning have also benefited adjacent communities such as Ossian, Sparta, and her hometown of Cohocton. With Alice's ongoing support, the Dansville community has completed an impressive number of projects, which resulted in their selection as the host community for our 2011 Annual Preservation Conference.

Special Achievement Award

The Special Achievement Award recognizes accomplishments that have occurred over a lengthy period of time.

- Robert Englert
Historic Preservation Program Analyst for Rochester/Genesee Valley region,
1985 - 2015
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

A native of Rochester's 19th ward, Bob began his preservation work as a high school student, when he volunteered at the Landmark Society in the 1970s. Studies at Syracuse and Cornell universities led to a career in historic preservation. In 1978, he completed a Landmark Society internship, compiling documentation for two applications to the National Register of Historic Places: Richardson's Canal House Inn and the Pultneyville Historic District. In 1985, Bob joined the field service division of the New York State Office of Historic Preservation. As a program analyst, his work took him throughout our region, where he coordinated Historic Resources Surveys, National Register nominations, and preservation outreach to communities. Bob established connections with first-time preservation advocates, assisting them with navigating government programs and regulations. Bob's methodical approach, combined with a razor-sharp sense of humor, established a record of preservation success stories. His commitment

to historic preservation over three decades resulted in the revitalization of countless historic resources and neighborhoods throughout the western New York region.

- Tania Werbizky
Regional Director for Preservation and Grant Programs, 1989 - 2014
The Preservation League of New York State

A member of the Preservation League of New York State for over 25 years, Tania was the first full-time employee of their newly created Technical Services program, when she joined their staff in 1989. During her time at the League, she helped countless New Yorkers to save the meaningful places in their communities, providing expertise, preservation strategies and boundless enthusiasm for New York's Historic places. She partnered with the New York State Council on the Arts, initiating some of the League's most successful programs, including the Preserve New York Grant and the Preservation Colleagues program. She was also instrumental in establishing the Rural New York Grant and the League's Upper Floors Workshop program. Tania also coordinated nominations to the League's "Seven to Save" program, which brings attention to historic properties that have the potential for rehabilitation. Tania has left a legacy of service and dedication to our region's historic resources that will benefit these communities for many years to come.

Special Citation

A Special Citation provides recognition for projects that do not fit into other categories or recognizes outstanding individual or group accomplishments in the field of historic preservation.

- Maplewood Neighborhood Association
- 19th Ward Community Association
- South Wedge Planning Committee
Rochester, New York

The Awards Committee recognizes these three outstanding organizations for their innovative urban revitalization strategies over many decades of work in their neighborhoods. With its historic architecture and magnificent Frederick Law Olmsted-designed parks, the Maplewood area has benefited greatly from the work of its neighborhood association, which celebrates the strengths and creativity of the residents, encourages home ownership, and maintains the character of the neighborhood. The designation and expansion of the National Register-listed Maplewood Historic District has proven a very successful strategy to encourage the rehabilitation of the historic houses located there. Celebrating its 50th anniversary this



year, the 19th Ward Community Association strives to preserve the residential character of its neighborhood by fostering a multi-racial community where people share a sense of pride and culture, as well as history. Recently, the Association sponsored the designation of four new National Register Historic Districts to further encourage the rehabilitation of its historic homes. The South Wedge Planning Committee is a partnership of neighbors and entrepreneurs working together to preserve the city's South Wedge Urban Village. SWPC began in 1975 as an outreach program of Calvary St. Andrews Church, with strong support from Rev. Judy Lee Hay. It has grown to include many diverse volunteers, whose leadership has resulted in the designation of a large National Register Historic District, to promote the renovation of the historic buildings in the neighborhood.

Craftsman Award

- Steve Jordan – preservation consultant and window specialist
Rochester, New York

With experience extending over six decades, Steve Jordan is an artisan, whose work as a skilled craftsman, preservation consultant, and author, has assisted property owners and design professionals, in restoring historic buildings throughout New York State. A native of western Tennessee with a Master's degree in historic preservation from Cornell University, Steve joined the Landmark Society staff in 1991 as our rehabilitation advisor and completed the award-winning, "Rehab Rochester: A Guide for Old-House Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation." Subsequent work at Bero Architecture, PLLC and as an independent preservation contractor was combined with articles for "The Old House Journal" magazine, as a contributing editor. A long-time advocate for historic windows and their repair, he recently completed "The Window Sash Bible: A Guide to Maintaining and Restoring Old Wood Windows," which puts his many decades of experience into one publication.

About The Landmark Society: *The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc. is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in America, serving nine Western New York counties. Formed in 1937, The Landmark Society continues to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning principles that foster healthy and sustainable communities. For additional information about The Landmark Society, visit www.landmarksociety.org. The Landmark Society is supported in part by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.*