

## **MUSEUM TO HOST VIRTUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS**

***Awards recognize projects that preserve and protect  
Charlotte's architectural legacy***

**CHARLOTTE, N.C., May 13, 2020** – The Charlotte Museum of History will host the 2020 Charlotte Preservation Awards via a digital event on Aug. 20. The awards recognize outstanding preservation projects in the Charlotte region and are designed to encourage more preservation of the area's historic buildings and streetscapes.

“By shining a light on successful preservation projects, we hope to encourage everyone who calls Charlotte ‘home’ to help save our historic built environment,” said Adria Focht, president and CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History.

The museum will announce winners during the August awards ceremony. Tickets for the virtual ceremony will be free. People can purchase a special preservation party pack of appetizers and adult beverages, with proceeds supporting the museum’s mission. Party packs will be picked up curbside at the museum prior to the event.

“Even with all the uncertainty right now about public gatherings, we felt it was important to continue the awards this year. We want to give those who have invested in Charlotte’s history their much-deserved moment in the sun. The museum revived the Preservation Awards last year after a five-year hiatus, and one of the best parts of that awards event was the celebratory atmosphere. We hope the party packs will help make the event festive for people, even though we will be celebrating apart.”



An independent panel of local architects and preservation enthusiasts will select six award-winning residential, commercial and community projects from among the award nominees. This year the museum added a new award category to recognize preservation projects outside of Mecklenburg County in the neighboring counties of Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln and Union.

Applications and event information are at [charlottemuseum.org/preservation](https://charlottemuseum.org/preservation). Applications are open now, and the application deadline is June 30, 2020.

#### **About The Charlotte Museum of History**

The Charlotte Museum of History engages a broad audience in the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, places and events to promote dialogue and historical perspective. The museum is the steward of the Hezekiah Alexander House (ca. 1774) and home site, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. To learn more, visit [charlottemuseum.org](https://charlottemuseum.org) and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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