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AKRF is honored to support the Historic Districts Council in its mission to preserve New York City’s historic neighborhoods, buildings, and public spaces. We salute the winners of this year’s Grassroots Preservation Awards and their dedication to working to maintain the historic character of New York City.

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Manhattan

Welcome  Simeon Bankoff  Executive Director

Introduction  Jeffrey Kroessler  Vice President

Presentation of awards to:
Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association
Crown Heights North Association
East Village Community Coalition
Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance
Assembly Member Deborah Glick
Curbed
Chan Graham

Closing  Simeon Bankoff

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GRASSROOTS PRESERVATION AWARDS

Successful historic preservation efforts in New York City require a collaboration among many parties, including the public, government agencies and the private sector. Without popular support even the most well-intentioned and farsighted public policy cannot be implemented, and without governmental guidance even the most organized and well-funded private efforts are doomed to fail.

With these awards HDC seeks to recognize, honor and encourage public participation in the preservation process. These are the individuals and organizations that with their time, effort and support move the preservation collaboration forward. By working with, encouraging and cajoling public decision-makers, these grassroots preservationists form the foundation of all our work. In 2000, HDC gave the first annual Grassroots Preservation Awards to recognize such outstanding efforts.

In addition, the awards include three special categories. The Friend in High Places and Friend from the Media Awards honor and acknowledge the dedication and support of elected officials and the press for encouraging the cause of historic preservation throughout the city. Without support from elected representatives or the media, few community-based preservation efforts would ever bear fruit. The Mickey Murphy Award, a lifetime-achievement recognition, is named for the late Mary Ellen (Mickey) Murphy, a longtime passionate preservationist and HDC board member. These awards help recognize some of the public’s important preservation partners.
AWARDS

Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association
Broadway-Flushing, Queens
The Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association has been a steadfast steward of the Broadway-Flushing community, a standout jewel of turn-of-the-century, single-family houses possessing a wide variety of architectural styles, including Colonial Revival, Arts & Crafts and Tudor Revival. In 2006 the association successfully listed more than 1,300 buildings in a 74-block area on the State and National Registers of Historic Places as the Broadway-Flushing Historic District. The fact that the historic character of this unique suburban community survived intact during the late-20th century build-out of Queens County is due in no small part to the care and vigilance of this neighborhood association.

Presented by Paul Graziano

Crown Heights North Association
Crown Heights, Brooklyn
The Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) was formed to promote the historic district designation of Crown Heights North, an intact neighborhood of significant row houses, free-standing mansions, apartment houses, churches, tenement buildings and early frame dwellings. The neighborhood contains samples of works by renowned architects such as Montrose Morris, J. Cady & Company and Henry Ives Cobb, and the architectural styles vary from Italianate to Romanesque Revival, neo-Renaissance and Queen Anne. The community has been fortunate to have such an active neighborhood group advocating for landmark designation. Through CHNA’s efforts the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted unanimously on April 24, 2007, to make Crown Heights North the first historic district designated in Brooklyn in ten years.

Presented by Ronald Melichar

East Village Community Coalition
East Village, Manhattan
East Village Community Coalition (EVCC) was created to save one of the East Village’s most beloved treasures, Public School 64, which later housed the noted community center CHARAS/El Bohio. Through the leadership of EVCC and numerous elected officials, more than 5,000 postcards and 2,000 letters were sent to the Landmarks Preservation Commission who moved to designate the building in June 2006. Despite the owner of the site stripping architectural details from the building in an effort to overturn the landmarking, the City Council upheld the designation. EVCC continues to fight for the preservation of P.S. 64 and other needed community initiatives including a proposed rezoning.

Presented by Hal Bromm

ABOUT THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

The Historic Districts Council is the independent, not-for-profit, nonpartisan, citywide advocate for New York’s designated historic districts and individual landmarks and for neighborhoods and buildings 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 125 local community and neighborhood groups and through public-policy initiatives, publications, educational outreach and sponsorship of community events.

The core belief of the Historic Districts Council is that the preservation and enhancement of New York City’s historic resources – its neighborhoods, buildings, parks and public spaces – are central to the continued success of the city. Originally founded in 1971 as a coalition of community groups from New York City’s designated historic districts, HDC was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1985 and has grown to become the foremost citywide voice for historic preservation. Following its mandate of community-based preservation advocacy, HDC works continuously to broaden and educate the preservation constituency – from producing zoning and architectural surveys of unprotected historic neighborhoods, to meeting with legislators and city officials, to creating educational programs on the techniques and strategies of neighborhood preservation.

