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AWARDS

Wednesday, June 4, 2014
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2014 Grassroots Preservation Awards and Preservation Party

Welcome

Presentation of Awards

Michael Perlman

730 Riverside Drive Tenants Association

First Avenue Estate Coalition

Lola Finkelstein and the Multi-Board Task Force on Midtown East

Friend from the Media

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Friend in High Places

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer

Closing Remarks
Congratulations to Grace Church on your new renovation!
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 two 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.
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A native Forest Hills resident, Michael Perlman is the chairman of the Rego-Forest Preservation Council. The Council was founded in 2006 in response to that year’s 100th anniversary of Forest Hills and the parcel that would become known as Rego Park in 1923. It works to preserve and commemorate the architectural and cultural history of Forest Hills and Rego Park, as well surrounding areas of Queens, through advocacy and property owner assistance. In 2010, Mr. Perlman launched a public campaign to preserve and creatively reuse the iconic Forest Hills Tennis Stadium, which was under threat of demolition. As a result of these efforts, the stadium has undergone some restoration work and has been reborn as a concert venue. He is involved in the continuing preservation efforts of a number of civic, religious and popular neighborhood institutions in Queens and earned the nickname “Diner-Man” after his efforts to save and relocate a number of historic freestanding diners.
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Saluting the Historic Districts Council and its achievements!
The 730 Riverside Drive Tenants Association, established more than 50 years ago, advocates for the safety, preservation and quality of life for residents of their beautiful West Harlem apartment complex. Built in 1912 by the architects George and Edward Blum, the Beaumont Apartments are an iconic example of the Beaux-Arts style and the residence of many famous Harlem citizens, including singer Marian Anderson and author Ralph Ellison. Following many years of mismanagement and neglect of both tenants and the property, the Association took action to maintain and prevent further deterioration to the building. Garnering the support of the residents, local politicians and historians as well as Community Board 9, the Association, under the leadership of Jenna Lucente and John-Martin Green, successfully campaigned for the building’s protection as an individual New York City landmark.
JOYCE MATZ ASSOCIATES
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THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL
IN
HONORING THOSE WHO ARE
RECEIVING THE
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AWARDS.

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AND
THEIR COMMUNITIES.

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**First Avenue Estate Coalition** is a group of advocates who have worked passionately against the application to demolish two landmark model tenement buildings. Originally designated with the rest of the City and Suburban Homes Company First Avenue Estate in 1990, the two buildings along York Avenue were later removed from the landmark site. In 2006, the Landmarks Preservation Commission re-designated these properties in spite of intentional defacement by the owner. A multi-year legal fight ensued, but the designation was eventually upheld, at which point the owners filed to demolish the buildings citing economic hardship. The Coalition includes Friends of First Avenue Estate and Concerned Citizens of E64th and E65thSts-First to York Avenues, two tenant groups that have advocated for the preservation of their homes for more than 25 years, and Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, a neighborhood organization dedicated to preserving the architectural legacy, livability and sense of place of the Upper East Side. Also involved in this more recent campaign is Jessica Lappin, local Council Member from 2006-2013, whose unwavering support has been critical. In the face of stalling tactics and the purposeful neglect of both tenants’ rights and needed maintenance to the buildings, the First Avenue Estate Coalition remains dedicated to preserving these early, successful examples of affordable housing, and achieved an important victory in May when the LPC unanimously denied the owner’s hardship application.
The Four Borough Neighborhood Preservation Alliance is proud to support the Historic Districts Council and joins our fellow defenders of New York City in honoring the recipients of the 2014 Grassroots Awards

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The Multi-Board Task Force, consisting of Manhattan Community Boards 1, 4, 5 and 6, was established in 2012 in order to investigate and evaluate the Midtown East Rezoning proposal put forth by the Bloomberg administration. These civic leaders and volunteers prioritized and articulated the needs of the public, advocating for the consideration of problems of density, transportation and loss of historical fabric. The preservation of Midtown East’s historically significant buildings was among the key concerns of the Task Force, and they collaborated with a number of preservation groups to maintain focus on this concern.

