

City of Reno

Historical Resources Commission



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Our city's historic structures-homes, businesses, commercial buildings, and schools-provide a direct link to the past through their associations with important people, events and architectural movements of the past. These "old buildings" reflect the character and values of the people who shaped our city and made it into the unique place it is today. Historic structures add to the value and character of their surroundings. They are non-renewable resources. In order to maintain the value of historic buildings and to preserve them for future generations, it is necessary to take deliberate measures to ensure their continued survival.

AWARDS
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Historic Preservation Awards

Since 1997, the HRC has recognized property owners and preservation advocates through the annual historic preservation awards program. For a complete listing of awards or to make a nomination please, visit www.cityofreno.com and click on Government > Community Development > Historic Resources > Awards.

The Reno Historical Resources Commission (HRC) was established with the city's historic preservation ordinance by the Reno City Council in 1993. HRC members include design and preservation professionals and local citizens. The purpose of the commission is to identify and establish a list of properties with historical, architectural, archaeological, or aesthetic value in Reno. The HRC maintains the city register of historic places, which recognizes and honors structures that are important to the history of Reno and our sense of community. The HRC also acts as the official advisor to the City of Reno on matters relating to the historic preservation of cultural resources and buildings. The commission recommends to the City Council possible uses and funding options for historic buildings, places and sites, and policy and ordinance changes relating to historic buildings and sites.



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Distinguished Service Award: Nancy “Nan” Spina

Nancy Spina is a life long resident of Reno and in 1977 she assisted in historic walking tours in Reno. At this time there were no organizations that specialized in this type of education for the public. Ms. Spina was a commissioner for the Historical Resources Commission (HRC) from 1994 to 2006. During her tenure, she was instrumental in such endeavors as writing the historic significance criteria for both the Newlands and Riverside neighborhoods.

She assisted in the design of the Reno Historic Structures Handbook and other publications. In addition, she helped in the drafting of City Register nominations and accessing data to provide a historic inventory of over 2,000 properties from 1869 to 1956.





Advocate Award:

Kelly Rae and Pamela Haberman HabeRae Investments, Inc.

Kelly Rae and Pamela Haberman formed HabeRae Investments in 1998 and their goal was to specialize in urban infill green building. While they are developers, building contemporary downtown infill projects, they have also acquired fifty properties.



One of their standout projects is the SoDo 4 project just north of another HabeRae project 8 on Center. The contrast between the old and new is striking. The SoDo 4 project, which consists of 4 brick cottages, built circa 1910, are believed to be housing for the Virginia and Truckee Railroad (V&T) brakemen and engineers who stayed over night in Reno before returning to Carson City. Another project in the works is the beautiful Art Moderne, 1950 Reno Fire Department Substation, Engine Company Number 2 building at 495 Morrill. HabeRae Investments purchased the building from the City of Reno in 2008. Plans are to refurbish the fire house and they plan to have the facility completed by July 2009. A Salon 7 and Hot Cups of Coffee and Brew Bar will occupy the first floor. Eight artist loft residences will occupy the second floor.





Residential Award:

Ginsburg/Cassity Home - 543 Ridge St. Joannie & Mike Cassity

The Delongchamps' designed Period Revival Tudor home was built circa 1927-28 for Harry and Anna Ginsburg. Mr. Ginsburg was a successful jeweler, VP of the Reno Furniture Company and a community leader. The Cassitys acquired the home in 2005 and the home was in a state of disrepair. Overgrown garden vines, raccoons



living in the attic and a rusty bathroom tub that had sunken at least 4 inches were just a few of the problems they encountered. They looked beneath these imperfections and embraced the challenge of working on the home.

What impressed the Cassitys was the fact that the interior had not been gutted and modified the way many older homes had been. The Cassitys have lovingly worked on the home, doing much of the work themselves.





Non-Residential Award: Lane Building - 401 West 2nd Street University of Nevada, Reno

This is a two story building constructed in 1906 by Andrew Lane for his business. This structure is un-restored and a great



example of construction methods for that period. In 1936, a rear addition was added using the same design and material elements. The building contains a total of 3,268 sq. ft. and is built of solid brick walls with truss floor construction. It was constructed in the Mission/Spanish Revival elements similar to railroad depot designs which

were popular during that period. It has been well preserved over the last 103 years in its original configuration.

