

SOMERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2012 DIRECTOR'S & PRESERVATION AWARDS



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NOMINATION FORM

Your Name: _____ Owner's Name (if Known): _____

Telephone Number: (day) _____ (eve) _____ e-mail: _____

Address of property being nominated and judged _____

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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. 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 recladding).
 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, turn around of long-term neglect)? Is it an especially good example of a particular architectural style (e.g. Greek Revival, Mansard, Queen Anne)?
 7. Please share any information on the history of the house or its owners that would be of general interest.

Additional comments are welcome and 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 2011** and **December 2012** is eligible for recognition.

Director's Award: In addition, any structure or building built before 1955, and which had qualifying exterior preservation work completed on it between **January 2011** and **December 2012**, may be eligible as part of the 2012 Preservation Awards Program.

PRESERVATION & DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Winners of Preservation and Director's Awards will receive an architectural drawing or original art of their honored property created by students in the Somerville High School Drafting and Art Departments. Students may visit the property in the wintertime to take measured drawings and photographs of the exterior. These visits will enable the students to accurately draw each building's unique architectural details, as well as, learn more about the diversity of architectural styles and historical assets of their community. The Somerville Journal may also interview the Winners as part of the City's Preservation Month, and the final artwork will be displayed in an exhibit at City Hall, likely the Somerville office of Century Bank and the Somerville Armory.

The awards will be presented to both the owners and the students at a formal ceremony held at the Somerville Museum at the culmination of Somerville's Historic Preservation Month in May 2012.

JUDGING PROCESS AND CRITERIA

A subcommittee of the **Historic Preservation Commission** will review each application and the attached submissions before making a site visit. 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) or Kristi Chase (Preservation Planner) at 617-625-6600 ext.2500 or via e-mail to:

bwilson@somervillema.gov or kchase@somervillema.gov

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Friday, November 18, 2011