Chaired by Lola Finkelstein and with the support of community boards across the borough, the Task Force was able to provide a substantive review of the rezoning proposal and challenged the City to create a more comprehensive vision for a 21st-century Midtown. In November of 2013, with the decisive backing of Council Member Daniel Garodnick and other politicians, the Midtown East Rezoning proposal was withdrawn from consideration due to lack of support. The Task Force remains attentive to this important citywide issue and will continue its work with the new administration.
WE ONLY HAVE ONE WORD
FOR THE RECIPIENTS OF THE
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**The Lo-Down** is a community website and monthly print magazine that is the local resource for current events, culture, real estate and entertainment for the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Founded as a blog in 2009 by Ed Litvak and Traven Rice, a TV news producer and filmmaker, in reaction to the lack of substantive coverage of their vibrant neighborhood, The Lo-Down has grown to be a major community forum. Ed Litvak is a frequent presence at the Landmarks Commission, Community Board 3 and events sponsored by community preservation groups. The Lo-Down continuously produces comprehensive articles, updates and photos concerning the preservation of historic buildings and historic districts. They present balanced stories based on interviews with local preservationists, concerned individuals and grassroots groups and -- at the same time -- with property owners, religious leaders and elected officials. Through this policy of inclusive reporting and active community engagement, The Lo-Down has significantly increased awareness of the importance of preservation to the rapidly changing LES community.
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**Gale Brewer** was elected the 27th Manhattan Borough President in 2013. Ms. Brewer previously served on the City Council for 12 years, representing the 6th Council District, which includes most of the Upper West Side and northern Clinton, and encompasses 10 designated historic districts. During her many years of dedicated public service, she has been an enthusiastic and strong supporter of preservation efforts in Manhattan (and beyond). Her support of the West End Avenue Historic District (which consists of three historic district extensions) and individual landmarks such as the West-Park Presbyterian Church was vital to their successful designation. More recently, spurred by the loss of historic buildings and businesses on West 57th Street, Ms. Brewer has emerged as a leader in the campaign to reform and strengthen the Landmarks Preservation Commission’s designation process.
ABOUT THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

The Historic Districts Council is the independent, not-for-profit, non-partisan, 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. In 2014, HDC is celebrating 43 years as the citywide advocate for New York’s historic neighborhoods.

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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2012
Coalition to Save Manufacturers Hanover Trust
The Green-Wood Cemetery
Parkway Village Historical Society
West End Preservation Society

2011
Cedar Grove Beach Club
Central Queens Historical Association
Mary Kay Gallagher
Prospect Cemetery Association

2010
Alice and Agate Court 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

2009
American Bank Note Company Printing Plant
David Carnivale
Friends of Gibbons U.G.R.R.
Site and Lamartine Place
Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association

2008
DUMBO Neighborhood Association
Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn
Juniper Park Civic Association
227 Duffield Street Coalition

2007
Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association
Crown Heights North Association
East Village Community Coalition
Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance
Coalition to Preserve the Austin, Nichols & Company Warehouse
Linda Eskenas
Victoria Hofmo
Tottenville Historical Society

2005
Judy Berdy
Peter Levenson, 90 West Street
Kate Ottavino
Landmark West!
Richmond Hill Historical Society
Rosemary Cappozalo, St. George Theater

2004
Brooklyn Heights Association
Douglaston/Little Neck Historical Society
Thomson Meter Building Coalition:
Nicholas Evans-Cato, Susan Tunick, Andrew S. Dolkart
Leo J. Blackman Architects
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 & 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
Bill “Reverend Billy” Talen
James Ferreri
Marjorie Decker Johnson

2000
Hamilton Heights/West Harlem
Community Preservation Organization
Elizabeth Ashby
The Coalition to Save P.S. 109
Save the Coogan! Coalition
Michael Gotkin
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Council Member Stephen Levin
33rd District, Brooklyn; 2013

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36th District, Brooklyn; 2012

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43rd District, Brooklyn; 2009

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66th District, Manhattan; 2007

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35th District, Brooklyn; 2006

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Tribeca Trib; 2013
DNAinfo; 2012
The Architect’s Newspaper; 2011
Nicholas Hirshon, New York Daily News; 2010
AM New York; 2009
Brownstoner.com; 2008
Curbed.com; 2007
CityLand; 2006
Riverdale Press; 2005
The Staten Island Advance; 2004
The Villager and Albert Amateau; 2003
The City section, The New York Times; 2002
James Niccoloro; 2001

MICKEY MURPHY AWARD

Susan Henshaw Jones; 2012
Bronson Binger & Ann Walker Gaffney; 2011
Joyce Mendelsohn; 2010
Chan Graham; 2007
Doris Diether; 2005
Stanley Cogan; 2004
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Evelyn Strouse; 2002
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