



Museum to Announce 2019 Charlotte Historic Preservation Award Winners at Event Featuring Tom Mayes of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

WHAT The Charlotte Museum of History will announce Charlotte's 2019 Historic Preservation Award Winners at a special event on Aug. 22.

A panel of local architects and preservationists will select five award-winning projects from among 27 nominees.

Author and Mecklenburg County native Tom Mayes will be the evening's emcee and featured speaker. Mayes is chief legal officer and general counsel for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and author of "Why Old Places Matter: How Historic Places Affect Our Identity and Well-Being." He has lectured widely on preservation public policy and historic preservation.

Winning projects must have been completed within the last five years and must be located in Mecklenburg County.

There are five award categories:

1. **Preservation, Residential** – Restoration of a *historic* residential structure
2. **Preservation, Commercial** – Restoration of a *historic* commercial structure
3. **Historic Neighborhood Infill, Residential** – *New* residential building that integrates sensitively with its historic environment
4. **Historic Neighborhood Infill, Commercial** – *New* commercial building that integrates sensitively with its historic environment
5. **Excellence in Preservation** – A person, group, or project (not covered in the previous categories) that preserves the cultural or built heritage of a neighborhood or community.

The Charlotte Museum of History revived Charlotte's Historic Preservation Awards this year to celebrate the preservation of our community's historic built environment and to encourage more preservation. The last Historic Preservation Awards were handed out in 2014 by Historic Charlotte. That non-profit merged with The Charlotte Museum of History in 2016.

WHEN Thursday, August 22, 6-8 p.m.

HOW TO GO The awards event is at The Charlotte Museum of History, just minutes from uptown, at 3500 Shamrock Drive. Tickets are on sale now at charlottemuseum.org/preservation. More information at charlottemuseum.org or by calling 704.568.1774.