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# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Ann Arbor Preservation Awards June 3, 2013

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# Awards Overview

- **Rehabilitation 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.
- **Preservation Awards** – Presented in recognition of substantial work that returned 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.
- **Special Merit Awards** – Presented in recognition of exceptional projects, landscapes or other unique preservation projects, including lifetime achievements and centennial recognition.

# Rehabilitation Awards



Ed Shaffran / 420 W Huron Associates L L C

Built in 1921 as the Free Methodist Church, this building served as the Washtenaw County Shelter for the Homeless for 30 years, from 1984-2004. The building was restored using archival photos by Ed Shaffran (420 W. Huron Associates, LLC) in 2005. It is now home to the Ann Arbor School of Yoga, whose owner Laurie Blakeney has been an excellent steward of the building.





# Preservation Awards

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Lottie Van Curler – 120 Packard

Built ca. 1848 by William W. Wines, an early pioneer from Connecticut, this house has been home to many important people in Ann Arbor's history. One family in the 1880s was that of Sedgewick Dean, whose daughter Elizabeth willed \$2million to Ann Arbor to take special care of its trees in 1964. Since 1965 it has been home to Lottie Van Curler who has maintained it in excellent condition. Former IHP (Individual Historic Property Historic District)



John Mouat & Lisa Mouat  
Snapp – 719 W Washington

This simple Queen Anne home was built in 1890 by Allmendinger, who founded the Ann Arbor Organ Company. The home featured an elaborate garden in the rear, with ponds and a gazebo. He raised his 13 children here, and a descendent lived in the house until 1992. John and Lisa purchased it from those original owners and updated it with preservation in mind. Historic aspects of the interior were retained, and they did significant landscaping, including the introduction of a spring-fed pond. Old West Side Historic District



Jayne Haas & Marie Coppa –  
711 W Washington

Judge Murray married Julia Allmendinger and built his Tudor house next door. He was the developer of both Murray and Mulholland Streets in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. This house has been lived in by Jayne Haas and later Marie Coppa since the 1970's. It was on the Old West Side Homes Tour in 1977 and 1985. Old West Side Historic District.



### **Susan Fisher – 212 Third Street**

This Queen Anne style home with many decorative bands of wood and shingling and an open front porch showcases some of the defining features for Old West Side houses. It was built by Staeb, the widow of J. George Staeb, who lived here until the 1930's. It has been well maintained by Susan Fisher since 1987 and has just been painted in vivid contrasting colors making the original designs pop out. It is one of the few houses on the Old West Side (OWS) with its original porch and spindles. Many OWS houses altered the porches in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, so this original one is very special. Old West Side Historic District.



### **Christine Stier & Tom Fricke – 222 North Seventh Street**

Julius Niehaus, a machinist, and his wife lived here from 1918 (the house is listed as “vacant” in the 1917 city directory) until the 1930's. This lovely arts and crafts house has been maintained in super condition by current owners Tom Fricke and Christine Stier since 1992.



### **Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority – 1550 Washtenaw Avenue**

This grand Tudor nestled in a deep setback off Washtenaw near “the Rock” was built in 1921 by the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Three pairs of brick pillars line the driveway and feature the Greek letters of the fraternity and the initials of law Professor Jerome C. Knowlton who lived next door. It was purchased in 1971 by the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority who has maintained it with loving care and touts it on its website. Washtenaw-Hill Historic District.



**Gregory & Margene Henry –  
1850 Washtenaw Avenue**

This Georgian Revival house was built in 1917 for Edward Larrabee Adams, professor of French at the University of Michigan. He hired local architect Samuel Stanton to design it. Stanton created something reminiscent of an 18<sup>th</sup> century New England house with a porticoed central entry, balustrated porch with Palladian windows and eyebrow dormers. It was occupied by Adams descendants until 1986. Since 1987 it has been the home of Dr. Gregory and Margene Henry who have maintained it in pristine condition. Former Individual Historic Property Historic District.



**John & Christa Williams –  
1115 Woodlawn**

Christian Eberbach, an immigrant from Germany who trained as a pharmacist before coming to the US in 1838, built this house in what was then the country to provide a healthful atmosphere for his children. In 1842, he founded the Eberbach & Company to manufacture equipment used by pharmacists and the company is still in business today. This Italianate villa style house was originally named “Woodlawn” and faced the stagecoach route on Packard Road. It has been the home of John and Christa Williams since 1987. They have maintained it in excellent condition, updating the kitchen and bathrooms and building a garage and converted a mud room into a sun room while keeping the same design elements. Former Individual Historic Property HD.



