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MISSOULA HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS CEREMONY SET FOR MAY 2

Outstanding Work to be Honored with Eight Awards

The Missoula Historic Preservation Commission will honor seven outstanding projects and one outstanding individual with its 2014 Historic Preservation Awards at the annual ceremony on Friday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Governor's Room at the historic Florence Hotel, 111 N. Higgins Ave. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served beginning at 6 p.m., provided by Preserve Historic Missoula.

The awards ceremony occurs as part of Missoula's celebration of National Historic Preservation Month. Nicole Webb, curator at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, will deliver the keynote speech, introducing the museum's new "Growing the Garden City" exhibit. A slide presentation of the award winning projects will be featured as well. The awards celebration will include a slide presentation of the award-winning projects with discussion by the award recipients. The event is open to the public. RSVP to the commission at Lschwab@ci.missoula.mt.us or by calling Leslie Schwab at 552-6638.

2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS

DR. ROBERT BROWN

Dr. Robert Brown is retired recently after 23 years of work with the Fort Missoula Historical Museum as the executive director. Brown has a doctorate in early American history from the University of New Hampshire. He taught college history courses in New Hampshire, and he has worked in museums since 1980. He has been executive director of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula since 1991. Brown has served on the board of the Mountain-Plains Museums Association and the Council of the American Association for State and Local History; he is a peer reviewer for the American Association of Museums;

and, in his spare time, he performs first-person presentations as C.P. Higgins, founder of Missoula, and Major Charles C. Rawn, founder of Fort Missoula.

CARLTON CHURCH

This Methodist Church dates to the 1880s, and restoration work began in 2001. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and its restoration was completed in 2011.

THE WILMA: CORNICE RESTORATION

In 2011, innovative scaffolding placed on top of the Wilma made possible the restoration of the ornate elements of the Wilma's cornice.

THE TOP HAT LOUNGE

Alterations to the exterior include replacement of the glass-block ribbon windows and non-original storefront with divided-light windows and installation of a new canopy and signage.

THE PEAK HEALTH & WELLNESS: DOWNTOWN

This 1930s industrial/commercial building (most recently Artcraft Printers) used historic tax credits for its adaptive reuse into a state-of-the-art health club in downtown Missoula in 2013.

THE BURNS STREET BISTRO

This 1950s warehouse has been adaptively reused as a neighborhood food co-op, bistro, and meeting space.

THE PALACE APARTMENTS (PALACE HOTEL)

Completed in the spring of 2013, this Certified Rehabilitation restored the building's exterior and renovated the interior for low-income housing (upper stories) and retail (first floor).

LEPIANE RESIDENCE

This one-and-a-half story Victorian cottage has been in the owner's family for three generations. Alterations to the original home include an addition to the side elevation, new roof, siding, windows, and porch railings.

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