

# W.Z. HICKMAN PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

The Independence Heritage Commission is a nine-member body appointed by the Independence City Council to oversee the preservation, protection, and enhancement of our city's historic resources. Guided by this mandate, the Commission continually strives to foster and encourage preservation, conservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of buildings within neighborhoods and commercial districts throughout Independence.

In 2001, the Heritage Commission developed an annual awards program to honor the challenges of preserving Independence's rich heritage. These awards are intended to recognize the efforts of individuals, organizations, and projects that display an exemplary commitment to historic preservation in Independence.

In 2002, these awards were distinguished by the name "*The W.Z. Hickman Awards for Historic Preservation*," in honor of the pioneering efforts of one of Independence's first historic preservationists. In addition to being considered an authority on matters of local history, William Zere Hickman (1845-1921) also organized the "Old Plainsmen's Association" of 1909, who assisted the efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution in marking the original path of the Santa Fe Trail. In 1916, he also led a citywide movement to see the 1827 Log Courthouse preserved and restored in Independence, for the benefit of future generations and in 1921 authored the book History of Jackson County.

Awards will be presented at the first City Council Meeting in May as part of Independence's annual celebration of Historic Preservation Month. Preservation Month is a national celebration and is co-sponsored with the City of Independence by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

## PRESERVATION AWARD CATEGORIES

Projects and individuals may be nominated for an award in one of the following categories:

### ❖ **Building(s) Preservation, Restoration, and Rehabilitation**

*Recognizes exemplary efforts by an individual property owner or organization in: sustaining the form, integrity and materials of an historic property; restoration of a historic building to an earlier or original appearance; or, rehabilitation of a historic building for reuse through repair, alterations and additions that preserve those portions or features which convey the building's historical, cultural or architectural significance.*

### ❖ **Distinguished Service**

*Recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has demonstrated a commitment to historic preservation efforts in Independence through advocacy, education and outreach, and philanthropy.*

❖ **Distinguished Volunteer-NEW 2008 CATEGORY**

*Recognizes an individual volunteer that has demonstrated an exemplary dedication to historic preservation efforts at an Independence Historic Site through advocacy, education and outreach, and philanthropy.*

❖ **Visual Enhancements (landscaping, fences, signage, etc.)-NEW 2008 CATEGORY**

*Recognizes exemplary efforts by an individual property owner or organization in the enhancement of a historic site or neighborhood through the addition of features that solely or collectively beautify the City's historic landscape.*

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008**

**MAIL OR DELIVER NOMINATIONS TO:**

Historic Preservation Awards  
Independence Heritage Commission  
C/o City of Independence Historic Preservation Division  
111 E. Maple  
Independence, MO 64050

For further information, contact the Historic Preservation Division at (816)325-7419.

**NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

- ◆ Nominations for Preservation Awards will be accepted from the general public.
- ◆ A project or property may be nominated by its owner or another individual or group. If the nomination is made by someone other than the owner, the owner's written consent must be obtained.
- ◆ Nominations for Distinguished Service Awards may be made without the knowledge of the nominee(s).
- ◆ Self-nominations will be accepted for all award categories.
- ◆ All nominations must be submitted on the nomination form provided (or a photocopy of that form) with required attachments as described herein.
- ◆ All materials submitted must be clearly identified with the name of the nominee. Slides and photographs should be identified with nominee name and description, as well as applicable photo and copyright credits.
- ◆ All materials submitted become the property of the Independence Heritage Commission and will not be returned.
- ◆ Nominator grants permission for materials to be used for presentation and publicity purposes. Appropriate credit will be given.

**NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS & CHECKLIST**

To be considered complete, a nomination must include the following:

***Building(s) Preservation, Restoration, and Rehabilitation/Visual Enhancement***

- Completed nomination form
- Letter of authorization from the property owner, if not the person submitting the nomination
- 1-2 page narrative statement that describes the project being nominated; the reason(s) for nomination; the significance of the building; and the names of individuals, organizations, architects/contractors, consultants, municipal/state offices, and/or other professionals having a significant role in completion of the project
- Map locating the project

- Four or more photographs (black and white or color), digital images or color slides illustrating the project before (if possible) and after completion
- Letters of support for the nomination (*Possible sources include nonprofit organizations, neighborhood groups, municipal officials, and community leaders.*)

### ***Distinguished Service/Volunteer***

- Completed nomination form
- 1-2 page narrative statement describing the nominee's achievement and/or ongoing commitment to historic preservation efforts in Independence.
- Four or more photographs (black and white or color), digital images or color slides illustrating the nominee's accomplishments, and including (when applicable) at least one image of the individual being nominated.
- Letters of support for the nomination. (*Possible sources include nonprofit organizations, neighborhood groups, municipal officials, and community leaders.*)
- Nominee resume

### **JUDGING AND AWARDS**

Nominations will be reviewed and voted on by the Independence Heritage Commission.

The Awards Commission reserves the right to disqualify any nomination that is incomplete or does not meet the nomination requirements.

The Commission's decisions are final and will be based on the following criterion:

- ◆ For building preservation/restoration/rehabilitation projects, adherence to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation, Restoration, or Rehabilitation (depending on the nature of the project). For a copy of these standards, contact (816)325-7419.
- ◆ Significance and uniqueness of project or achievement
- ◆ Impact of nominee's project or achievement on the community
- ◆ Degree to which the nominee's project or achievement serves as an example to influence other historic preservation activity and/or policy in the community

**HICKMAN PRESERVATION AWARDS-INDEPENDENCE HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008**

**NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Type (check one only) \_\_\_\_\_ Project    \_\_\_\_\_ Organization    \_\_\_\_\_ Individual

Award Category

\_\_\_\_\_ *Select one category from the list of Preservation Award Categories*

Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_ *Project Name, Organization Name, or Individual Name*

Submitted By

\_\_\_\_\_ *Title (if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Organization (if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mailing Address*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City, State, Zip*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Telephone, Fax*

\_\_\_\_\_ *E-mail*

**Owner Consent (for Building Preservation, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Projects only):**

As owner of the above nominated property, I have reviewed the nomination application and do hereby consent to its submission as written. I am aware that any photographic images submitted with the nomination will become the property of the Independence Heritage Commission, and that the Commission will use these photos to publicly recognize the project if an award is made.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Signature of Property Owner(s)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date*

**Return this form to:**

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