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GRASSROOTS PRESERVATION AWARDS 2004

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004 6:00PM

ST. MARK’S CHURCH IN-THE-BOWERY GARDEN AND PARISH HALL
EAST 10TH STREET AND SECOND AVENUE
ST. MARK’S HISTORIC DISTRICT
MANHATTAN
The Historic Districts Council congratulates the neighborhood organizations and individuals whose outstanding work and commitment to preserving New York's architectural heritage is honored this evening.
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**Grassroots Preservation Awards**

The Historic Districts Council is the citywide advocate for New York's designated historic districts and for neighborhoods meriting preservation. The Council is dedicated to upholding the New York City Landmarks Law and to furthering the preservation ethic. This mission is accomplished through ongoing programs of hands-on assistance to more than 100 local community and neighborhood preservation groups and through public-policy initiatives, publications, educational outreach and sponsorship of community events.

HDC encourages neighborhood advocates to preserve, protect and improve their historic communities. In 1999, HDC gave the first Grassroots Preservation Awards to recognize their outstanding efforts. In addition, the awards include two special categories, “Friend in High Places” and “Friend from the Media,” to honor and acknowledge the dedication and support of officials and media who help the cause of historic preservation throughout the city. The Mickey Murphy Award, instituted in 2002, is a lifetime-achievement award that honors the memory of Mary Ellen (Mickey) Murphy, a Historic Districts Council board member and a long-time advocate for historic neighborhoods in Brooklyn and throughout New York City. She was tough and soft, wise and inquisitive. Mickey Murphy’s voice was a passionate one until it was stilled in January 2002 when she was 84.

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CONGRATULATIONS
Leo J. Blackman Architects
on your Historic Districts Council
GRASSROOTS PRESERVATION AWARD

With love,
Ken
Arthur, Sylvia & Fran

PAST GRASSROOTS PRESERVATION AWARDS

2000
Hamilton Heights/West Harlem
Community Preservation Organization
Elizabeth Ashby
The Coalition to Save P.S. 109
Save the Coogan! Coalition
Michael Gotkin
FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES AWARD
City Councilmember Jerome X. O’Donovan
FRIEND FROM THE MEDIA AWARD

2001
Daniel Donovan
Paul Graziano
“Reverend” Billy Talen
Marjorie Decker Johnson and James Ferreri
FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES AWARD
New York State Senator Thomas K. Duane
FRIEND FROM THE MEDIA AWARD
James Niccoloro

2002
Evelyn and Everett Ortner
Jackson Heights Beautification Group
Murray Hill Neighborhood Association
Save Gansevoort Market Task Force
Linda C. Jones
FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES AWARD
City Councilmember Dennis Gallagher
FRIEND FROM THE MEDIA AWARD
The City section, The New York Times

2003
CitiNeighbors Coalition for Historic Carnegie Hill
Josephine E. Jones
Senator Street 300 Block Association
Seaport Community Coalition and Manhattan Community Board 1
FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES AWARD
City Councilmember Michael McMahon
FRIEND FROM THE MEDIA AWARD
The Villager and Albert Amateau
MICKEY MURPHY AWARD
Barnett Shepherd
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE DOUGLASTON/LITTLE NECK HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR WORK IN ACHIEVING DESIGNATION CALENDARING FOR THE DOUGLASTON HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT.

AND GREETINGS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL FOR UNWAVERING ATTENTION AND DEDICATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF THIS AND ALL OTHER WORTHY DISTRICTS AND BUILDINGS.

THE DOUGLASTON/LITTLE NECK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PROGRAM

David Goldfarb, President
Welcome

Hal Bromm, Director
Introduction

Presentation, Grassroots Preservation Awards
The awards are presented by the Directors, Advisers and Staff of the Historic Districts Council

Simeon Bankoff, Executive Director
Closing Remarks


AWARDS

Brooklyn Heights Association

Through effective community organization and persistent work with government agencies and officials, the Brooklyn Heights Association has successfully protected the character of the historic Brooklyn Heights neighborhood from encroaching development and insensitive alteration for more than 94 years. Recently, BHA has focused on the effects of the proposed Downtown Brooklyn rezoning on the unprotected historic resources of Fulton Street, resulting in the recent consideration by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the NY & NJ Telephone Building on Willoughby Street as a potential landmark.

