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**Historic Wilmington Foundation 2015 Annual Awards Honor Preservationists**

This year's Preservation Awards ceremony was held on Thursday, May 22 at the historic New Hanover County Courthouse. This capstone event was just one of the many celebrations of National Preservation Month offered by the Foundation during May. The theme for National Preservation Month was "Preservation: A Foundation for the Future" and the awards are a reflection of the preservation at work in our community that inspires and engages the public and helps achieve the goal of preserving and using our historic resources to improve the quality of life in the lower Cape Fear region.

Each year, the Historic Wilmington Foundation Preservation Awards recognize restoration, rehabilitation, compatible new development, as well as preservation leadership and individual contributions to the field. One of the Foundation's highest awards, the **Katherine Howell Award** honors the contributions of a person to the furtherance of the Foundation's mission, and this year's recipient is David P. Thomas of DP Thomas Construction.

The Residents of Old Wilmington (ROW) and Wilmington Downtown (WDI) joined the festivities by each presenting one of their top awards to deserving recipients. ROW presented their annual *Good Neighbor Award* to Phoebe and Terry Bragg and WDI handed out its *Benjamin Halterman Award for Leadership in Preservation* to Don Lashley for the Ironclad Brewery project on North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Foundation executive director George Edwards expressed great pleasure with the evening's program. "It was a wonderful night. We had a large and enthusiastic crowd of preservation minded people from across our regional service area, and we honored 15 winners with awards of excellence. You couldn't ask for a better group of award winners." The list of all the honorees follows:

1. Outdoor Equipped, LLC, Chad Hankinson and Robert Hankinson for the Adaptive Reuse of the first floor space at the historic Efrid's Department Store at 272 North Front Street, for a new retail space.
2. Kimberly and Bill Hayden for the Restoration of the Governor Dudley Mansion at 400 South Front Street.
3. Dale and Patricia Nixon for the Rehabilitation of the John J. Fowler House at 417 South Front Street.
4. Dale and Patricia Nixon for the Restoration of the Hassel-Parsley House at 302 South Third Street.
5. Libby and Maureen Beccarino for Compatible New Construction at 221 North Seventh Street.
6. Everett Lewis for the Restoration of Black Rock Plantation at 7578 Old Stage Road, Riegelwood, NC in Columbus County.
7. Doris Best for the Rehabilitation of the Cyrus D. Hogue House at 219 North 16th Street.
8. Kathleen T. Egan for the Rehabilitation of the David G. Worth House at 410 South Second Street.
9. George and Nancy Bolts for the Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Allen-Woodward House at 406 South Third Street.
10. Gay Adair for the Rehabilitation of the Martin L. Stover House at 1813 Princess Street.
11. 5th and Orange, LLC for the Rehabilitation of the Eugene Philyaw House at 1802 Market Street.
12. Pender County Commissioners and County Staff an award for Leadership and Adaptive Reuse and Rehabilitation of the Topsail School for county offices.

13. Tom Davis, an award of Merit for his support of the designation of the Brookwood National Register District in Wilmington.
14. New Hanover County Development Services, an award of Merit for conducting the first review, survey and documentation of historic resources across New Hanover County since 1976.
15. The **Katherine Howell Award**: to David P. Thomas for an outstanding career in historic rehabilitation and years of contributions to the community furthering the mission of the Historic Wilmington Foundation.

The Historic Wilmington Foundation is a tireless advocate for historic preservation with local governments and the community at large. Our advocacy efforts have saved more than one hundred and fifty buildings since 1966 with our easements program and revolving fund. The Foundation has educated hundreds of property owners and developers about historic preservation and the tax incentives available for historic buildings. Finally, the Foundation's collaboration with the public schools on the *Tar Heels Go Walking* program has introduced more than 14,000 third graders and 1,000 parent volunteers to the historic architecture and history of downtown Wilmington.

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