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**2010 Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation Announced**  
*Winners from Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Frankfort to Attend Award Ceremony May 5 at State Capitol*

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Keith Molin, executive director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, announced today the winners of the 2010 Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation.

"Preserving Michigan's historic buildings enhances the uniqueness of our communities and stimulates economic activity," Granholm said. "This year's awards demonstrate that Michigan history can be preserved when individuals and organizations unite to do so."

The 2010 recipients are:

- Leo D. Phillips, Richard Curto, Eugene M. Curtis, Emmett S. Moten, Doreen Hermelin, Quinn Evans Architects, Hobbs + Black Associates, Inc., and L. S. Brinker for the rehabilitation of the **Fort Shelby Hotel**, Detroit
- College for Creative Studies, Larson Realty Group, Walbridge, Albert Kahn Associates, Inc., and SDG Associates, LLC for the rehabilitation of the **Argonaut Building**, Detroit
- DeVries Companies, Cornerstone Architects, and Past Perfect, Inc., for the rehabilitation of the **Grand Rapids Water Filtration Plant**, Grand Rapids
- Flint Neighborhood Improvement and Preservation Project, Inc.; the Protogenia Group LLC; Siwek Construction; Gazall Lewis & Associates Architects, Inc.; Kidorf Preservation Consulting; Perry Compton; and David White for the rehabilitation of 601 Martin Luther King (**Witherbee's Market**), Flint
- The Friends of **Point Betsie Lighthouse**, Amy Ferris, Benzie County Commissioner Mary Pitcher, Charles J. Clarke, Mihm Enterprises, Inc., Quinn Evans Architects, and U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc., for the rehabilitation of the Point Betsie Light Station, Frankfort
- The City of Kalamazoo and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network for the **Kalamazoo Window Rehabilitation Workshop**

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) initiated the award program in 2003 to recognize outstanding historic preservation achievements reflecting a commitment to the preservation of Michigan's unique character and the many cultural resources that document Michigan's past. Previous recipient projects include private residences whose owners used state historic preservation tax credits, the Worker's Rowhouse Archaeological Project in Detroit's Corktown, the Borden Creamery building in Mount Pleasant, the Loeb Farm Complex (Castle Farms) in Charlevoix, the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, and Main Street Calumet's façade rehabilitation program.

Of the six projects being recognized this year, five are historic rehabilitations and one is a job re-training program.

"The five rehabilitation projects we selected for 2010 represent a direct investment collectively of \$248 million. That is nearly a quarter of a billion dollars being invested in just a handful of the many historic

rehabilitation projects underway in this state,” Molin said. “These projects demonstrate in a visible way that Michigan is a good steward of its historic treasures.”

**Recipients will receive their awards at a public ceremony in the Michigan State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m.** The Michigan Historic Preservation Network will host a reception following the ceremony.

“We see the results daily of how historic preservation transforms communities,” said State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway. “The Governor’s Awards for Historic Preservation give us an opportunity to recognize some of the people behind the projects that are making a difference to Michigan.”

Officials from SHPO and MSHDA also have issued a call for entries from both amateur and professional photographers to showcase Michigan’s architectural heritage by entering the “Old is the New Green” photo contest between May 1 and June 1, 2010.

During the month of May, State Historic Preservation Offices and communities around the country celebrate historic and cultural resources. National Historic Preservation Month is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust has declared this year’s theme to be “Old is the New Green,” in recognition of the significant role historic preservation plays in more environmentally and economically sustainable development. By submitting one or more Old is the New Green-themed photos, you’ll become eligible to:

- Have your photography displayed on the [Michigan.gov/shpo](http://Michigan.gov/shpo) Web site
- Be featured in media coverage supporting the contest
- Be highlighted on SHPO and MSHDA social media sites
- Be entered to win a Meijer gift card donated by the [Michigan History Foundation](http://MichiganHistoryFoundation.org), or one of three weekend getaway prizes to the [Westin Book Cadillac](http://WestinBookCadillac.com) in Detroit, the [Park Place Hotel](http://ParkPlaceHotel.com) in Traverse City, and [Stafford’s Perry Hotel](http://StaffordPerryHotel.com) in Petoskey. The Book Cadillac Hotel is a 2009 winner of the Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, and Park Place Hotel and Perry Hotel are listed in the State Register of Historic Sites. The getaway prizes were donated by the three hotels.

Photos must be received by June 1, 2010. Submit photos via email to [mshdaphoto@gmail.com](mailto:mshdaphoto@gmail.com) or by mail to: Michigan State Housing Development Authority ATTN: Amanda Tuckey, PPMR, 4th Floor 735 E. Michigan Ave, P.O. Box 30044 Lansing, MI 48909. Complete rules and details of the contest are available at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-54317-236223--,00.html>

Eight regional winners will be selected to receive either a gift card or one of three grand prizes. Winners will be notified the week of June 7, 2010. Following the close of the contest, a panel of judges comprised of contest administrators, historic preservation experts and professional photographers, will select top photo entries received from each of eight Michigan regions, including: Southeast Michigan, Southwest Michigan, Mid-Michigan, Thumb, West Michigan, Bay Area, Northern Lower and the Upper Peninsula. NOTE: The regional selections will be based on the address of the entrant, not the location of the photo. A regional winner will then be drawn at random from the pool of selected photos.

To learn about previous Governor’s Award projects, go to: [www.michigan.gov/shpo](http://www.michigan.gov/shpo).

The State Historic Preservation Office is part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority is dedicated to building a thriving and vibrant future for Michigan. MSHDA provides tools and resources to improve people’s lives through programs across the state. These programs assist with housing, build strong neighborhoods, and help create places where people want to live and work. MSHDA’s programs work in four areas: affordable rental housing; supporting homeownership; ending homelessness; and creating vibrant cities and neighborhoods. For further information on this or other MSHDA programs, go to [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda).\*

\*MSHDA’s loan and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs.

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