

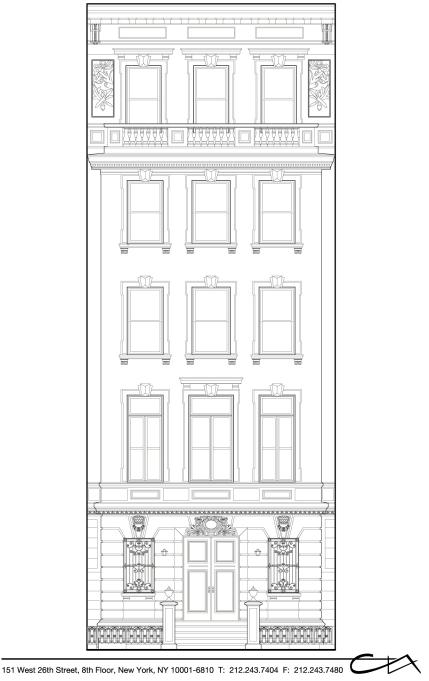
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PROGRAM

2010 Grassroots Preservation Awards 20th Annual Preservation Party

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Welcome

Presentation of Awards

Alice and Agate Courts Historic District

John Antonides, Hubbard House

Coalition to Save West-Park Presbyterian Church

Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts

Two Bridges Neighborhood Council

Friend in High Places Council Member Rosie Mendez 2nd District, Manhattan

Friend from the Media Nicholas Hirshon, New York Daily News

> Mickey Murphy Award Joyce Mendelsohn

> > Closing Remarks

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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.

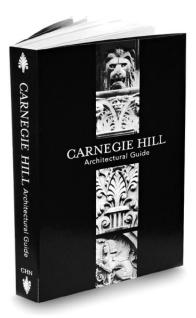
With these awards HDC seeks to recognize, honor and encourage public participation in the preservation process. These are the individuals and organizations that, with their time, effort and support, move the preservation collaboration forward. By working with, encouraging and cajoling public decision-makers, 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 is a lifetime-achievement recognition that honors the late Mary Ellen (Mickey) Murphy, a longtime passionate preservationist and HDC board member.

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Alice and Agate Courts Historic District

The Alice and Agate Courts Historic District consists of 36 rowhouses on two cul-de-sac blocks in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. These two courts represent an intact area developed by a single developer, Florian Grosjean, and designed by a single architect Walter M. Coots in variations of the Queen Anne style. The development was constructed in I888-I889 and remains largely unaltered. In 2006, the community galvanized in response to the threat of demolition of the historic retaining wall that caps the end of Agate Court. The residents took legal action to block the destruction of the wall. They also contacted the Landmarks Preservation Commission and requested landmark designation for their two blocks, taking their campaign public through the press and involvement of their elected officials. In September 2008, the LPC held a public hearing and voted to designate the area in February 2009. The residents continue to actively advocate for preservation of the blocks, including continued vigilance to make sure that surrounding development sites do not encroach on the historic fabric of this quiet enclave.

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John Antonides, Hubbard House



Photo: John Antonides

John Antonides is the proud owner of one the few remaining Dutch farmhouses in Brooklyn. The building, known as the Hubbard House, was built around 1830-35 by Nelly Johnson Hubbard in Gravesend. After first learning of the property in 1990, John began campaigning for landmark designation of the house. When the building fell empty in the late 1990s, John purchased it and undertook a two-year renovation, preserving the house's historical features. Following the renovation, he continued to urge landmark designation of the property. John secured support from a diverse group of individuals and organizations including citywide preservation groups, local elected officials, noted architectural historians, neighborhood residents, and Dutch-American historical groups, as well as overcoming some local opposition to the property's designation. In June 2008, the Landmarks Preservation Commission held a hearing on the property and designated the site on January 13, 2009. The Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy congratulates Joyce Mendelsohn on receiving the Mickey Murphy Award for Lifetime Achievement. Her impassioned leadership, enlivened scholarship, and exemplary dedication to the welfare of the historic Lower East Side continue to inspire all of us to reach greater heights of achievement.

Mazel Tov!

Joel Kaplan, President, LESJ Conservancy Laurie Tobias Cohen, Executive Director



Coalition to Save West-Park Presbyterian Church

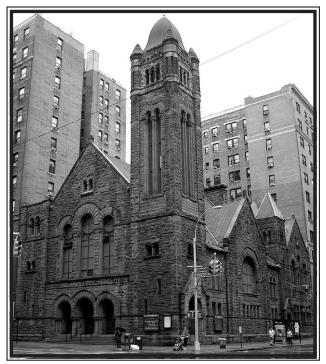


Photo: Landmark West!

The Coalition to Save West-Park Presbyterian Church is a group of dedicated individuals and organizations, including Landmark West!, Friends of West-Park, Manhattan Community Board 7's Landmarks Committee, and Councilmember Gale Brewer, who have advocated for the preservation and landmark designation of West-Park Presbyterian Church. The complex is one of the most significant religious structures on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Constructed in 1889-90 by architect Henry Kilburn in the Romanesque Revival style, with an earlier chapel by Leopold Eidlitz, the church has anchored the corner of West 86th Street and Amsterdam Avenue for more than 100 years. Members of Coalition to Save West-Park have been active for more than 20 years, advocating for its designation. The group has secured the support of elected officials, religious leaders, architects, preservationists, scholars, and other preservation organizations. After much discussion and hard work by the entire coalition, the church was designed by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on January 12, 2010 and confirmed by the City Council on May 12, 2010.



Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts



Photo: Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts

Friends of the Upper East Side is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the architectural legacy, livability, and sense of place of the Upper East Side. Since 2001 the group has been advocating for an extension to the original Upper East Side Historic District, designated in 1981. The designation campaign included the creation an interactive website documenting each property included in the proposed district in 2005 and successfully listing the extension on the State and National Register of Historic Places in 2006. Friends also held lectures, walking tours and numerous community meetings to raise awareness about the district extension. In 2007 Friends submitted the proposed district to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for consideration. The district had a public hearing in October 2009 and was quickly designated in March 2010. The final district extension consists of 74 buildings and helps complete and compliment the original district, preserving another corner of New York City for future generations.



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Pictured to the Right: Model, Congregation Shearith Israel Addition

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Two Bridges Neighborhood Council

Since the 1950's, Two Bridges Neighborhood Council has served a distinct community in lower Manhattan between the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges. The organization focuses on community development including affordable housing for low-income persons, and the social and economic development of the Lower East Side community. One of its recent major campaigns was the successful listing of the Chinatown and Little Italy Historic District on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Starting in 2003 after the Council had the Two Bridges Historic District listed on the National Register, the group subsequently turned its attention to the preservation of the significant neighborhoods of Chinatown and Little Italy. The Council sponsored the research and documentation of a National Register nomination, met with local stakeholders to secure their support, and co-sponsored community meetings to answer questions about the process. In September 2009, through the Council's effort, the district was successfully listed, providing a host of benefits including financial incentives for building restoration, boosting tourism of the area, and documenting the important history of these unique communities.

Photo: HDC

Congratulations to 2010 Grassroots Recipients: Alice & Agate Courts Historic Districts, Johh Antonides of Hubbard House, Coalition to Save West-Park Presbyterian Church, Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, Two Bridges Neighborhood Council, Rose Mendez, Nicholas Hirshon, and Joyce Mendelsohn.

The Douglaston and Little Neck Historical Society acknowledges your work and thanks you for your dedication.



Council Member Rosie Mendez 2nd District, Manhattan



Photo: courtesy of Rosie Mendez

Council Member Rosie Mendez receives the Friends in High Places Award for her steadfast support of preservation efforts throughout her district and across the city. Mendez was elected to City Council in 2006 and represents the Lower East Side, East Village, Gramercy, Kips Bay and parts of Murray Hill. Even before entering public service, she was active in preservation efforts in her home neighborhood of Williamsburg, fighting to save McCarren Pool over 20 years ago from demolition. Since taking office, the Councilmember has been a consistent advocate and involved in several landmarks initiatives. She helped spearhead the successful campaign to landmark Public School 64/CHARAS and continues to push the building's owner to utilize the building in an appropriate way. She was a strong advocate for the preservation of St. Brigid's Church on Tompkins Square Park, as well as numerous individual landmarks recently designated including several churches, institutional buildings and early rowhouses. In 2007 the councilmember introduced a bill in the City Council, which, if approved, would close a loophole in the Landmarks Law that allows buildings to be altered or demolished even if they are moving through the designation process. She continues to advance this bill in the Council. Councilmember Mendez also serves as a member of the Subcommittee on Landmarks. Public Siting and Maritime Uses at the City Council, consistently acting as an advocate for landmark designations.



