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HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS TO BE MADE FRIDAY AT PUBLIC EVENT

Tours and talks to run through May for National Historic Preservation Month

The Missoula Historic Preservation Commission will celebrate activities that preserve Missoula's sense of place throughout May starting with the presentation of the Annual Missoula Historic Preservation Awards on Friday, May 3. The event will be held in the Governor's Room at the historic Florence Building at 111 N. Higgins Ave. and is free and open to the public. Social time with light refreshments begins at 6 p.m. and the program at 6:30.

The annual historic preservation awards are judged by the Historic Preservation Commission. They honor individuals and groups who have been active in documenting and preserving Missoula's historic places, including private homes and commercial structures.

This year's Dorothy Ogg Award for Individual Contribution goes to Diane Sands and Philip Maechling, who are being honored for their contributions toward preserving our Missoula and Montana heritage. Diane was Development Director and Fort Missoula Alien Detention Camp Project Coordinator at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula until her retirement at the end of 2012. She was instrumental in restoring several physical features of the Fort, but even more than that, she helped to restore the stories of life at the Fort through her research into the Alien Detention Camp. She remains active in interpreting and promoting awareness of the interment camp. Philip was the Historic Preservation Officer for the City and County for the past 12 years.

He worked with the Montana State Historic Preservation Office, supported the restoration of many properties and brought forward the designation of several new historic districts. He also helped bring funds to the community in support of historic preservation and was a board member of the Montana Heritage Commission, which manages Virginia City and Nevada City.

Residential recipients include two owners who restored existing homes and another owner who built new while honoring the past. The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula received three awards for an outstanding breadth of preservation efforts ranging from new construction to restoration. In the category of Commercial Adaptive Reuse, Montgomery Distilleries at 129 W. Front St. and the owners of the historic “Haines Independent Wholesale Grocery” at 806 W. Spruce St. are receiving awards. The University of Montana O’Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West received an award for work on a new ramp that was designed and built to fit with the character of the existing building. Award recipients will be on hand Friday evening to talk about their projects.

Keynote speaker for the evening will be Nikki Manning, anthropology graduate student at the University of Montana. Her presentation is “What Lies Beneath?: Missoula Historic Underground Project.” She will describe the urban archaeological survey that was conducted to see what evidence remained of Missoula’s puzzling historic underground landscape. This study of subterranean archaeological features included looks at steam tunnels, sidewalk vaults and a mix of mundane and clandestine basement spaces.

Manning and other anthropology students, along with preservationists and business owners, will hold a panel discussion before the awards banquet. “Archaeology, Preservation and the Missoula Historic Underground” will begin at 4 p.m. at Montgomery Distillery at 129 W. Front St.

MAY HISTORIC TOURS

Throughout May, guided tours free to the public will be held each Saturday, focusing on the unique characteristics and districts of Missoula. Additional details will be available at www.historicmissoula.org.

May 4, 10 a.m. to noon, **Historic Downtown Missoula Walking Tour:** Also includes points of interest related to the Missoula Historic Underground Project. Meet at the fish sculpture east of the Higgins Avenue Bridge.

May 11, 10 a.m. to noon, **Southside McCormick Historic District:** A tour of the historic homes and businesses in the district. Meet in front of Bernice’s Bakery at 190 S. 3rd St. W.

May 18, 10 a.m. to noon, **Building Stone Use in Historic Buildings Downtown and Adjoining Areas:** Jim Sears and Jim McDonald will lead a tour of the buildings on how stone was used for foundations, decorative elements, interiors and exteriors. A stonemason will be available to answer questions and give more insight. Meet in front of the Wilma building at the Higgins Avenue Bridge.

May 25, 10 a.m. to noon, **University of Montana and University Neighborhood:** A tour of the UM campus and neighborhood, which have many major styles of architecture from the late 1800s to the present. Meet at the Oval in front of Main Hall.

2013 Historic Preservation Commission Awards Ceremony

WHEN: MAY 3, 6:30 P.M.

WHERE: GOVERNOR'S ROOM, FLORENCE BUILDING, 111 N. HIGGINS AVE.

Dorothy Ogg Award for Individual Contribution: City and County (2 recipients)

Diane Sands

Philip Maechling

Commercial Adaptive Reuse and Rehabilitation

Haines Independent Wholesale Grocery (historic name)

Doug Stewart (Richler-Stewart LLC)

806 W. Spruce St.

Montgomery Distillery

Ryan Montgomery

129 W. Front St.

Residential Renovation and Rehabilitation

Scot Herries and Deborah Lissfelt residence

1001 Phillips St.

Painted Lady

J. C. Lehsou house (historic name)

Jerry Petasek and Leslie Gallant, owners

414 N. 2nd St. W.

Residential-New Construction Compatible within a Historic District, Private

Heidi and Roger Furlong Residence

428 E. Pine St.

New Construction Compatible within a Historic District, Public

University of Montana, O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West

600 E. Beckwith Ave.

Trolley Barn

The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

Restoration, Public

Trolley Car Restoration

The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

Preservation Information and Education, Public

"Signs of the Times" Exhibit

The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula