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Historic Augusta Announces 2020 Preservation Awards

Historic Augusta, Inc. is pleased to announce the recipients of six Awards given at its Annual Meeting held on November 19, 2020, at 6:00 pm virtually using Zoom. Historic Augusta recognizes outstanding historic preservation projects each year throughout the city.

Historic Augusta awarded the "Bill and Marie Bush Friend of Preservation Award" to **Bryan Haltermann**. Mr. Haltermann served as president of Historic Augusta from 1993 until 1996 and established a model for successful rehabilitation in the Broad Street corridor which encouraged many additional projects and the revitalization of the central business district. The Bush Award was established in honor of Historic Augusta founders Bill and Marie "Frenchie" Bush in 2012 and is awarded at the discretion of the Awards Committee to recognize outstanding service to Historic Augusta and its mission of historic preservation in Augusta and Richmond County.

The 2020 recipients of Historic Preservation Awards are as follows:

- **Twin Gables, 920 Milledge Road.** Twin Gables is a Dutch Colonial Revival style home built in 1910-1911 as a winter residence. The original architect of the home was Henry Ten Eyck Wendell and the landscape architect was Julia Lester Dillon. Used by the Medical College of Georgia as the President's home since 1984, it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rhodes in 2018. The home has been rehabilitated into a private single family residence and retains many character-defining features including moldings, hardwood floors, and other interior architectural elements. Renovation architects Christopher Booker and Associates. General contractor Aaron Price. Award presented to Therese and Brian Rhodes.
- **The Morgan Building, 204 13th Street.** Located in the Augusta Downtown Historic District. Built 1914 by Mrs. James B. Morgan, the building is notable for being owned and developed by a woman as her own residence and an income producing apartment house. This project is a certified historic rehabilitation receiving both state and federal tax credits and is now six income-producing apartments. Architect: Jim Webb of Studio 3 Design Group; Peach Contractors. Design: Rhonda Pullis. Award presented to Rhonda and Jack Pullis.
- **211 Greene Street.** Built in 1917 by Milledge Murphey after the Great Augusta Fire. Murphey owned the wholesale grocery "Murphey & Co." which was located at 628 Broad Street. The house was largely vacant after 1994 and was purchased in 2018 by the current owners who have saved much of the interior character-defining features including hardwood floors, plaster, moldings, windows, and mantles. Contractor: Gilchrist Construction, LLC. Designer: Jennifer Joseph. Award presented to owners Leah and Joe DiRenzo.
- **The Marshall House, 901-903 Broad Street.** Located in the Augusta Downtown Historic District. Constructed circa 1884, the building served as the Marshall House Hotel and various first floor commercial businesses. Years of modification resulted in the three story portion being covered in stucco and the second and third floors vacant for decades. Removal of the

stucco was required to receive certification for state and federal rehabilitation tax credits. Reconstruction of exterior features was based on historical photographs. The rehabilitation has resulted in a restaurant anchoring the Broad Street corner and a forthcoming bakery. The second and third floors are income producing apartments featuring original hardwood floors, mantles, and moldings. Architects: Christopher Booker and Associates, Cheatham Fletcher and Scott (Laziza restaurant). 2KM Architects (Vance Bakery) Contractor: Haltermann Partners, Inc.; DPM Construction (Laziza restaurant); Heavener Construction (Vance Bakery) and Robertson Restoration. Award presented to Bryan Haltermann.

A new construction award was presented to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection for the completion of the new Reiser Fellowship Hall, finished in 2019. This category was developed to acknowledge new buildings placed in a historic district or adjacent to historic structures that complement the area. Design by Johnson, Laschober, and Associates PC. Construction completed by Brown Construction.

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