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BARGEMUSIC

OLD FULTON STREET

FULTON FERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT, BROOKLYN
THE MICKEY MURPHY AWARD

The Mickey Murphy Award honors the memory of Mary Ellen (Mickey) Murphy, a Historic Districts Council board member. Mickey was a long-time advocate for Brooklyn Heights, the Navy Yard, Vinegar Hill, DUMBO, Brooklyn Bridge Park, and other historic neighborhoods throughout New York City. She was tough and soft, wise and inquisitive. Mickey Murphy’s voice was passionate until it was stilled in January 2002 at the age of 84.

AWARDS

Evelyn and Everett Ortner
Evelyn and Everett — a preservation duo — have given decades of service to the city, including thousands of hours for research and photography prior to the designation of the Park Slope Historic District, in Brooklyn. Their Brownstone Revival Coalition encourages appreciation of that 19th-century housing type. Currently, the Ortners have formed the Preservation Volunteers of America to enlist workers for restoration projects in the U.S. and abroad.

Presented by Susan Tunnick
Jackson Heights Renovation Group
The JHBG spearheaded the designation of Jackson Heights, Queens as a New York City historic district. It labored to have the entire planned garden city, with 16 private parks, listed in the State and National Register of Historic Places. The JHBG represents the community to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Buildings Department, and elected officials, advocating high standards and enforcement.

Presented by Gene Norman
Murray Hill Neighborhood Association
The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association oversaw a quarter century of persistence by many volunteers to achieve a Murray Hill Historic District at the doorstep of Grand Central Terminal in Midtown Manhattan. Driven by the force of their belief in the historic importance of their neighborhood, they sustained what may have been the longest designation campaign in the history of New York City Landmarks Law.

Presented by Jack Taylor
Save Gansevoort Market Task Force
Jo Hamilton and Florent Morellet, Co-Chairs
Save Gansevoort Market, a project of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, is running a textbook example of an advocacy campaign for a historic district. Writing letters, sparking postcard campaigns, and distributing tour booklets are some of their activities. The area, in the southwest corner of Greenwich Village, Manhattan, is the long-time meating place and prior to that an outdoor market.

Presented by Edward S. Kirkland
Linda C. Jones
Linda Jones is Staten Island’s roving ambassador of preservation. She has increased awareness and understanding of preservation issues within the St. George/New Brighton Historic District on Staten Island. She takes the time to explain to all who will listen, what matters and why. Linda serves as the indefatigable dogged of all Staten Island’s historic areas and continually advocates for the designation and protection of additional worthy sites.

Presented by James Forrest
THE CITY SECTION
The City section of The New York Times maintains ongoing coverage of New York’s buildings and neighborhoods, and the activities and concerns of the preservation community. It makes the epic issues of preservation and development in New York City come to life every Sunday. Its reportorial diligence has made The City section required reading for every New Yorker passionate about our built environment.

Presented by George Caldeira
City Council member Dennis Gallagher
Dennis Gallagher has worked on behalf of historic preservation even prior to his attaining public office. His steadfast efforts to achieve designation of the proposed Red Hook Historic District in Queens, an early example of a garden suburb, has helped support local advocates and power the designation campaign. Council member Gallagher’s understanding of and commitment to the power of landmark designation to preserve a historic community is a wonderful example to all our elected officials.

Presented by Kenneth K. Fisher
Evelyn Strouse
Evelyn Strouse’s 20 years of preservation advocacy as leader of the Union Square Community Coalition in Manhattan helped save many of the historic elements around the square. Nothing afflicting the square and recently occupied Evelyn’s attention. Nine individual landmarks, two historic districts, and one National Historic Landmark in and around Union Square have achieved designation, in part through her enlightened efforts and enthusiastic leadership.

Presented by Anthony C. Wood