**2017 New Mexico Heritage Preservation Awards**

**Nomination Categories**

**Honors AWARDS—only one individual or project will be awarded in the honors’ categories for 2017.**

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** The highest level of recognition by the Cultural Properties Review Committee is for exemplary achievement and devotion to historic preservation in New Mexico. The award recognizes multi-faceted work by an individual, or an individual who has led a cause or an organization. It has been presented each year since 2004.

 **STATE HISTORIAN’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW MEXICO HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP** This award recognizes outstanding achievement in New Mexico heritage scholarship resulting from original research that provided new and important insights into archaeology, history, architectural history, or cultural history in New Mexico. The nomination must be completed with the assistance of the Office of the State Historian. Although not presented annually, nominations are encouraged each year. Please contact the State Historian’s Office at 505-476-7955 to discuss a nomination in this category.

**General Categories—multiple awards in the general categories may be awarded as in past years.**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE** recognizes exceptional efforts to comply with state and federal cultural protection laws and regulations. Completed projects that resulted from HPD-funded or administered initiatives are eligible, as are those funded independent of HPD. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to, survey and inventory, archaeological training and instruction, recordation, documentation, and interpretation.

**ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE** recognizes restorations, stabilizations, or rehabilitations of historic buildings, structures and objects or other efforts to preserve them. The category also recognizes outstanding projects completed using state and/or federal preservation tax credits or HPD grants. Recording, documenting or interpreting historic buildings, structures, districts and/or objects are recognized within this category as are exceptional efforts to meet state and federal preservation laws and standards.

**URBAN DESIGN WITHIN AN HISTORIC CONTEXT** recognizes new construction and/or rehabilitation of an existing building within an historic district or setting that contributes to the district’s historic nature or context and enhances the district’s sense of place. The category is appropriate for infill construction and adaptive re-use projects whose architecture and size are in scale to nearby buildings. The project should acknowledge its historic setting without mimicking historic styles.

**CITIZEN ADVOCACY “RITA HILL” AWARD** recognizes individuals and organizations who work to protect their communities against imminent threats to cultural resources. The award is presented to those who successfully mount a campaign to challenge and positively influence projects that had the potential to damage or destroy important cultural resources.

**INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT** recognizes professionals, nonprofessionals or preservation advocates in archaeology, anthropology, ethnography, history, architecture and related fields who have made significant contributions to preserving New Mexico’s cultural heritage. The award is particularly appropriate for “local heroes” who preserved buildings, structures, archaeological sites, cultural landscapes or other resources in their community or the state. Cultural resource management professionals who performed above and beyond expectations are eligible in this category.

**HERITAGE ORGANIZATION** recognizes efforts by government, private business, or non-profits that successfully preserved or promoted New Mexico’s heritage or cultural landscapes. It is particularly appropriate for projects completed through alliances of groups, corporations, private businesses, state or federal agencies, local units of government, universities, schools, and museums.

**TRIBAL HERITAGE** recognizes efforts by pueblos, tribes, and individuals to record, interpret, preserve, or hand down traditions through education, oral history or training about their pre-history, history, language or culture. Indigenous language preservation and oral history documentation are recognized in this category.

**HERITAGE PUBLICATION** recognizes books, pamphlets, articles, reports, Web sites, Apps and/or related products, and their authors or creators that have contributed to the understanding, accessibility and appreciation of New Mexico’s heritage.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLANNING** recognizes a community, organization or individual demonstrating excellence in planning and executing archaeological, architectural, heritage or cultural landscape preservation. Outstanding examples of engaging multiple entities to achieve a successful outcome and engage the public while maintaining the highest standards of design review in historic districts are recognized within this category, as are exemplary efforts by a Certified Local Governments, local organizations, or design review boards.

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**Requirements**

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**Nominations:** Award nominations will be ranked and only those scoring 75 percent or higher in five fields will receive awards from the Cultural Properties Review Committee. Ten awards will be presented. Multiple awards per category are possible with two exceptions. The categories of Lifetime Achievement and State Historian’s Award of Excellence in Scholarship will have only one recipient per category.

**Publications:** Two copies of nominated books or publications must be received by the Historic Preservation Division on or before **February 15, 2017**, so copies can be distributed to staff reviewers and the CPRC Awards Subcommittee. Nominations and photos for the publication category need not be submitted until the **March 14, 2017**,nomination deadline.

**ELIG*I*BILITY:** Preservation by individuals, organizations, or governments consistent with the programs and policies of the Historic Preservation Division are eligible for a Heritage Preservation Award. Nominations relating to the 2017 theme of improving the representation of minority cultures in documentation, research, or National and State Register nominations are encouraged, but all nominations are considered by merit.

* Nominated individuals are not required to be residents of New Mexico, although their work must benefit preservation in the state.
* Current Historic Preservation Division staff and Cultural Properties Review Committee members are not eligible for awards.
* Previous nominations that were not selected may be revised and resubmitted if they conform to current documentation requirements.
* Nominations may be made without the knowledge of the nominee. Self-nominations are accepted. Previous award winners are eligible for new, completed projects but the nominator should check with HPD to determine which activity was previously recognized.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION** (each nomination must include the following):

1. A completed nomination form. Downloadable forms are on HPD’s web site, [**www.nmhistoricpreservation.org**](http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org)**.** Please return by e-mail with five **(5)** medium-resolution digital photo files (at least 250 DPI) attached to tom.drake@state.nm.us. Mailed forms are available by calling 505-827-6320, but should be completed and returned on a CD, if e-mail is not possible. If a nominee is chosen for an award, his or her elected U.S, state and local representatives will be notified. Please complete allsections of the form.

2. Describe the project, organization or individual nominated in 400 words or less in the expandable space provided on the form. The description must include:

* The significance and duration of the project, and any challenges overcome;
* An explanation of how the project influenced the community and any impact at the local, state, or national level.
* A list of up to four organizations and individuals who participated in the project. Concisely state why each is nominated. The number of certificates per award is limited to four. Certificates are signed by four officials including the Governor.
* Provide a biography of 200 words or less for individuals nominated in the Lifetime, Rita Hill, Individual Achievement categories, or any individual(s) singled out in a nomination. Histories of 200 words or less are required for organizations, businesses and governments, etc. Explain the nominee’s relation to the project, community, and state. Biographies and histories must include the number of years in New Mexico, and preservation activities in or out of New Mexico.
1. A minimum of five **(5)** digitalcolor or black-and-white images or photographs of the project, organization and individual(s) nominated must accompany the nomination in a higher resolution jpeg or tiff formats. Files should be at least 200 pixels per inch. Prints on photographic paper are accepted, but photocopied images without digital originals are not. Photos embedded in documents are not accepted unless separate files are provided of each. Photos may be e-mailed with the nomination form, or burned onto a CD or flash drive and sent to HPD. Please identify people and places in the photographs with a caption list. Nominations sent by mail must include a prints of digital photos submitted on the CD. Photos and illustrations are used during the awards ceremony and for publicity. **Nominations without images will be returned**. Photos will not be returned unless specifically requested.
2. Supporting brochures, letters-of-recommendation, or news clippings cannot be substituted in lieu of a completed nomination or the required photographs. They are encouraged as supplemental information, digital photos of publication covers are strongly. Nominators in the Heritage Publication category must provide two copies of the publication to HPD by **February 15**.
3. Letters of recommendation are encouraged but are limited to three per nomination. They may not be substituted for incomplete sections of a nomination.

**DEADLINES:** All nominations must be received by **March 14, 2017**. Send completed nomination form with photo attachments to tom.drake@state.nm.us or mail a hard copy and CD with photos and completed nomination form to: N.M. Historic Preservation Division, 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501. Awards will be finalized at the **April 5, 2017**, CPRC meeting and you will be notified of the committee’s decision in a letter sent through the U.S. Post Office. Awards will be presented at the 45th annual Heritage Preservation Awards ceremony in mid-May. Date and location to be announced.