Congratulations Joyce!

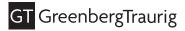
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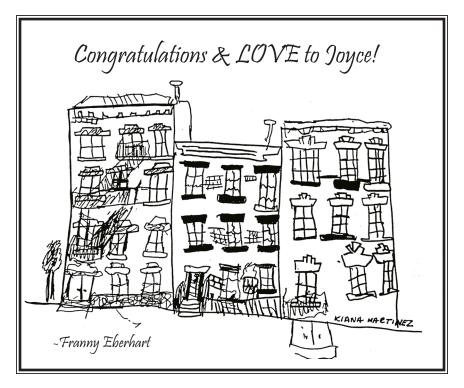
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Friend from the Media Nicholas Hirshon, New York Daily News



Photo: courtesy of Nick Hirshon

Nicholas Hirshon is a reporter with the New York Daily News, covering community-based stories in Queens. Born and raised in Queens, he has made a priority of covering neighborhood preservation issues including a series entitled "History in Peril," that highlights significant neighborhoods and buildings threatened with demolition. His coverage of the Ridgewood Theater, one of the longest running movie theaters in the country until its closure in 2008, helped convince the Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold a hearing on the building. The theater was successfully designated as an individual landmark on January I2, 2009. Another series of articles raised awareness about the culturally significant Addisleigh Park neighborhood, with feature stories on the homes of such notables as W.E.B. DuBois and Jackie Robinson. He has also written preservation-conscious articles about the World's Fair site in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, particularly the New York State Pavilion, as well as the historic Woodhaven Lanes bowling alley, the Bowne House in Flushing, and Jack Kerouac's former residence in Ozone Park. The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association congratulates Joyce Mendelsohn on her receipt of the Historic Districts Council's Mickey Murphy Award. Joyce worked tirelessly to obtain the extended Historic District Designation. We are forever grateful for this and all her contributions to preservation in New York City.



Mickey Murphy Award Joyce Mendelsohn

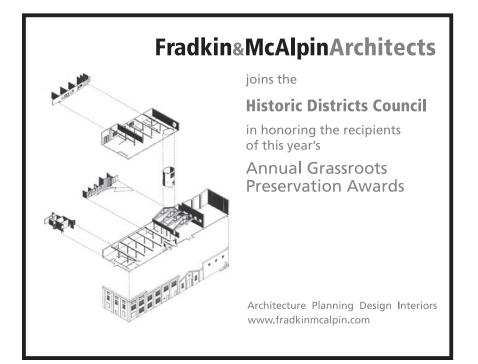


Photo: Paul Margolis

Joyce Mendelsohn has been an ardent and dedicated advocate for the preservation of many neighborhoods and buildings across New York City. She was an early and consistent promoter for the preservation of the historic Lower East Side and her classic book, "The Lower East Side: Remembered and Revisited," was recently updated, revised and republished by Columbia University Press. She has worked with such organizations as the Metropolitan Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, the Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy and the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association in efforts to preserve historic neighborhoods. She lectures on the history of New York City at the New School for Social Research and conducts countless walking tours and lectures for a variety of major cultural and educational institutions. Conratulations to the Historic Districts Council Grassroots Presentation Awards Recipients and a special round of applause for Joyce Mendelsohn!

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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 500 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.

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Assembly Member Deborah Glick 66th District, Manhattan; 2007

Council Member Letitia James 35th District, Brooklyn; 2006

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State Senator Liz Krueger 26th District, Manhattan; 2004

Council Member Michael McMahon 49th District, Staten Island; 2003

Council Member Dennis Gallagher 30th District, Queens; 2002

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Friend from the Media Award

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Mickey Murphy Award

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