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Pyne Awards

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Look around your neighborhood. Who is doing something good, preserving Durham's architectural and cultural heritage? The Architectural Preservation and Awards Committee invites members of the Community to nominate potential recipients for the George and Mary Pyne Preservation Award. The Committee recognizes award winners at the Historic Preservation Society's annual dinner held in early summer.

The Pyne Awards have been given by the Society since 1976, and were named in honor of long-time Durham preservationists George and Mary Pyne in 1995.

The Award is given to both homeowners and commercial property owners for sensitive restoration projects that preserve the architecture and heritage of Durham. Properties that are at least 50 years old and have been significantly rehabilitated or restored while maintaining the architectural character of the original structure are eligible for the Pyne Award. Projects must be completed. Work in progress is not eligible for the Pyne Award.

The Award can recognize either restoration of properties to their historic uses, or adaptive use projects that reinvent the use of a space while at the same time preserving the architectural flavor of the original architect or builder.

Commercial buildings, churches, schools, public institutions, and residences are all eligible for the Pyne Award.

Mail nominations to Preservation Durham at PO Box 25411, Durham, NC 27702, drop them off at our office at 3001 Academy Drive, or submit them by [e-mail](#).

Nominations are due by April 1 of each year.

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Contact the Preservation Durham office for more information or to nominate a project for the Pyne Awards.

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Call (919)-682-3036 or [email](#)

Congratulations to the 2008 Pyne Preservation Award Winners

At its 2008 annual meeting Preservation Durham bestowed the George and Mary Pyne Preservation Awards to five projects that typify the exciting and varied activity of historic preservation in Durham. Winners included traditional homes as well as the adaptation of old tobacco buildings into modern commercial space. (* Indicates the building is included in *The Durham Architectural and Historic Inventory*.)



Scruggs-Fowler House

*SCRUGGS-FOWLER HOUSE (1930), 309 Edward Street This house had been little altered when current owners Bill and Shannon Thornburg purchased it ten years ago. Remodeling one room at a time, they have turned a dark and gloomy house into a bright modern home while keeping original elements like heart pine floors and extensive woodwork. While they worked, they researched the neighborhood and the families that had lived here before them, and now they carry the torch in to the future.



Carolyn Grady House

CAROLYN GRADY HOUSE (1926), 212 West Trinity Avenue This house was in serious deterioration when Sylvia Williams and Helena Cragg bought it in 2006. Renovation included repelcing many missing dors with doors saalvaged from another remodeling project on Geer Street. Original cabinetry remains in the kitchen and breakfast nook, which were carefully enlarged to allow for modern living.



Venable Warehouse

*VENABLE CENTER: VENABLE WAREHOUSE (1905, 1910), PRIZERY (1930s), AND TRANSPORTATION CENTER (1956), 302 East Pettigrew Street These are some of the few surviving examples of independent or small-time tobacco warehouses in Durham. Renovated for commercial use by owner Scientific Properties, they keep thier unique character with original building elements reused in interior and exterior details and signs. Pathways, intersections, and landscape features highlight the different buildings and show off the differences in use and periods of construction.



Gwaltney House

GWALTNEY HOUSE (late 1920s), 201 West Woodridge Drive This Colonial Revival home was in need of major work to uncover the gem hidden behind aluminum siding and a jungle of vines in the overgrown back yard. Rudy and Christine Lerich found 95% of the original siding hiding under the aluminum, refinished wood floors and window frames, shored up the sinking foundation, enlarged the kitchen by removing the butler's pantry, and enclosed a sleeping porch to create a playroom. The backyard is now a sunny terraced lawn enjoyed by family and friends.



Mangum House

*MAYNARD MANGUM HOUSE (1913), 1111 N. Mangum Street This landmark in Old North Durham has undergone extensive renovations by new owners Farad and Robin Ali. Working with designer Gwen Ronsick, they replaced missing stained glass windows, put up new burlap wallpaper to imitate the overpainted originals, restored other finishes on wood and colors on the walls. Old bookshelves and windows found on the site were reinstalled. Major updating involved combining the kitchen and family room using architectural details to tie the new space to the rest of the house.

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