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HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD WINNERS TO BE HONORED MAY 4 AT ROXY THEATER Six projects to be celebrated

The Missoula Historic Preservation Commission will honor six people and projects for their efforts in historic preservation at the Missoula Historic Preservation Awards ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the Roxy Theater at 718 South Higgins Ave.

The awards celebration occurs during Historic Preservation Month and will include a presentation by Mike Monsos titled "Why Preserve," a slide presentation of the winning recipients and presentation of the award certificates. Recipients will have the opportunity, if they wish, to briefly describe their projects and the motivations for undertaking them. The public is invited.

2017 Award Winners:

Providence Montana Health Foundation— St. Patrick House

Public & Private Organizations/Most Compatible Addition: The St. Patrick House was built in 1910. The building underwent several changes over the 100+ years but has always been a building that has provided a great service to the community. This addition fits with the historic character and proportions of the original building thanks to the design sensitivity of the owners, who worked with CTA Architects and Jackson Contractor Group.

Historical Museum at Fort Missoula – “An Alien Place: The Fort Missoula Detention Camp 1941-1944”

Public & Private Organizations: Preservation Information & Education: This documentary tells the story of the imprisonment of more than 2,000 foreign nationals during World War II. It was shot in and around Fort Missoula using the actual locations and artifacts housed at the museum. The film includes reenactments of the detention proceedings and lots of archival footage. The documentary was filmed by North by Northwest Entertainment and included work done by history expert Diane Sands and journalist Carol Valkenburg.

Historical Museum at Fort Missoula – “The Place We Live: The History of Missoula’s Neighborhoods”

Public & Private Organizations: Preservation Information & Education: This exhibit opened at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula on July 4, 2015. It explored the neighborhoods of Missoula and the people who lived there. The exhibit required extensive research and involved hands-on learning experiences. Key people working on this exhibit included curator Nicole Webb and education director Kristjana Eyjólfsson of the Historical Museum

Missoula Cemetery Board of Trustees – Stories and Stones

Dorothy Ogg Award: The Stories and Stones project was developed by the Missoula City Cemetery and the Missoula City Cemetery Board of Trustees. It is a historical tour of the City Cemetery that has been occurring annually since 2001. It is a free, annual self-guided walking tour featuring about 35 storytellers. It's been an outstanding way for the public to relate to our past.

Missoula County – Paxson Paintings

Centennial Award: The eight murals are dated between 1852 and 1919 and were originally installed in the Missoula County Courthouse in 1914. In 2012, the murals were removed for the renovation of the Courthouse and were reinstalled in 2016. The paintings were originally painted on the plaster walls. In 1981, an expert conservator came in and took the paint off the plaster and placed it on a canvas on an aluminum frame. Doing so revealed two other paintings underneath the other paintings. All of the murals have been set in new wooden frames. The removal and reinstallation team included Missoula County, A&E Architects, Maxus Consulting Engineers, Jackson Contractors Group, Burnich Frame and Moulding, Amanda Paints All of Missoula and Hogarth Fine Art of Canada.

A Special Merit Award will also be announced at the event.

For information go to www.missoulapreservationawards.org.