

Local Gems to be Honored at Preservation Award Reception



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Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls-Cascade County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (HPAC) selected five projects to be honored at the 2012 Preservation Award reception, Thursday May 24, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the Missouri Room of the Civic Center (2 Park Drive S). The reception is free and open to the public. Efforts to repair, restore and rehabilitate three residences and a cemetery, along with a new Central Avenue infill building will be recognized during the National Historic Preservation Month celebration. The following award recipients will be honored:

- Michael & Charlotte Chamberlain purchased the residence at 625 3rd Avenue North in 2004 and have steadily and carefully been restoring their home, with real dedication to maintaining the character and original integrity.
- Rob, Gina and Ashly Forsberg took the former Unitarian Church/nine unit apartment building at 309 4th Street North and rehabilitated it for single family residential use, breathing new life into the building and the neighborhood.
- Dr. Dale and Pam Schaefer enjoy fixing up old houses and purchased a rundown home at 606 5th Avenue North and restored it to showcase quality. The couple “demonstrates the spirit that helps keep our historic neighborhoods thriving” Carol Bradley stated in the nomination for the property.
- Great Falls Cemetery Association/Highland Cemetery will be recognized for their dedication to repair and restore the heavily vandalized headstones and markers at the historic Highland Cemetery. Tom Stewart and his crew were specifically recognized in the nomination for acting quickly and skillfully to restore the damage.
- The new Public Drug Co. building at 324 Central Avenue is consistent with guidelines for new construction within

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historic districts and contributes to the masonry, terra cotta and commercial character of the Great Falls Central Business Historic District. The new building compliments and supports the district and reflects significant design and material characteristics within the district.

The Preservation Award reception is held annually as part of National Historic Preservation Month activities. The theme nationally for 2012 is "Discover America's Hidden Gems." The Preservation Awards Reception will celebrate local "gems" and recognize the work of those who take care of our historic resources. For more information about the reception and award recipients contact Ellen Sievert, Historic Preservation Officer at 455-8435.

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