



The Historic Districts Council is the citywide advocate for New York's historic neighborhoods. For more than 45 years, HDC has worked with neighborhood groups, public officials and individual advocates to preserve, improve, and celebrate historic communities across New York City.

Since 1990, the Landmarks Lion Award has been given to honor people who have shown unusual devotion and aggressiveness in protecting New York City's historic buildings and neighborhoods. This year, the Historic Districts Council is pleased to honor a pair of distinguished Lions whose exemplary devotion and determination have benefited countless New Yorkers:

NANCY PEARSALL was a prime mover behind both the creation of the New York City Landmarks Law and the preservation of Brooklyn Heights. After moving to Brooklyn Heights in the 1950s, Nancy and her husband Otis spearheaded a grassroots campaign to protect the neighborhood from urban renewal. What started as a volunteer effort to survey the neighborhood's historic architecture became an integral part of the citywide movement to protect New York City's historic neighborhoods, and in 1965, Brooklyn Heights became New York City's first historic district. Mrs. Pearsall has remained active in civic affairs, currently serving on the Board of the Brooklyn Historical Society.

FRANCIS MORRONE, architectural historian, writer, teacher and tour guide, is a walking encyclopedia of New York City's architectural history. Mr. Morrone has authored eleven books on architecture, landscapes and neighborhoods; served as the Art and Architecture Critic for the New York Sun, where his weekly column was a passionate voice in the preservation battles of the Bloomberg years; and as a historic preservation consultant, has written countless building histories and neighborhood surveys in New York and beyond. Collectively, his work represents one of the most comprehensive bodies of research on the built history of New York City. Mr. Morrone has been a professor of architectural history at New York University's School for Professional Studies for 19 years.

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

Invites you to honor

NANCY PEARSALL

and

FRANCIS MORRONE

2016 LANDMARKS LION

WEDNESDAY November 9, 2016 6:30 pm

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