Presented by Ann Gaffney

Douglaston/Little Neck Historical Society

For more than 15 years, this completely volunteer society has worked to create a permanent collection of historic documents on the physical and social history of Douglaston and Little Neck, and educate the community of the importance of the area’s architecture and social history. In 1997, the Society succeeded in getting the Douglas Manor garden suburb designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission as a historic district. They continue to advocate for the designation of other unprotected, architecturally coherent neighborhoods in their area, and on April 13, 2004, were rewarded by the Landmark Preservation Commission’s calendaring of the proposed Douglaston Hill Historic District.

Presented by Paul Graziano

Nicholas Evans-Cato, Susan Tunick, Andrew Dolkart

These three leaders in the preservation field are recognized for their successful advocacy campaign for the designation of the Thomson Meter Building on the Brooklyn waterfront. The Thomson Meter Company Building, also known as the Eskimo Pie Building, is a rare example of the earliest phase of industrial reinforced concrete construction, and is ornamented with remarkable terra cotta accents. Nicholas Evans-Cato, considered one of America’s foremost young landscape painters, is an artist living in Brooklyn. His highly regarded work features industrial landscapes. Susan Tunick is an experienced artist, author and preservationist. She is the founder of Friends of Terra Cotta and is the leading expert in the history of architectural terra cotta. Andrew Dolkart is the James Marston Fitch Professor of Historic Preservation at Columbia University. He is an active member of the preservation community and a respected architectural historian.

Presented by Ken Fisher

Leo J. Blackman Architects

Leo J. Blackman Architects is recognized for their design of the Village Community School, located at 272 W. 10th St. in Greenwich Village, Manhattan. The work is notable because, although outside the Greenwich Village historic district, the addition is incredibly sensitive to its historic context. Blackman minimized the massing of the new building and met the existing façade heights on each side of the building. The neighborhood has hailed Blackman’s community-inclusive design process, and the finished product as an example of respectful urban design.

Presented by Franny Eberhart

Mud Lane Society for the Renaissance of Stapleton

Established in 1976 by a group of concerned residents and neighbors, the Mud Lane Society is dedicated to protecting the historic character of Stapleton Heights and improving awareness of the neighborhood’s history. The organization’s outreach and advocacy resulted in the consideration of the proposed St. Paul’s Avenue-Stapleton Heights Historic District by the Landmarks Preservation Commission in March 2004. When designated, this district will be the third historic district in Staten Island and will increase landmarked properties on the island by 30%.

Presented by Jim Ferreri

State Senator Liz Krueger

New York State Senate District 26, Manhattan

A strong supporter of historic preservation, Senator Krueger’s advocacy resulted in the recent expansion of the Murray Hill Historic District. She is committed to ensuring that new development is contextual to the existing urban fabric and is currently working to make certain that the redevelopment of the Con Edison Waterside site is sensitive to the surrounding neighborhood.

Presented by David Freudenthal

The Staten Island Advance

FRIEND FROM THE MEDIA AWARD

This leading daily has shown great commitment and careful attention to reporting on development and preservation issues in the Staten Island community. Exhibiting a strong understanding of the work of local preservation groups in its coverage of these issues, the Staten Island Advance is a model community newspaper.

Presented by David Goldfarb

Stanley Cogan

MICKEY MURPHY AWARD

Mr. Cogan has served as the president of the Queens Historical Society since 1990. Shortly afterwards, the Landmarks Preservation Commission asked the Society’s assistance in saving the landmarked Cornell Cemetery in Far Rockaway from destruction. Since then, Mr. Cogan has worked ceaselessly to survey, rescue and protect the forgotten historic cemeteries of Queens. He was appointed Queens Borough Historian in 2000.

Presented by Franny Eberhart