

## **PARTY AT HOME FOR PRESERVATION**

***Party Packs on sale now for the 2020 Charlotte Preservation Awards***

***Special event guest will speak about the restoration of Paris's Notre-Dame***

**CHARLOTTE, N.C., July 21, 2020** – The Charlotte Museum of History today announced details for its virtual Charlotte Preservation Awards on Aug. 20. Limited tickets are on sale now for Preservation Party Packs that provide dinner and drinks so attendees can party at home and celebrate historic preservation. The virtual ceremony will be free to the public and will feature architectural historian Dr. Caroline Bruzelius, a Duke University professor emerita who has worked extensively on Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris.

“The Charlotte Preservation Awards are designed to encourage preservation of our historic buildings and cultural landscapes,” said Adria Focht, president and CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History. “We brought back the awards in 2019 after a five-year hiatus, and we did not want the awards to go dormant again, despite these extraordinary times. People loved the party atmosphere of last year’s awards. So this year we’re giving people the chance to celebrate at home while they watch the live ceremony online.”

Preservation Party Packs are \$65 and include dinner and dessert for two people from Your Custom Catering & Events, a bottle of wine and museum swag. All proceeds benefit the museum’s mission of saving and sharing Charlotte's history.

The museum will announce winners during the live, online awards ceremony on Aug. 20 starting at 6 p.m. Jack Thomson, the new executive director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, will emcee the awards.



Before winners are announced, Dr. Caroline Bruzelius will give a brief presentation about the importance of historic preservation and share some of her work on Notre-Dame cathedral. Bruzelius is an architectural historian and the Anne Murnick Cogan Distinguished Professor Emerita of Art and Art History at Duke University. She specializes in Gothic architecture, urbanism and medieval sculpture in France and Italy.

### **How To Go**

Order Preservation Party Packs at [charlottemuseum.org/events](https://charlottemuseum.org/events). Party packs can be picked up at The Charlotte Museum of History the day of the event, Thursday, Aug. 20, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Party packs must be ordered in advance.

The live awards ceremony begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20, and will be available to view for free on the [museum's YouTube channel. Search for Charlotte Museum of History.](#)

### **The Awards**

The Charlotte Preservation Awards recognize outstanding historic preservation projects in the Charlotte region that help preserve the area's architectural heritage and protect its unique sense of place. An independent panel of judges selects award-winning residential and commercial projects from among the nominees.

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2020 Preservation Awards are still available. Contact the museum at [info@charlottemuseum.org](mailto:info@charlottemuseum.org) for details.

### **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 homesite, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. Visit [charlottemuseum.org](https://charlottemuseum.org) and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). The museum is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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