

Heritage Barn Rehabilitation – Tum Tum Springs Dairy Barn

Our first award this afternoon is for outstanding Heritage Barn Rehabilitation. The Heritage Barn Preservation Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the preservation and awareness of Washington's historic barns. This year's recipient is the Lawffer family for their rehabilitation of the Tum Tum Springs Dairy Barn. Where there is a will, there is a way, and with a history of use by five generations of the Lawffer Family, saving their heritage barn was an easy decision. The barn was built around 1900 in rural Clark County, in the community of Amboy, and was used primarily as dairy barn. Their rich Tum Tum Springs Butter was well known in Southwest Washington. Age and heavy use by the Lawffer Family for over 120 years had taken its toll on the barn. Rotten posts and sills, and inadequate footings had left the side walls of the barn dangerously slopping outward. Using funds from our Heritage Barn Rehabilitation Grant program, the Lawffers gave the Tum Tum Springs Dairy a new lease on life. The project included a completely new foundation, new stem walls were added to

strengthen areas of heavy use, and rotten beams were replaced in-kind. Once the building was square and true, new board-and-batten siding was custom milled to match the existing siding. Congratulations to the Lawffer Family for a job well done.

Historic Preservation Planning – Cannon Streetcar Suburb, Spokane County

The next award presentation is for Outstanding Achievement in Preservation Planning. This award recognizes achievement by individuals or organizations for their efforts in laying the groundwork for the long-term preservation of important historic resources. Recipients in this category have established and maintained effective protective mechanisms such as preservation plans, programs, or processes. This year's award for Outstanding Achievement in Preservation Planning goes to the Cannon Streetcar Suburb Historic District Sub-committee. The designation of Spokane's Cannon Streetcar Suburb Historic District in March of this year was the culmination of a seven-year collaborative, grassroots effort

that stands as a case study in preservation planning excellence. After outreach by the Historic Preservation Office was sidelined by Covid, a cohort of neighbors stepped up to advocate for the district. The Historic District Sub-committee is honored for their hard work in making the historic district a reality. Steve Blaska, Ian White, Nick Reynolds, Roger Takiguchi, Melissa Flynn, Abil Bradshaw, Judy Madden, Wai Landry and Dustin Hall used grant funding from the Spokane Preservation Advocates and their own money to create yards signs and door hangers. They completed mailings to district property owners and created a "Friends of Cannon Streetcar Suburb Historic District" Facebook page. They knocked on doors, staffed an information booth at the annual block party and hosted informational open houses. Their dedication met with a successful vote among neighborhood residents and unanimous approval of the district by City Council. Their perseverance and ultimate success are an inspiration to all of us who treasure and work to preserve Washington's historic places.

Outstanding Rehabilitation – Valerie Sivinski Award – Beverly Bridge

We now turn to awards in the Historic Rehabilitation Category. Awards in this category recognize projects resulting in exemplary rehabilitation of historic buildings or structures. Award-winning projects must demonstrate that completed work meets or exceeds the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The award for outstanding rehabilitation is named in fond memory of Valerie Sivinski, a talented Tacoma architect, dedicated preservation advocate, and good friend.

The first presentation in this category goes to Washington State Parks, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and ExcelTech Consulting for the rehabilitation of Beverly Bridge in Grant County. The Beverly Bridge project embodies the power of community partnerships at their finest. The former railroad bridge was constructed in 1909 to connect Milwaukee Road's transcontinental route from Chicago to Puget Sound, traversing one of the most challenging crossings of the Columbia River. This feat of engineering fell into disrepair after the bankrupt company abandoned the line in 1980. Damage from a 2014 wildfire landed it on the Washington Trust's most endangered places list in 2017. Through advocacy and support from organizations invested in the region's historic preservation, recreation, and revitalization, the Beverly Bridge was repurposed as a trail for hikers, cyclists, and equestrians. Advocates for the

project include the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders, Friends of the Kittitas Depot, City of Kittitas, Kittitas County Public Utility District, Palouse to Cascades Trail Coalition, Cascade Rail Foundation, and Rails to Trails Conservancy. The cost-effective rehabilitation plan preserved the grand appearance of the historic structure with minimal site disturbance resulting in a critical investment in Washington State tourism that will enrich the lives of Washingtonians for generations to come.

