Governor’s Awards for Historic Preservation
Historic structures and archaeological sites tell us about the past and help us maintain Michigan’s unique identity. The preservation of these sites is vital to Michigan’s revitalization as a place where people want to work, live, and spend their leisure time. Each year the State Historic Preservation Office and the State Historic Preservation Review Board identify worthy recipients to receive the Governor’s Awards for Historic Preservation, which are presented in May during National Historic Preservation Month. The awards recognize homeowners who rehabilitate their homes, developers who transform underutilized historic structures into vital economic assets, academic institutions, archaeologists, nonprofits, and local governments, among others, who strive to preserve Michigan’s important historic and cultural resources.

2013 Recipients of the Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation

- **Ferris State University and its Kendall College of Art and Design, Christman Capital Development Company, the Christman Company, TowerPinkster Architects, Hopkins Burns Design Studio, and the City of Grand Rapids**
  For the rehabilitation of the US Federal Building (Kendall College of Art and Design), Grand Rapids

- **The Old Rugged Cross Foundation, Inc., D. Layman Construction Company, and the Community of Pokagon Township**
  For the restoration of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Pokagon (Old Rugged Cross Church), Pokagon Township

- **Tibbits Opera Foundation and Arts Council, Inc.; Tom Roberts; Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.; Grand River Builders, Inc.; and the Greater Coldwater Community**
  For the restoration of the Tibbits Opera House, Coldwater

- **Glenn D. and Jeanine Head Miller**
  For the rehabilitation of the Milton and Kittie Geer House, Superior Township, Washtenaw County

- **Neighborhood Service Organization; Fusco, Shaffer and Pappas; O’Brien Edwards Construction; and Kidorf Preservation Consulting**
  For the rehabilitation of the Michigan Bell and Western Electric Warehouse (NSO Bell Building), Detroit

- **The Detroit Land Bank Authority**
  For demonstrating a true understanding the value of historic preservation through the NSP2 rehabilitations it completed in Detroit historic districts