

**SCHENECTADY HERITAGE FOUNDATION**  
*Fostering Historic Preservation in Schenectady County*

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Schenectady Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster historic preservation in Schenectady County. The Foundation aids historic building and neighborhood conservation and rehabilitation through education, advocacy, and financial assistance.

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**2017 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS**

(Schenectady, NY) - Schenectady Heritage Foundation announces their 2017 Preservation Awards for excellence in historic preservation in Schenectady County. The award winners will be honored at the Foundation's annual ceremony scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 4pm in the rotunda of Schenectady City Hall. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at MopCo Improv Theatre located at 10 N. Jay St., one block north of City Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend.

This year's Awards include three National Register buildings, all with unique histories and restoration stories. The fourth winner is a historic firehouse, creatively adapted for a new commercial use. The Award recipients are:

1. 109 Union St., Yates House. Built c.1725, Stockade Historic District. Owner, Kevin Decker.
2. 11 Ingersoll Ave. Built c. 1900, Stockade Historic District. Owner, John Samatulski.
3. 132 N. College St. Built c. 1920, Stockade Historic District. Owners, Diane and Jeffrey Moore.
4. MopCo Improv Theatre, 10 N. Jay St. Built c.1920. Owners, Kat Koppett and Michael Burns.

Gloria Kishton, Chairperson of the Foundation, praised the award winners' accomplishments, stating, "This year's awards showcase diverse examples of preservation that enhance economic development and preserve residential architecture in Schenectady's historic districts."

Last year, the Preservation League of NYS named Schenectady's Stockade Historic District to their 2016 "Seven to Save" list of most endangered places in NYS. The designation came as a result of repeated flooding and resulting disinvestment, negatively impacting the Stockade Historic District.

This year, the Foundation is pleased to give a Preservation Award to a 2 family house in the Stockade Historic District that has been completely restored after incurring severe flood damage from Hurricane Irene. Flood mitigation techniques were used in the restoration of 11 Ingersoll Ave.

For information on the Preservation League's "Seven to Save" list:  
<http://www.preservenys.org/seven-to-save---2016-17.html>