Outstanding Rehabilitation – Valerie Sivinski Award – Lincoln Hotel

The next recipients of the Valerie Sivinski Award for Outstanding Rehabilitation are Karen and Jerry Allen, who are recognized for their tireless dedication and community-revitalizing devotion to the rehabilitation of the Lincoln Hotel in Lincoln County. Opened in 1902, the hotel was built by local ranchers and farmers in the heart of Lincoln County, one of the largest wheat producing counties in the nation. This beautiful hotel was at the cornerstone to development in Harrington, WA. It housed working people as well as travelers and visiting dignitaries. This hotel was innovative in that it had a pressurized water system and was provisioned with electricity before electricity was available in the city. Each room was heated with a coal stove. Since 2009 the hotel has seen ongoing restoration by Karen and Jerry along with help from community members, family, and friends.

Just this year, the building welcomed its first businesses, and will soon open again to travelers. Congratulations, Karen and Jerry. Your revitalization of the historic Lincoln Hotel is a gift to the people of Harrington and Washington State. Thank you.

Outstanding Rehabilitation – Valerie Sivinski Award – Tokeland Hotel

Today's final recipient of the Valerie Sivinski Award for Outstanding Rehabilitation goes to Heather Earnhardt and Zac Young of Pacific County. Heather and Zac are recognized for their thoughtful rehabilitation and innovative commitment to the Tokeland Hotel, the oldest continuously operating hotel in Washington State.

In 1885 Elizabeth and William Kindred built the current structure as a home and haven for travelers. The Kindred's developed a golf course, dairy, oyster farm and a post office, with William serving as postmaster. Its development spurred by the Willapa Bay timber industry in the late 1800s, Tokeland became famous for its fresh seafood. Vacationers from Seattle and Portland traveled by train to South Bend, then by steamer to the Tokeland dock where William Kindred would greet them and take them by horse drawn bus to the hotel. Today, in the true spirit of the Kindred's tradition, Heather and Zac, along with their five children now call Tokeland their full-time home. They keep a large wild garden and serve fresh, locally sourced food at their hotel restaurant, The Wandering Goose.

Situated on a tiny peninsula surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and Willapa Bay, the Tokeland Hotel is a coastal Washington gem and an anchor of its community. Congratulations, Heather and Zac; and thank you for your contributions to the preservation of Washington history.

Outstanding Sustainable Rehabilitation – Climate Pledge Arena

The next award presentation is for Outstanding Sustainable Rehabilitation. This award recognizes projects that demonstrate the carbon-reducing potential of rehabilitation over demolition and new construction. We are honoring Climate Pledge Arena in King County as both inspiring preservation of Washington's 1960s-era history and as a milestone of climate action. Designed by renown midcentury architect, Paul Thiry for the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle, the massive hyperbolic paraboloid coliseum housed the "World of Tomorrow" exhibit, with displays predicting what life might be like in the year 2000. Yet, as the years passed, time caught up to the building. In 2017, when faced with the decision to keep or demolish this former vision of Seattle's future, the Seattle Center Redevelopment group working with property owners, Oak View Group; preservation consultant, Historic Resources Group; and Populous Architecture and Planning, made this project viable through the Federal Historic Preservation

Tax Credit program. Other project team members included General Contractor Mortenson; Thornton Tomasetti Engineers; ME Engineers; local architect, DLR Group; and landscape architect, Swift Company. While this project is by far the largest tax credit project ever completed in Washington, it is much more meaningful as an example of sustainability, because its preservation sequestered the critical amounts of carbon that would have otherwise been released from the construction of a new stadium. As its name states, Climate Pledge Arena provides an image of the future we must continue to strive for.

