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## Minneapolis Heritage Preservation 2015 Award Recipients



**MINNEAPOLIS, MN** -- The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, The Minneapolis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and Preserve Minneapolis announce the recipients of this year's preservation awards. The partners honor exemplary projects, individuals, and community organizations that celebrate and enhance the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis. These awards highlight the year's best achievements for transforming a historic property, building, or landscape and reinventing it to incorporate both new and old elements in a way that is respectful to the past. Projects are judged on attention to the quality of design, architecture, workmanship, and materials as well as the positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood and community.

The following honors were presented during the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission Awards luncheon on May 21:

Historic Restoration, Rehabilitation, or Adaptive Reuse Project

ASI Turnblad Mansion Kitchen Restoration  
Bennett-McBride House  
Grain Belt Office Building Rehabilitation  
Sandbo Roof Replacement  
Valspar Headquarters/VAST Rehabilitation

New Addition to an Historic Building

Emanuel Housing

Grassroots: Advocacy & Education

Legendary Homes of the Minneapolis Lakes

The Steve Murray Award

Barbara Bezat

For more information about each project, go to <http://www.aia-mn.org/features/press-releases/>



## About the Partners

### **American Institute of Architects**

*The American Institute of Architects Minnesota, founded in 1892, is dedicated to strengthening our communities, improving our built environment and providing exceptional design. For more information on the organization and Minnesota architectural firms, reference our Web site at [www.aia-mn.org](http://www.aia-mn.org) and pick up a copy of *Architecture Minnesota*, the award-winning architectural magazine of the Midwest.*

### **Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission**

*The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was formed in 1972 to serve as a citizen advisory body to the Minneapolis City Council. The HPC is part of a nation-wide network of groups dedicated to the preservation and celebration of our local and national heritage. The Commission holds public hearings on matters related to preservation twice each month. Projects that come before the commission are administered through professional preservation-planning staff in the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED). These meetings are specifically held so that the Commission can hear from the public on matters related to heritage preservation. The public is welcome to attend and highly encouraged to participate.*

### **Preserve Minneapolis**

*Preserve Minneapolis is a newly registered non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Minneapolis by recognizing, preserving, and revitalizing the architectural and related cultural resources of the city of Minneapolis. Founded in 2003, the group was originally brought together to attract the 2007 National Trust for Historic Preservation conference to the Twin Cities. Preserve Minneapolis hosts monthly discussions and tours highlighting preservation activities in Minneapolis.*

### **City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development**

*The City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) provides preservation related services within Minneapolis local government. These services include professional review for preservation permit applications, ongoing efforts to evaluate the historical significance of buildings and districts, recommendations for designation of local landmarks; prepares and administers design guidelines; conducts on-going research of eligible sites and districts; provides public education and community outreach programs; collaborates on the integration of historic preservation with City planning and development activities.*

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