

23rd Annual Ann Arbor Preservation Awards



Preservation Awards

Presented in recognition of superior maintenance of a significant property to preserve its essential historical, cultural or architectural value for a period of 10 years or more.

Helen Pappas-809 E. Kingsley Street



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- Built in 1929
- Art Deco Style; features include Moorish overtones in the pointed arched doorway
- Old Fourth Ward Historic District
- Designed by local architect R.S. Gerganoff, who also designed the Washtenaw County Courthouse
- Pappas family has owned the building since 1992



Jeff and Marcia DeBoer-1515 Cambridge Road



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- Built in 1927
- Colonial Revival Style
- Preservation work includes meticulous restoration of all of the house's windows
- The DeBoer's have owned the home since 1997



Walter Spiller-548 S. Fifth Avenue



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- Built c. 1883
- Ann Arbor Vernacular Style; features include distinctive round window in the attic, two-over-two windows, heavy eave overhang
- Occupied by the Kern family from c. 1883 to the 1940s
- Walter Spiller purchased the property in 1977 and preserved it and four other properties on nearby Madison



George and Danielle Kuper-431 Highland Road



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- Built in 1927 for A.F. Shull, Associate Professor of Zoology at UM
- Designed by Wells Bennett, former UM School of Architecture Dean
- Tudor Style; features include Gothic arch doorway, half timbering, and the steep roof pitch
- The Kuper's have been preserving the house since their purchase in 1989



Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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- Built in 1895 and designed by Detroit architect Richard Rasemann
- Richardsonian Romanesque Style
- Church has remained on its original downtown, neighborhood site since it was built
- Bethlehem United Church of Christ is the oldest German church in Michigan
- An addition was constructed in 1935



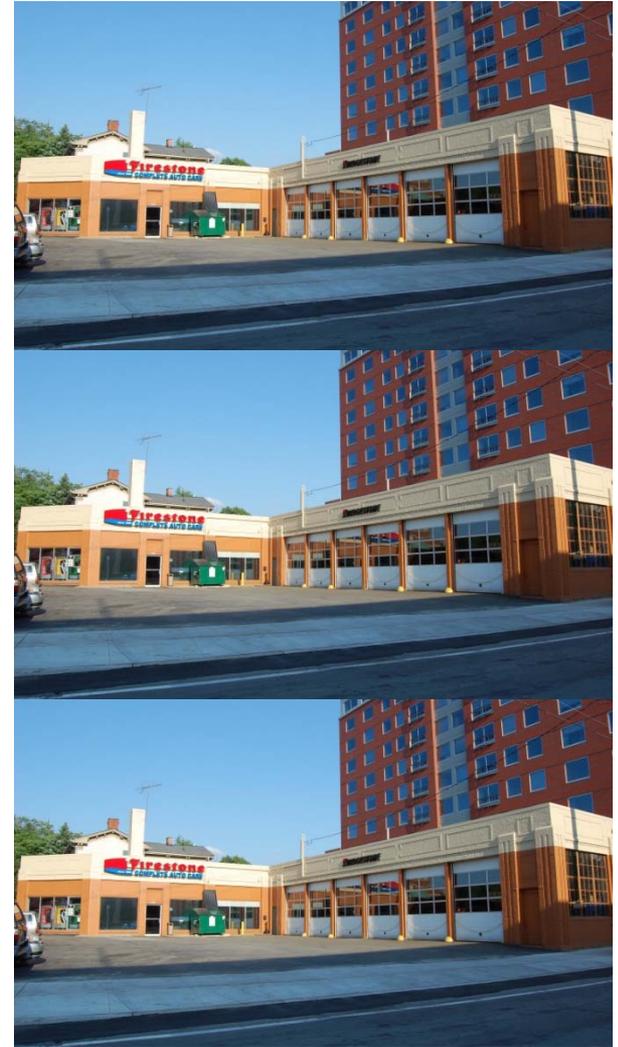
Firestone Complete Auto Care

402 E. Huron Street



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- Built ca. 1930s
- Art Deco Style
- Retains its original configuration and many of its original windows
- Building has also maintained its original use



Tom and Linda O'Brien-808 Lawrence Street



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- Built 1917
- Craftsman Style
- Old Fourth Ward Historic District
- Retained original features, including overhanging eaves, stone foundation porch, and different materials for the first and second floor
- Members of the O'Brien family have lived in the house since the 1920s



Alison Marsh-513 Second Street



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- Built ca. 1850
- Greek Revival Style; features include the long portion of the house facing the street and tiny eyebrow windows in the upper storey
- Old West Side Historic District
- Occupied by David Rupp, a cabinet maker, in 1868; the Gakle family resided there in the 1890s



Rehabilitation Awards

Presented in recognition of substantial work that returns a property to a state of utility through repair or alteration, facilitating contemporary needs but respecting the features of the property that are significant to its historic and architectural values.