Outstanding Career Achievement – Linda Haglund

We now turn to the Awards for Career Achievement. This award recognizes the outstanding contribution of an individual over a substantial span of time to the practice of historic preservation. Recipients include those whose commitment to preservation is professional or avocational. This year, there are two presentations made in this category. The first award for outstanding career achievement goes to a stalwart of the Main Street Program, Linda Haglund of Chelan County. Linda is a culture-builder and, over more than a decade in Main Street, contributed almost as much to the positive culture of the Washington State Main Street Program network as she has to the culture of her own beloved Main Street community in

Wenatchee, which she served as Executive Director of the Wenatchee Downtown Association from 2011 to 2022.

Linda boldly uses words like “family” and “heart” and “cheerleader” to refer to her work. She is the first one to say “welcome”, to take someone under her wing, or to send a message out of the blue that lets you know that she sees you and appreciates you. Linda will say that she’s usually not the most qualified person at the table, and yet she’s moved mountains through her ability to highlight opportunities and convene the right players. She is the ultimate champion for her hometown and its beloved small businesses, property owners, and for her “Main Street family” near and far. Linda’s mix of tenacity, encouragement, and unrelenting optimism made her a critical leader in her hometown and throughout the state. Her work reflects her beliefs – that everybody has gifts they can share, and that we make a difference one person at a time. Thank you, Linda Haglund, for all that you have achieved for the city of Wenatchee and for the community of Main Street participants across the state.

Outstanding Career Achievement – Dennis Lewarch

The next award for Outstanding Career Achievement is presented to Dennis Lewarch, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Suquamish Tribe in Kitsap

County. Dennis has played a key role in the public advocacy, education, and protection of a wide range of archaeological, historic, and Native American traditional places throughout Washington State. Dennis has been involved in Washington archaeology for the past 45 years, as a professional archaeologist associated with the University of Washington, as a private consulting archaeologist in Western Washington and the Pacific Northwest, and for the past sixteen years as the Suquamish Tribes' Historic Preservation Officer.

Dennis's dedication and attention to detail has strengthened the protection of our state's cultural resources. Dennis is a devoted and thoughtful voice in protecting and assuring the consideration of archaeological and cultural values. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we acknowledge Dennis for his enduring commitment to protection, education, and greater sensitivity for Washington's cultural heritage. Thank you, Dennis.

Outstanding Lifetime Achievement – Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova

This year we are honoring two individuals with the award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement. This award celebrates those very special people who have dedicated decades to keeping alive the history and traditions of their cultural heritage and whose work will enrich the lives of countless people for generations.

Our first award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement goes to Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova of King County.

“Auntie Dorothy” as she is affectionately known, is honored for her outstanding lifelong contribution to the preservation of Filipino American history. At 91-years-old, Dorothy has been the volunteer Executive Director of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS), since she founded the non-profit organization in 1982. Ten years later, FANHS introduced the resolution for the nationwide observance of October as Filipino American History Month. Today, there are 42 FANHS Chapters across the country, a FANHS National Museum in Stockton, California, and the FANHS National Office and National Pinoy Archives in Seattle, which holds one of the largest collections of Filipino American history in the world. All of this has been done by volunteers, a testament to Auntie Dorothy’s selfless leadership and infectious passion. Although she announced her intention to retire from FANHS in 2024, to transition to “Resident Researcher”, Auntie Dorothy can still be found at the FANHS National Office every day, answering phone calls and email inquiries, giving interviews, hosting students, sharing photographs and documenting the layered history of Filipino Americans.

Thank you, Auntie Dorothy, for a lifetime of generosity and commitment to FANHS, and for ensuring that Filipino American history and culture will never be forgotten.