The interior remains unchanged with the exception that windows were bricked in at one time. The building started out as a wood and coal fuel business but later became home for automobile repairing for 54 years of its life. It is currently used for storage and sales of excess office equipment. The Lane Building is listed on the Reno Historic Resources Walking Tour brochure.



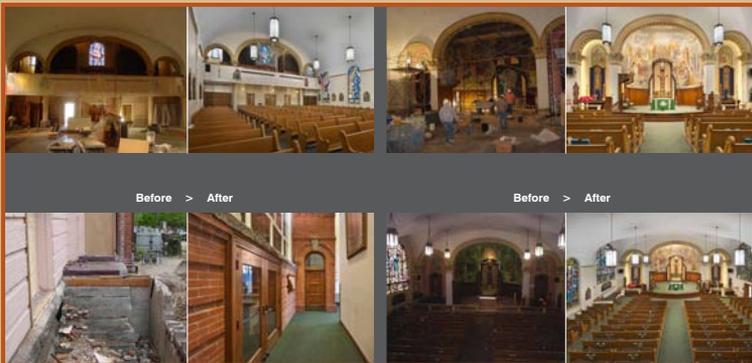
Non-Residential Award:

St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral - 310 W. Second St. Catholic Diocese of Reno

Before the restoration project at St. Thomas began, the building was in a state of structural decline. A decision needed to be made to either replace or restore the church. In part, because of the church's historical significance, Bishop Calvo and Mike Quilici of the Diocese made the decision to restore it. Nearly every part of the building's two levels was in need of some kind of repair. The 1907 structure's restoration and new construction began in April 2008 and was completed on November 30,



2008. In addition, this project is worthy of recognition for the level of cooperation displayed in order to complete the project in a historically sensitive manner. The work of the architects, contractors and engineers all shared their knowledge and many other contributed to the outstanding outcome. This project demonstrates one of the most important aspects of historic preservation-the personal commitment and collaboration of professionals and private citizens to preserve a historic structure.





Historic Landmark Award: Lake Mansion - 250 Court Street VSA Arts of Nevada

The Lake Mansion was built in 1877 and owned by the founder of Reno, Myron C. Lake and Jane Conkey Lake. The Lake's owned



the mansion from 1879-1902, along with several prominent Reno families. In 1971, the mansion was scheduled to be demolished. It was saved and moved to the Convention Center site by Washoe Landmark Preservation, a non-profit organization, led by local family members of Jane Lake.



In 2001, due to the expansion of the Convention Center, the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority requested that VSA arts of Nevada vacate

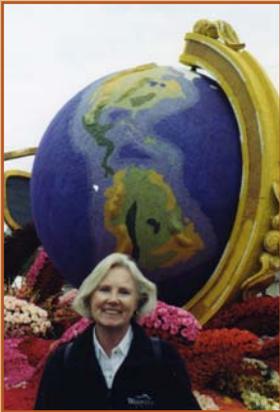
the building and make plans to move the mansion. After raising the necessary funds and securing the best location the mansion was moved on July 11, 2004, three miles north and closer to its original location at the corner of Virginia Street and California Avenue.



Historic Resource Award:

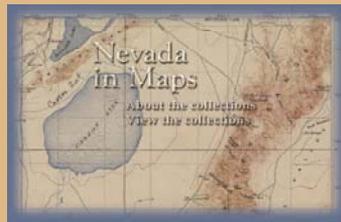
Linda P. Newman, University of Nevada,
Reno - Map Librarian

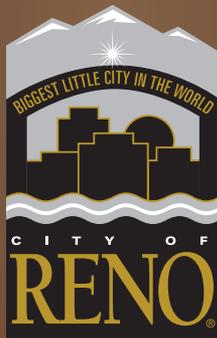
In addition to her previous remarkable work on bringing the entire State of Nevada's plat maps to the public, Linda P. Newman, the Map Librarian at the University of Nevada, Reno has just completed a three year effort to make full color Sanborn maps for the entire state available through the university's website. These maps along with a thorough explanation of their significance are available to all for historic research.



These are two of the most recent additions to the outstanding "Nevada In Maps" website. Historic preservation researchers reap tremendous benefits from all the resources that Ms. Newman has created throughout

her 40 year tenure of service to University of Nevada, Reno. Visit the Website at (www.delamare.unr.edu/maps/digitalcollections.nvmaps).





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