

# 2015 NEW MEXICO HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS

## NOMINATION CATEGORIES

### Honors AWARDS

**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 the state's (archaeology, history, architectural history, or cultural history). 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

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE**. Efforts to preserve and protect archaeological sites, and especially those demonstrating exceptional efforts to comply with state and federal cultural protection laws and regulations, or resulted from HPD-funded or administered initiatives. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to, survey and inventory, archaeological training and instruction, recordation, documentation, interpretation and projects completed through an HPD grant.

**ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE** is for the preservation, restoration, stabilization or rehabilitation of historically significant buildings, structures and objects or other efforts to protect them. The category recognizes outstanding use of state and/or federal preservation tax credits or an HPD grant. Recordation, documentation, and interpretation of historic buildings, structures, districts and/or objects are also eligible in this category as are exceptional efforts to comply with state and federal laws.

**URBAN DESIGN WITHIN AN HISTORIC CONTEXT** recognizes new construction and rehabilitation of an existing building in an historic district or setting that contributes to the district's historic context and enhances the area's sense of place. Especially appropriate for infill construction and adaptive re-use projects, the award is for architecture in scale with nearby buildings completed in a manner that acknowledges its historic setting without copying 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 change to projects that had the potential to damage or destroy important cultural resources.

**INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT** is for professionals, nonprofessionals or preservation advocates—archaeology, anthropology, ethnography, history, architecture and related fields—who have made significant contributions to preserving New Mexico's heritage and cultural landscapes. The award is particularly appropriate for "local heroes" who contributed to preserving the heritage of their community or the state. It recognizes efforts by cultural resource management professionals who performed above and beyond expectations.

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

**TRIBAL HERITAGE** recognizes efforts by pueblos and tribes to record, interpret, preserve, or pass on traditions through education, oral history or training about their pre-history, history, language or culture. Language preservation nominations are strongly considered.

**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 that has demonstrated excellence in planning and executing archaeological, architectural, heritage or cultural landscape preservation—including efforts to engage public participation—or has developed and maintained the highest standard for design review in historic districts. This award is particularly suitable for recognizing outstanding efforts by a Certified Local Governments, local preservation organizations or design review boards.

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## REQUIREMENTS

### ELIGIBILITY

Preservation activities by any individual or organization, or a project, in New Mexico consistent with the programs and policies of the Historic Preservation Division are eligible for a Heritage Preservation Award. Nominations relating to the 2015 theme examining cultural landscapes that inspired artists who lived or worked in New Mexico 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 complete nomination form. It is requested that forms be downloaded from the HPD web site at [www.nmhistoricpreservation.org](http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org) and returned with five (5) digital photo files attached by e-mail to [tom.drake@state.nm.us](mailto:tom.drake@state.nm.us). Forms can be mailed to nominators upon telephone request, 505-827-6320, but should be completed and returned on a CD. In the event a nominee is chosen for an award, his or her elected U.S, state and local representatives will be notified. Please complete *all* sections of the nomination.
2. A concise description between 300 and 500 words of the project, organization and/or individual nominated must be included in the nomination (see form). The description must address the following:
  - If the nomination is for a specific project, explain its significance, duration, and any challenges overcome.
  - Explain how the project influenced the community, and illustrate its impact at a local, state, and/or national level.
  - List the organization(s) and/or individual(s) who participated in the project. Only a maximum of four (4) certificates, signed by the governor and other officials, are allowed per award. Clearly state why the persons(s) included for awards are worthy of receiving one.
  - If nominating in the Lifetime or Individual Achievement categories, please provide a brief biography (200-words maximum) explaining the nominee's relation to the project, his or her community and the state. Provide a time sequence of years spent in New Mexico and explain other preservation activities at the local, state and national level, if appropriate.
3. A minimum of five (5) **digital** color or black-and-white images or photographs of the project, organization and individual(s) nominated *must* accompany the nomination. High resolution images in jpeg or tiff formats are strongly preferred. Files should be at least 1 megabyte in size or 200 pixels per inch. Prints on photographic paper are accepted, but photocopied images sent alone are not. Do not send photos embedded in Word or other document formats. Photo files may be e-mailed with the nomination form, or mailed on a CD to HPD. The names of persons in photographs must be included and a suggested photo caption for the image included on a separate sheet of paper. A print-out of digital images must accompany your nomination, but cannot be the sole source of images provided. HPD uses images at the awards ceremony and for publicity. Nominations without images will be returned.
4. Supporting brochures or news clippings cannot be substituted in lieu of photographs, but are encouraged as supplements to nominations. Heritage Publication nominations *must* include a copy of the publication(s).
5. Awards are made based upon the merits of the nomination. Letters of recommendation may not be submitted in lieu of a completed nomination but a maximum of three may supplement a nomination.

### DEADLINES

All nominations must be received by HPD no later than **March 12, 2015**. E-mail nominations to [tom.drake@state.nm.us](mailto:tom.drake@state.nm.us) or mail them to: N.M. Historic Preservation Division, 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501. Nominations will be reviewed by staff and CPRC subcommittees in March and voted on by the CPRC at its April 10, 2015, meeting. Notification letters will be sent by mail the following week to all nominators and award recipients. Awards will be presented at the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Heritage Preservation Awards ceremony scheduled for **May 8**, in Santa Fe, as a highlight of Heritage Preservation Month.