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## Cincinnati Preservation Presents Awards For Local Preservation Excellence

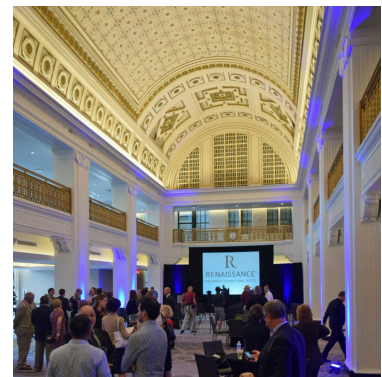
Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) presented ten awards for local preservation excellence at its 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at the 21c Museum Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. The awards honored rehabilitation and preservation stewardship efforts. Innovation, creativity, collaboration—and persistence—made these projects possible.

This year's honorees are:

### 2014 Preservation Award Winners

**Rehabilitation Awards:** This award recognizes owners and developers of historic buildings that have been substantially restored or rehabilitated and comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Work must have been completed within the last year.

- o The Renaissance Cincinnati Downtown Hotel
  - o Owner: Bartlett Building Limited
  - o Architects: FRCH Design Worldwide
  - o Consulting Engineers: Thorsen Baker & Associates, Inc.
  - o Contractors: Columbia Sussex Corp.
  - o In 1901 Jacob Schmidlapp brought Chicago architect Daniel Burnham to Cincinnati to design the Union Trust Building, which was the city's tallest building for 12 years. During the 2000s, the National Register-listed building was vacated, foreclosed and left to decay. In 2013 the building was purchased by Bartlett Building Ltd and in 14 months was completely renovated as a 4-star, full-service hotel.



- o Weaver/Finger House, Delta Avenue
  - o Owner/Contractor: David Finger
  - o Architects: RWA Architects, Inc.
  - o Structural Engineer: Pinnacle Engineering.
  - o For years, the late Dick Ward of RWA Architects drove past this 1894 Colonia Revival house and dreamed of restoring it. His dream has now come true as careful renovation preserved original features while adding a new kitchen and attached garage.



- o Color Building, Vine Street, OTR
  - o Owner: Paint Building LLC
  - o Developer: 3CDC
  - o Architect: GBBN Architects
  - o Construction Manager: Core Resources
  - o Structural Engineer: Pinnacle Engineering
  - o Preservation Consultant: 720 Consulting



o One of the most ornate buildings in Over-the-Rhine, the Italianate-style building was built as a union hall. For four decades it was home to the Cincinnati Color Company paint store. It was purchased and renovated by 3CDC using historic tax incentives and now houses a restaurant and office space.

- o Elm Street Senior Housing
  - o Owner: Elm Street Senior Housing Limited
  - o Developer: Over-the Rhine Community Housing; Model Group
  - o Architect: CR Architecture + Design
  - o Funders: Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing; Ohio Housing Finance Agency; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



o Built as an ice house for beer baron Christian Moerlein, this space still contains a vaulted brick sub-basement. Once used to store German beer, the new building complex with 15 affordable senior housing units is the first of its kind in OTR.

- o Rothenberg Preparatory Academy

- o Owner: Cincinnati Public Schools
- o Architect: WA Architects, with GBBN Architects
- o Construction Manager: Turner/DAG
- o Structural Engineer: GOP Limited
- o Mechanical/Electrical Engineer: KLH Engineers
- o Civil Engineer: Abercrombie & Associates
- o General Contractor: Performance Construction
- o Masonry/Terra Cotta Restoration Contractor: Kestner Waggoner Restoration Group, Inc.
- o Rooftop Garden Funder: Over-the-Rhine Foundation
- o Rothenberg is a richly ornamented Collegiate Tudor school building built in 1908. After years of threatened demolition, the building is now restored, preserved and expanded with new mechanical systems, improved energy efficiency, and full accessibility.



- o Nicolay Lofts

- o Developer: NorthPointe Group
- o Architect: City Studios
- o Contractor: HGC Construction Company
- o This OTR building built in 1910 was named in honor of a German immigrant who ran a local meat market. The building fell on hard times, but in 2013 was completely renovated with ten condominiums, a roof deck and first-floor commercial space.



- o Westfalen Lofts

- o Developers: NorthPointe Group and John Hueber Homes
- o Architect: Wichman Gunther Architects
- o Contractor: John Hueber Homes
- o Westfalen means “west facing” and draws from OTR’s Germanic roots. Westfalen comprises seven formerly dilapidated buildings renovated as one project. The space now houses 42 condos and commercial space along the streetcar line.



- o Hummel Building
  - o Developers: Grandin Properties and 3CDC
  - o Architects: Denis L. Black and Associates
  - o Contractor: Hudepohl Construction
  - o Built in the 1870s, this building housed the George Hummel daily market and saloon. When Grandin and 3CDC acquired the building in 2012 it was heavily vandalized and had severe structural damage. Two years later, the building is fully rehabilitated with four condos and first-floor commercial space.

**Stewardship Award:** This award honors organizations or entities working to preserve historic buildings and character in their communities.

- o City of Covington Historic Preservation Guidelines
  - o Covington has a great track record of preservation success with National Register districts, historic tax credit projects and preservation overlay zones. The city’s recently revamped historic preservation guidelines incorporate the latest in scholarship and technology and serve as a model for other cities to follow.
  
- o Spring in Our Steps
  - o Spring in Our Steps is dedicated to taking back neighborhood forgotten spaces, such as steps and alleys. The organization’s hardworking volunteers have cleaned more than 50 sets of hillside steps and decluttered alleys in numerous neighborhoods which have resulted in improved safety and community engagement.



**About CPA:** Cincinnati Preservation Association is a not-for-profit organization that serves the Greater Cincinnati community as the recognized resource and catalyst for the preservation of historic cultural resources such as architecturally significant buildings, archeological sites, historic public art and monuments and landscapes. This is accomplished through education, advocacy, and technical support.

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