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Preservation Idaho’s 46th Annual Orchids & Onions Preservation Award Recipients Announcement + Event Tickets On Sale Now – Saturday, July 22, 2023 at TRICA in Boise, ID

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Boise, Idaho - Since 1977, Preservation Idaho has hosted the Orchids and Onions event, an awards ceremony designed to celebrate individuals and organizations that have made a positive contribution to historic preservation, as well as to bring awareness to those projects that have shown insensitivity to the state’s cultural history.

Please join us on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at TRICA in Boise to honor the leading preservationists with Orchid awards. Tickets must be purchased in advance:
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Orchids were granted to outstanding examples of preservation projects or practices in the following categories:

- Excellence in Historic Preservation
- Contribution to Historic Preservation
- Distinguished Preservationist
- Friend of Preservation
- Heritage Stewardship
- Scott Chandler Award for Excellence in Craftsmanship

Onions: Onions are awarded to projects that jeopardize Idaho’s cultural resources.

2023 ORCHID AWARD RECIPIENTS

Excellence in Historic Preservation: Awarded to projects that have demonstrated outstanding adherence to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards in preservation, restoration, renovation, or adaptive reuse (residential or commercial).

- Arctic Point Fire Lookout Restoration – Payette National Forest
- Gene Harris Bandshell – Boise Parks and Recreation, City of Boise
- Historic Tolleth Home / Hidden Gem Events – Meridian
- Petersen Building – Historic Downtown Pocatello
- Rocky Point Lodge Rehabilitation – Idaho State Parks and Verdis
Contribution to Historic Preservation: Awarded to projects that have been successful in the tasteful restoration, addition, or remodel of an existing building (residential or commercial).
  - Erma Hayman House – Boise Arts & History, City of Boise

Distinguished Preservationist: Awarded to professionals distinguished for service in historic preservation. Nominees for this award would be those whose job it is to further the cause of Historic Preservation in Idaho through direct projects or education.
  - Susie Osgood - Boise

Friend of Preservation: Awarded to non-professional individuals distinguished for service in historic preservation. This would include, but would not be limited to, those who volunteer for preservation organizations, historical societies, or museums.
  - Cheri and Steve Clausen - Weiser

Heritage Stewardship: Awarded to organizations or individuals that have shown dedication to historic preservation through the long-term maintenance and care of historic, architecturally significant, or culturally important sites and structures.
  - St. Agnes Catholic Church - Weiser

Scott Chandler Award for Excellence in Craftsmanship: Awarded to individuals worthy of acknowledgment for their body of work and contributions to their craft. This award is in memoriam to Scott Chandler, who embodied attention to detail, commitment to quality and integrity, and dedication to historic preservation.
  - Edgar Allen, Larry Swan, and Dave LeClair – Trapper Cabin Rehabilitation, Payette National Forest

Evaluation and selection: An independent jury committee was appointed to review the nominations. The committee was made up of preservationists, historians, and architects who reviewed and evaluated the nominations for suitability in their category.

Awards ceremony: Award recipients will be honored at the 46th Annual Orchids and Onions Awards Ceremony in Boise, Idaho at TRICA 1406 Eastman St. on July 22, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A special thanks to TRICA for sponsoring the event venue this year. Visit TRICA.org for more information.
Tickets must be purchased in advance: $20 per person for current Preservation Idaho members | $25 for non-members (fees apply) for the awards ceremony, presentation by Dan Everhart, and reception with lunch and drinks. https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/production/1161186?performanceId=11288414. For more information visit https://www.preservationidaho.org/orchids-onions or contact us at info@preservationidaho.org.

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Preservation Idaho (PI) is dedicated to preserving Idaho’s historic places through collaboration, education, and advocacy. Established in 1972 by a group of Idahoans concerned with the alarming rate at which historic sites and resources in Idaho were being lost, these individuals created an organization that enabled members of the public to unite toward the preservation of Idaho’s historic built environment. With mounting pressure from development and a continuously growing and changing population in the state, it is now more necessary than ever to preserve historic and cultural resources, promote the smart re-use and affordable housing of historic facilities, and to educate the community at large on the value of Idaho’s heritage. PI (Idaho Historic Preservation Council, Inc.) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. PI funds its education and advocacy work through memberships, donations, sponsorships, and grants. To learn more, go to preservationidaho.org.

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