HDC’s small professional staff is guided by its dedicated Boards of Directors and Advisers, whose members represent more than two dozen historic neighborhoods and are drawn from the fields of architecture, education, history, marketing, law, design, public relations, journalism and community activism. Their collective expertise aids community groups in their campaigns to preserve the sense of place that characterizes the city’s diverse historic neighborhoods. Working with these neighborhood partners, HDC has been instrumental in preserving historic buildings and communities across the five boroughs.
Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance
Sunnyside, Queens

The Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance was formed to preserve the first “Garden City” development in the United States. Architects Clarence Stein and Henry Wright, along with landscape architect Marjorie Cautley, designed Sunnyside Gardens as a complete community based on a human scale. Developed between 1924 and 1928, the community boasts rows of simplified houses that front the street grid, creating a shared garden space on the interior of each block. Though the campaign has not been easy, the alliance successfully lobbied the Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold a public hearing in April 2007.

Presented by Kevin Wolfe

FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES AWARD
Assembly Member Deborah Glick
New York State Assembly, 66th District

Assembly Member Glick will receive the Friend in High Places Award for her efforts to foster historic preservation in her district and citywide. Her district includes the West Village, SoHo and parts of Tribeca, the East Village and Union Square. She has worked with preservationists on the extension of the Greenwich Village Historic District, the designation of the Gansevoort Market and Weehawken Street Historic Districts, and she has lent critical support to community-driven efforts to stem overdevelopment and to protect and enhance neighborhood character.

Presented by Leo J. Blackman

FRIEND FROM THE MEDIA AWARD
Curbed

Since its launch in May 2004 the Web site Curbed has established itself as the center of the virtual conversation about real estate in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and beyond. Constantly updated with the latest breaking news, Curbed has shown a great interest in covering preservation issues. Numerous stories about landmarks and potential landmarks have filled the pages of Curbed and helped to expose a huge new audience to the preservation efforts of organizations and individuals across much of New York City.

Presented by Kate Wood

MICKEY MURPHY AWARD
Chan Graham

Chan is the current executive director of the Preservation League of Staten Island, as well as a past president of the organization. He served as a founding board member of the National Lighthouse Museum and the Sea View Historic Foundation and has assisted many other Staten Island nonprofits. His architectural documentation of the ca. 1800 Tysen-Nevile House on Staten Island earned him a Certificate of Merit from the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Presented by James Ferreri
GRASSROOTS PRESERVATION AWARDS
Past Recipients

2006 Coalition to Preserve the Austin, Nichols & Co. Warehouse, Linda Eskenas, Victoria Hofmo, Tottenville Historical Society
2005 Judy Berdy, Peter Levenson, Kate Ottavino, Landmark West!, Richmond Hill Historical Society, Rosemary Cappozalo
2004 Brooklyn Heights Association, Douglaston/Little Neck Historical Society, Nicholas Evans-Cato, Susan Tunick, Andrew Dolkart, Leo J. Blackman, Mud Lane Society for the Renaissance of Stapleton
2003 CitiNeighbors Coalition for Historic Carnegie Hill, Josephine E. Jones, Senator Street 300 Block Association, Seaport Community Coalition and Manhattan Community Board 1
2002 Evelyn and Everett Ortner, Jackson Heights Beautification Group, Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, Save Gansevoort Market Task Force, Linda C. Jones
2001 Daniel Donovan, Paul Graziano, “Reverend” Billy Talen, Marjorie Decker, Johnson and James Ferreri
2000 Hamilton Heights-West Harlem Community Preservation Organization, Elizabeth Ashby, The Coalition to Save P.S. 109, Save the Coogan! Coalition, Michael Gorkin

FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES AWARD

2006 City Council Member Letitia James (35th District, Brooklyn)
2005 City Council Member Tony Avella (19th District, Queens)
2004 New York State Senator Liz Krueger (26th District, Manhattan)
2003 City Council Member Michael McMahon (49th District, Staten Island)
2002 City Council Member Dennis Gallagher (30th District, Queens)
2001 New York State Senator Thomas K. Duane (29th District, Manhattan)
2000 City Council Member Jerome X. O’Donovan (49th District, Staten Island)

FRIEND FROM THE MEDIA AWARD

2006 Cityland
2005 Riverdale Press
2004 The Staten Island Advance
2003 The Villager and Albert Amateau
2002 The City section, The New York Times
2001 James Niccoloro

MICKEY MURPHY AWARD

2005 Doris Diether
2004 Stanley Cogan
2003 Barnett Shepherd
2002 Evelyn Strouse