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## **Historic Elmira Now Accepting Nominations for Fifth Annual Preservation Awards**

*Nominations accepted until February 08, 2013*

ELMIRA, NY • Historic Elmira, Inc. will present their Fifth Annual Preservation Awards for sensitive restoration and preservation projects within the Elmira area this coming March. Nominations for the two categories, Project and Advocate, are now being accepted. “We want to bring attention to the people who live right among us who do so much for historic preservation. It’s something that benefits them directly because these are their homes, but it also benefits the rest of us by maintaining these extraordinary places,” commented Historic Elmira President, Kaye Newbury.

Through Historic Elmira’s Preservation Awards community members can enter nominations for the Project or Advocate awards. The Project Award recognizes historic preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive reuse projects in the Elmira area contributing to the appearance, character, and value of local neighborhoods and the community. The Advocate Award celebrates government officials, community leaders, local business owners, journalists and private citizens who passionately value and demonstrate their advocacy for Elmira’s historic architectural heritage through active involvement in the community. This award is also open to groups or organizations currently engaging in the promotion of historic preservation in the Elmira area. “Our purpose certainly has a lot to do with making sure that people understand the value of

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preservation as an economic matter. But we're also happy to be supporting it as a matter of community aesthetics," Newbury said.

Nominations for the Historic Elmira 2013 Annual Preservation Awards are now being accepted. The nomination form can be found at [www.HistoricElmira.org](http://www.HistoricElmira.org), the Historic Elmira office, and local community partners including The City of Elmira Community Development, Chemung County Historical Society, Near Westside Neighborhood Association, and Elmira Downtown Development. The application form can be submitted with supporting documentation by mailing to Historic Elmira at P.O. Box 252, Elmira, NY 14902 or by delivering to the Historic Elmira office at 311 East Water Street, Elmira.

The mission of Historic Elmira, Inc. is to champion historic preservation in the Elmira region by providing education, advocacy, collaboration, and facilitation in activities supporting preservation and enhancements of buildings and sites of historic significance. More information about Historic Elmira can be found at [www.HistoricElmira.org](http://www.HistoricElmira.org).

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