Edward Shaffran/Shaffran Equities

306 S. Main Street



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- Built 1896 as a corset factory
- Beaux-Arts Style
- Main Street Historic District; Pratt Block
- Housed Kline's Department Store for almost 70 years
- Restored the elaborate cornice using services of the Detroit Cornice and Slate Factory, who built the original over 100 years ago
- Ed Shaffran began removing the false/metal front from its Kline days 15 years ago, which sparked renovation of other buildings in the 300 block



Inter Cooperative Council (ICC)

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- Built in 1894
- Second Empire Style; features include Mansard roof and elaborate turned porch posts and cutouts
- Old Fourth Ward Historic District
- Originally served as a boarding house and then Phi Chi, a medical fraternity
- Renovation work included new, energy-efficient windows, removal of the asphalt siding, and restoration of the wood siding and late 19th century porch
- ICC is one of the biggest holders of historic homes in downtown



Jean and Randolph Perry-1701 Hill Street



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- Built in 1894 for J. Playfair McMurrich, a UM Professor of Anatomy
- Colonial Revival Style with Craftsman elements in massing and details
- Believed to have been designed by Chicago architects Pond and Pond who designed the Michigan Union and League



Special Merit Awards

Presented in recognition of exceptional projects, landscapes or other unique preservation projects.

Scott Kunst/Jane Raymond-Old House Gardens

Heirloom Bulbs- 536 Third Street



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- Built in 1929 by Otto Koch who ran his plumbing and heating business out of it for decades
- Restored barn-like garage in rear of home to run their internationally famous mail-order nursery devoted to antique flower bulbs
- Renovation designed by Ann Arbor architect Marc Rueter
- Preserved the second story's unretouched wood ceiling and walls, repaired the old haymow windows, and used soy-based, closed-cell, spray-on foam insulation

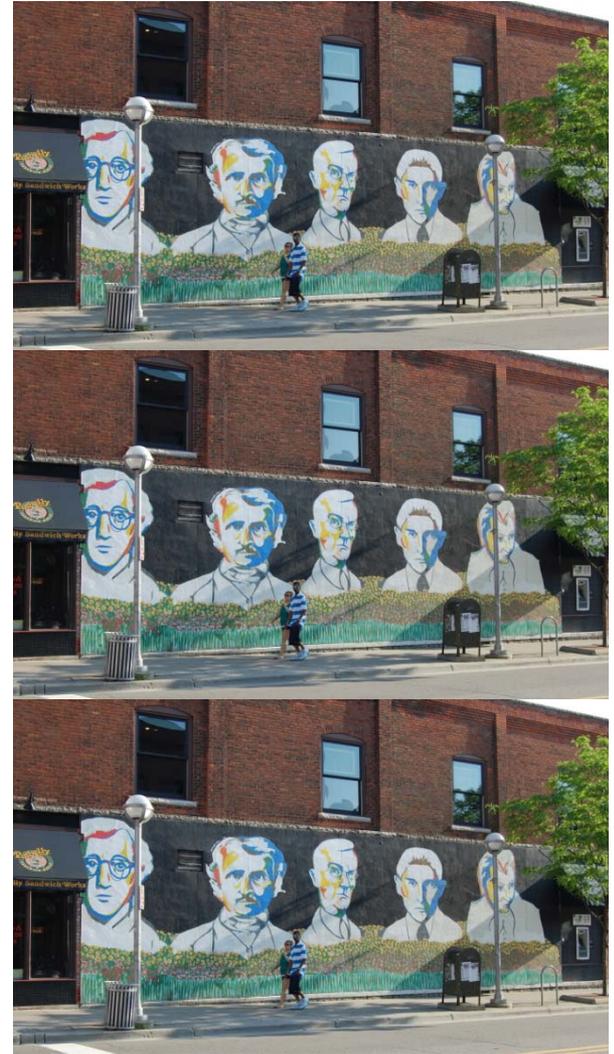


Jeff Hauptman/Oxford Companies-300 S. State Street



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- Painted in 1986 and restored almost 25 years later by the original artist
- State Street Historic District
- Depicting Frank Kafka, Anais Nin, Thomas Mann, Woody Allen, and Edgar Allen Poe, it remains a downtown landmark



Preservation Project of the Year

Presented for outstanding restoration or rehabilitation of a historic structure, incorporating both the highest standards of preservation and stewardship of our cultural resources.

Matt and Kelly Grocoff-217 S. Seventh Street



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- Built ca. 1901
- Ann Arbor Vernacular Style
- Old West Side Historic District
- “Net Zero” house is a great example of how to marry preservation and sustainability
- Members of Gauss family lived there from before 1910 until Gert Gauss sold it to Grocoffs in 2006
- Work includes installation of solar panels on roof and geothermal heating and cooling system; restoration of every window
- House has been featured in *Preservation* and *Hour Detroit* magazines



Congratulations to all of the
award winners!