

**SOMERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
2020 DIRECTOR'S & PRESERVATION AWARDS**



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NOMINATION FORM

Your Name: _____ Owner's Name (if known): _____
Telephone #: (day) (eve): _____ E-mail: _____
Address of property being nominated and judged: _____

1. Describe the property briefly (e.g. single-family house, commercial property, date and style to the best of your knowledge).
2. Do you own this property? If so, for how long? If not, relationship to property (e.g. neighbor, passerby, contractor...)
3. Has the building had recent work done on it? When?
4. Describe the work that was done (if known) to restore the architectural quality or maintain the historic fabric of this building. What is most wonderful about this work? Include photographs if available – “before” and “after” shots are especially effective.
Note: We are not likely to return application materials, including photographs, so please include copies, not originals. Digital photos are ideal and may be included on disk.
5. If new work was not done, but repair and replacement work was recently undertaken to maintain the property's distinctive architectural character, please describe the historic elements, materials and/or workmanship that were preserved or restored (e.g. porch features, stained glass work, clapboard or shingle re-cladding).
6. Describe what you believe are the best features of the building. Does it reflect an important quality or character prevalent in its neighborhood (e.g. workingman's housing, large lot preservation, garage or carriage house)? What is special or distinctive about it (e.g. adaptive reuse of structure, owner sweat equity, turnaround of long-term neglect)? Is it an especially good example of a particular architectural style (e.g. Greek Revival, Mansard, Queen Anne, etc.)?
7. Please share any information on the history of the house or its owners that would be of general interest.

Additional comments & visuals are appreciated & may be attached on a separate piece of paper.

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission

ELIGIBILITY

Preservation Award: Any residential, public or commercial property that has been designated a Somerville Local Historic District Property and has had qualifying preservation work *completed* on it between **January 2017** and **December 2019** is eligible for recognition.

Director's Award: In addition, any structure or building built before 1968 and which had qualifying exterior preservation work *completed* on it between **January 2017** and **December 2019**, may be eligible as part of the 2020 Preservation Awards Program.

PRESERVATION & DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Winners of Preservation and Director's Awards will receive an original piece of art representing their honored property that has been created by students at the Somerville High School, likely through the Art Department.

Students may visit the property in the winter or spring months to take further photographs of the exterior. These visits will enable the students to more accurately capture a building's unique architectural details, as well as learn more about the diversity of architectural styles and historical assets of their community. The winners may also be interviewed and appear in local media as part of the City's Preservation Month in May, and the final artwork will be displayed in local exhibit venues such as City Hall, the Somerville office of Century Bank, Nu Kitchen in Union Square and the Somerville Armory.

The awards will be presented to both the owners and the students at a formal ceremony held at the Somerville Armory at the culmination of Somerville's Historic Preservation Month in May 2020.

JUDGING PROCESS AND CRITERIA

A subcommittee of the **Historic Preservation Commission** will review each application and the attached submissions before making a site visit. Members of the Historic Preservation Commission are not eligible to participate in this program as they will judge each property based upon the following criteria:

1. whether the work is consistent with the building's original style and character;
2. the compatibility of the work with the rest of the property;
3. extent of work accomplished, large job or small, to return property to its best condition; and
4. the contribution or inspiration that the work gives to the surrounding neighborhood.

All decisions by the judges will be final.

Additional forms may be obtained from, and all nominations with supporting material, should be directed to:

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall – 3rd Floor
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Fax # 617-625-0722, or www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SHPC Staff, Brandon Wilson (Executive Director), Kristi Chase (Preservation Planner), or Morgan Griffiths (Preservation Planning Intern) at 617-625-6600 ext.2500 or via e-mail to: bwilson@somervillema.gov, kchase@somervillema.gov or mgriffiths@somervillema.gov.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Friday, December 6, 2019.