2004 Preservation Awards

The Great Falls/Cascade County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission selected three recipients for the Fourth Annual Historic Preservation Awards.

- The HPAC felt that the restoration of St. Ann's Cathedral deserves to be recognized. The project clearly displays excellent historic preservation elements and well designed and functional new spaces, compatible with the original building. HGFA-Architects, Billings designed the project, which utilized the services of as many local craftsman as possible. Jan Carter served as the Restoration Committee Chairman and Dick Anderson Construction was the general contractor. Local artisan Dick Boettcher completed the specialized painting on the columns and Tony Malisani crafted stone columns. The Gothic Revival cathedral was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Northside Residential Historic District in 1991.
- The 819 RED HORSE Squadron has made a significant impact on numerous Great Falls area preservation projects over the years and deserves to be recognized for the exceptional service to many organizations in the area. The Commission particularly would like to recognize the work of the RED HORSE team lead by TSgt Fred Wallis, and comprised of SSgt John Carter, SSgt Dave Moore, SSgt Shawn Horenberger, SrA Scott Heldt, SrA Thomas Phelps, SrA Steve Johnson, A1C Trey Dozier, A1C Val Oppenheimer and A1C Eli Whitmore, who provided exceptional assistance in the effort to preserve the oldest residence in the City of Great Falls, the "Vinegar" Jones cabin. The team of ten spent three days cleaning, stabilizing, and mothballing the cabin. Most recently, a RED HORSE team was observed working to restore the former golden elegance to the Rainbow dining room.
- The HPAC has also selected a City of Great Falls Park & Recreation project in the Elks Riverside Park to be honored. They felt that the preservation work done on the Girl's playhouse as well as the restroom addition represent excellent planning. The addition is appropriate for a building that was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1993 as part of the Railroad Historic District. Landmark Architects and Land Planning designed the project, which was completed by Phillips Construction of Ulm.

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