

2005 Preservation Awards



The 2005 Great Falls/Cascade County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Awards were a 'Salute To The Craftsman.'

Region Four, Fish Wildlife & Parks for the preservation and interpretation of the Ulm Pishkun, a significant cultural resource in Cascade County.

Our request for nominations for craftsmen drew the following awards:

William J. Hicks – His craftsmanship is most evident on his own home at 1003 4th Avenue North

Jon McMaster –JRM Construction - The nomination for Jon said, He is a "fine carpenter and craftsman, with an eye for detail and a heart for preservation." He is currently working on the Ford/Greybill residence – 401 Fourth Ave. No.

Richard D. Boettcher – A master with a paintbrush, examples of Dick Boettcher's work can be seen in the ceiling of the Civic Center lobby, St. Ann's Cathedral and the carefully grained wainscot of the Grand Union Hotel in Fort Benton.

Cecil Beckstrom – Kaleidoscope Glass -was nominated for his work on the restoration of the Cascade County Courthouse, in the course of the fourth courtroom project. His work on the beveled glass windows was said to be "impeccable."

Rick Mead –Vaughn Professional Finishes - Rick's work on the restoration of windows draws high praise. He restored windows in the Children's Museum and the Conrad Library.

In addition, the HPAC selected the restoration of the Pacific Hotel in Fort Benton for special regional recognition. Although outside of Cascade County, the Commission felt that the careful restoration sets a great example and restores a significant area landmark.

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