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PRESERVATION AUSTIN CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF PRESERVATION MERIT AWARD WINNERS

AUSTIN, Texas, October, 19, 2020 – Commemorating the 60th year of the Annual Preservation Merit Awards, Preservation Austin is delighted to once again recognize ambitious and innovative approaches in preserving the city’s unique architectural, cultural and environmental heritage. This year’s 11 honorees represent categories from the preservation of cultural landscapes, to education efforts and the rehabilitation of historic properties.

With humble beginnings in 1960, the Annual Preservation Merit Awards honors projects and advocates who demonstrate inspired preservation efforts that defend Austin’s unparalleled legacy. “We love showcasing these projects and amplifying all the creativity and passion that makes them possible,” said Lindsey Derrington, Executive Director of Preservation Austin. “They show what historic preservation looks like in the 21st century and make Austin a more fulfilling place to call home.”

The 2020 Preservation Merit Awards includes an ensemble of diverse award winners. With projects including the reformation of a nearly 100-year-old machine shop into a contemporary beer hall and the rehabilitation of a historic Italian Renaissance Revival mansion, recipients of this year’s awards have gone above and beyond. The Special Recognition Awards segment also recognizes the likes of Public City and the Old Austin Neighborhood Association for their education and advocacy accomplishments.

Preservation Austin brings together professionals from the preservation, design and nonprofit worlds to serve on its jury each year and to select exemplary projects with community impact. The 2020 Preservation Merits Awards Jury included:

- **Erin Dowell**, Senior Designer, *Lauren Ramirez Styling & Interiors*
- **Melissa Ayala**, Community Engagement & Government Relations Manager, *Waterloo Greenway Conservancy*
- **Murray Legge**, FAIA, *Murray Legge Architecture*
- **Elizabeth Porterfield**, Senior Architectural Historian, *Hicks & Company*
- **Justin Kockritz**, Lead Project Reviewer, Federal Programs, *Texas Historical Commission*

Winners will be honored throughout the next month via social media and online promotions. To ensure the future success of preservation efforts in Austin and the advancement of the Preservation Merit Awards, visit: <https://www.preservationaustin.org/join-renew>

2020 PRESERVATION MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS



BAKER SCHOOL

Recipient: Tim & Karrie League

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation

Project by Weiss Architecture and Zapalac Reed

Construction

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MARY BAYLOR HOUSE

Recipient: Thomas Schiefer and Meghann Rosales

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation

Project by Thomas Schiefer and Meghann Rosales

Photo by Ana Sierra



BKCW INSURANCE

Recipient: Meredith & Tyler Spears

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation

Project by Mark Odom Studio and Franklin-Alan

Photo by Leonid Furmansky



THE CARPENTER HOTEL

Recipient: The Mighty Union

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation and Addition

Project by Specht Architects and DPR Construction

Photo by Chase Daniel



CENTRAL MACHINE WORKS

Recipient: Aaron Ashmore, Andrew Ashmore,
Rosa Santis, John Scott

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation

*Project by Maker Architects, Kartwheel Studio,
GC IE²*

Photo by Andrea Calo



THE PERCH

Recipient: Jeff Harper and Mark Seeger

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation and Restoration

Project by Jay Farrell, Architect

Photo by Leonid Furmansky



COMMODORE PERRY ESTATE

Recipient: Clark Lyda

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation and Cultural Landscape

*Project by Clayton & Little and Rogers-O'Brien
Construction*

Photo by Chase Daniel



ROSEWOOD

Recipient: Chas & Laura Spence, Jesse DeLeon

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation

Project by Mark Odom Studio and Fine Line Construction

Photo by Chase Daniel



SHIPE PARK SHELTER HOUSE

Recipient: City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department,
Friends of Shipe Park, Austin Parks Foundation

Preservation Award for Rehabilitation

*Project by PARD and Phoenix I Restoration and
Construction, Ltd*

Photo by Lindsey Derrington

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS



OLD AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Special Recognition for Public Service: Historic Resource Survey
of Downtown Austin



PUBLIC CITY

Special Recognition for Education: EastLink Trail Interpretive
Placemaking Plan Engagement

For more details, visit:

<https://www.preservationaustin.org/news/2020/preservation-merit-award-winners>

About: Preservation Austin has been our city's leading nonprofit voice for historic preservation since 1953. Our nonprofit exists to empower Austinites to shape a more inclusive, resilient, and meaningful community culture through preservation. By celebrating Austin's diverse heritage through education and advocacy, we work to make sure that our unique past is part of our shared future. For more information, visit [preservationaustin.org](https://www.preservationaustin.org) and find us on Facebook and Instagram (@preservationaustin) and Twitter (@preservationaus).

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