**Martha & Eugene Burnstein –  
2505 Geddes Avenue**

This 1887 Queen Anne farmhouse is a hidden gem, set far back from Geddes making it almost invisible in the summer. It was home to the Sleator Family for many generations; and old photos of it exist. It has been the home of Gene and Martha Burnstein since 1973 and they have kept it in wonderful condition with many historical elements preserved and enhanced. Especially notable is the lattice work on the porch, probably from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and their preservation of the old outhouse with three seats.



**David & Bethany Steinberg –  
1425 Pontiac**

Long recognized as an important stop on the Underground Railroad, this house was built by Rev. Guy Beckley, publisher of the Abolitionist newspaper the Signal of Liberty in the 1840's. This New England style Georgian house with center entry and symmetrical façade, also housed U-M architecture professor Ralph Hammett in the 1930's. Hammett restored what was then a run-down house and added the front portico. It has been lovingly maintained by David and Bethany Steinberg since 1997.



**Constance & David Osler –  
3081 Glazier Street**

Local architect David Osler constructed this house for his own use in 1960 and continues to live there today with his wife, Constance. He raised his family here and has altered it only slightly to accommodate his aging-in-place ideas.



# Special Merit Awards

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*Kristi  
Gilbert*

Kristi Gilbert – HDC Volunteer

Volunteer for the HDC Awards Committee, Kristi Gilbert has handled the public presentations for this committee for over five years and has added professionalism to our mission to educate the public with beautiful graphic designs for our invitations, power points and handouts.



George Taylor  
Tracey Miller  
Jane Carr  
H. Scott Diels  
-- Cobblestone Farm  
Association Board Members

These members of the Cobblestone Farm Association Board have dedicated themselves to this city-owned museum for over a decade. Cobblestone Farm Historic District.



First Martin Corp. – 116 West  
Huron, Ann Arbor Bus Depot  
Marquee Restoration

First Martin Corporation has restored the back-lit, blue neon signs and the steel and enamel marquee that have graced this Art Moderne bus depot since 1940. Former Individual Historic Property Historic District.





1942 Photo courtesy *Old News*

## 2mission design & development

The winners have restored the 1940 marquee and green color which was part of the Cunningham Drug Store chain's signature color. It is now their new Lena restaurant which, although totally modern on the interior, respected the exterior to preserve the 1940 design. Curtis Commercial of Ann Arbor owns the building. Main Street Historic District.

# Centennial Award

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## University of Michigan – Hill Auditorium

Hill Auditorium opened in May 1913 and has been in use ever since as a concert venue, graduation space, lecture hall and anti-war protests. It was restored to its original appearance in 2006 and kept its perfect acoustics while upgrading bathrooms, adding air conditioning, and other important infrastructure improvements.

# 2013 Preservationist of the Year

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## **Pauline Walters – Washtenaw County Historical Society**

Pauline Walters is being recognized for over 35 years of service to the preservation community. She has served as President and Secretary of the WCHS since the 1980's and has maintained its viability by being there daily since the museum opened in 1999. She has also served as a coordinator for the Washtenaw County Historical Consortium, on the board of the Kempf House and as a director of the Ann Arbor Historical Foundation.

# 2013 Preservation Project of the Year

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## Delta Upsilon Fraternity – 1331 Hill Street

The members and alumni of DU pulled together after a disastrous fire in 2008 and did a complete restoration of the building over a five-year period. Jeffrey A. Scott Architects and other Michigan craftsmen were hired for the job and paid great attention to repairing, restoring, or reconstructing period details. The restoration has won the prestigious “Building Award” from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, a statewide organization that encourages historic preservation.

The building was designed by Albert Kahn, the noted Detroit architect, and is the oldest fraternity in Ann Arbor still using its original building. It reopened in the fall of 2012 with a public open house, showcasing the wonderful work by many design professionals from Michigan. It is in the Washtenaw-Hill historic district. For photos as they progressed through the work, see:

<http://www.jscottarchitects.com/>

[http://www.jscottarchitects.com/delta\\_upsilon\\_fraternity\\_restoration\\_reconstruction.php](http://www.jscottarchitects.com/delta_upsilon_fraternity_restoration_reconstruction.php)