Outstanding Lifetime Achievement – Chester Cayou Jr

Today's final award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement goes to Chester Cayou Jr, (Pa-ya-hux-ton) of Skagit County. Chester was a revered Swinomish tribal elder and spiritual leader who passed away last spring. He was a medicine man and served as long-term Senator for Swinomish. As lead advisor to the smokehouse for many years, Chester maintained the living cultural resources and spirituality of the tribe, bringing in dozens of new initiates into the smokehouse societies, growing and maintaining the practice and preventing it from being watered down. He also worked to revitalize the long house tradition at Muckleshoot and helped with much spiritual work later in life at Puyallup. Through this work and leadership, Chester kept the ancient practices alive and inspired passion for them in tribal youth to carry them on for future generations. Chester was a legend, truly a mountain of a man. We are honored to present this posthumous award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement to the family of Chester Cayou, Jr.

Special Achievement – Padraic Slattery

Our final two awards today are for Special Achievement. This award recognizes individuals, organizations, programs, or special efforts that do not quite fit into the other award categories but have made a significant impact toward the preservation of cultural or historic properties. The first award for Special Achievement goes to Padraic (pad-ray-ik) Slattery of King County. Padraic is recognized for his thoughtful rehabilitation of midcentury buildings that would have been overlooked or demolished by most property developers. Many projects in Padraic's portfolio cater to historically underserved communities, including multi-family housing rehabilitation in Seattle's South Park neighborhood and the adaptive reuse of a 1944 bank building-turned-adult-entertainment-store in White Center into the Lumberyard Bar, an all-inclusive LGBTQ bar and restaurant, hosting anti-displacement events organized by the White Center Community Development Association. Other multi-family rehabilitation projects by Slattery include the Palm Court in Ballard; the Hurricane Building in West Seattle, and the Yacht Club, a 1954 apartment complex adjacent to the South Park Marina. The building had been a hub for criminal activity for decades and was in tear-down condition when Padraic acquired it. The project served as a catalyst to the revitalization of the neighborhood as a safe community. Padraic's most recent

multi-family project is the Riverside Lodge, a classic Marblecrete-clad apartment building that was rehabilitated to boutique-hotel-quality standards. The effort included exposing the concealed balconies along Cloverdale Street, installing landscaping featuring local driftwood and vintage canoes, and a studs-out renovation of the apartment units. While the project provided the South Park workforce with rental rates below 60% of the Area Median Income, the finish and quality of the property far exceed those of conventional affordable housing. We are pleased to celebrate the ongoing work of Padraic Slattery, whose projects demonstrate the intersecting interests of historic preservation and providing affordable housing that inspires a sense of place and pride among residents and neighbors. Thank you, Padraic, for supporting underserved communities through these wonderful projects.

Special Achievement – Northport Visitor Center

The second award for Special Achievement, and the final award presentation today, goes to the Northport Historical Society for their leadership in transforming the historic Gallo House into the Northport Welcome Center and Artisan Gallery. The unique, 1901 Dutch Colonial Revival home stood vacant for over 5 years until volunteers with the Northport Historical Society stepped up to save it from the

wrecking ball. With a vision to turn the building into a Welcome Center, museum and artisan gallery for the community, the society tackled the project head on with a strong preservation plan and a goal to raise \$250,000. The project included the purchase of the house, as well as a full rehabilitation of the building and its surrounding grounds. Local donations were supplemented by a Capital Heritage Grant from the Washington State Historical Society for \$74,500 as well as over 2,500 volunteer hours. Unique to the project, and an example for other like projects to follow, was the volunteer efforts by the Washington State National Guard. Engineering Company #176, based out of Snohomish, brought skilled labor to the site over several visits. The Guard replaced the roof, installed new electrical systems, insulated the house, completed the kitchen and bathrooms, repaired siding and built the rear deck - complete with an ADA ramp. Billeted in a nearby school, local business provided food for the troops and off-hour activities for the group such as fishing, hiking and boating. The engagement of the National Guard to get the needed skilled labor to the remote project location is an inspiring example of resourcefulness and of people from across the state coming together as a community to save a piece of our shared history. We are pleased to present this award for Special Achievement to the Northport Historical Society.

