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## **PRESERVATION WAYNE TO HONOR THOSE WHO KEEP OUR PAST ALIVE**

*Historical T-Plex to play host to 2005 Preservation Awards, Sept. 15*

**DETROIT (31 August 2005)** – Preservation Wayne, metropolitan Detroit's oldest and largest non-profit historic preservation organization, will host the 2005 Preservation Awards dinner and ceremony on Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 7 p.m. The ceremony, emceed by **Ann Lang**, President and CEO of the newly-formed Downtown Detroit Partnership, will honor preservation projects and leaders throughout Detroit that have made a significant impact in restoring and preserving Detroit's architectural heritage.

The event, entitled "*Preservation: A Work in Progress*," will take place at the Model T Automotive Heritage Complex, or T-Plex, the birthplace of the Model T and a preservation work "in progress."

"It is in the spirit, vision and hope of the T-Plex project that we will spotlight Detroit's leaders and preservation projects that have brought back life to our city," said Douglas McIntosh, President of Preservation Wayne. "It is their tireless work and dedication that reminds us of what is possible."

Following are a list of the individuals and organizations that will be honored:

**Lifetime Achievement Award** – **Balthazar Korab** for his dedication to masterful photography of the buildings that define Detroit.

**Rehabilitation/Restoration Award** – **W. Robert Bates of Mansur Development, Tony Ferlito of Ferlito Construction and Brian Hurtienne of BVH Architecture** for the purchasing and

rehabbing a long vacant downtown building and restoring one of Grand Circus Park's historic crown jewels - **The Kales Building**.

**Community Development Award – Jefferson East Business Association** for its commitment towards the preservation and redevelopment of a historic part of East Jefferson and the surrounding community.

**Education Award – Reverend Dr. Lottie Jones Hood** on behalf of the **Historic First Congressional Church & the First Living Museum** for being a model to other historic churches to leverage their historical assets to enrich the community.

**Government Leadership Award – City of Detroit's Historic Designation Advisory Board** for their assistance, advice and encouragement to preservation projects throughout the city.

**Government Leadership Award – Ferndale City Manager Thomas Barwin** for his work in promoting a progressive vision for regional cooperation that values preservation as a component of economic development.

**Corporate Responsibility Award – National City Bank of Michigan** for championing rehab financing in Detroit and below market interest rates for people moving to Detroit, and helping Detroiters realize their dreams of owning and restoring historic homes in the city, from Indian Village houses to Midtown lofts.

**Corporate Responsibility Award – Shawn Santo and Kevin Borsay of Pure Detroit** for their passionate commitment to the history and "soul" of Detroit as expressed through their many businesses, which are located in some of Detroit's most beautiful and significant architectural landmarks, such as the Fisher and Guardian Building.

**Pioneer Award – Jerald Mitchell** on behalf of the **Model T Ford Automotive Heritage Complex** for the vision and commitment to telling the story of Detroit's automotive heritage, as well as the organizational ability in promotion of the complex with minimal financial support.

**Suburban Neighbor Award – City of Mt. Clemens' Downtown Development Association** for revitalizing the downtown area using the Main Street redevelopment model.

The evening will begin with a strolling reception and tours of T-Plex at 7 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner and formal program commencing at 8 p.m., which includes the State of Preservation address, unveiling of Preservation Wayne's Historic Building Inventory for the City of Detroit, and the Honor Awards Ceremony. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased by calling (313) 577-3559 or through our website at [www.preservationwayne.org](http://www.preservationwayne.org). Proceeds will benefit Preservation Wayne's work to preserve, promote and protect Detroit's unique built heritage.

Since its founding in 1975, Preservation Wayne has established a strong track record of successful preservation projects and programs. Its accomplishments include the nomination of over 40 buildings and three historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places, the revitalization of East Ferry Avenue, an award winning tour program, and the restoration of the David Mackenzie House, home of the founder of Wayne State University.

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