Knox Heritage
2005 Preservation Awards

The Knox Heritage Preservation Awards are designed to recognize people who, seeing the potential of restoring neglected architecture, have chosen to make a gift to the people of Knox County and the streets and communities where these buildings are found.

Fantastic Fifteen:

1. **Jack & Marlene O’Hanlon for 415 W. Depot Avenue:**
   This Victorian Vernacular commercial building is an early example of residential/office conversion in downtown Knoxville. The O’Hanlon’s are to be congratulated for their urban revitalization forethought and their attention to detail that have made the initial rehabilitation, continued maintenance and reinvestment in this building a wonderful example of downtown living.

2. **David Dewhirst and Mark McDermott for the Hope Brothers Building and Sapphire:**
   Thanks to David Dewhirst and Mark McDermott, the Hope Brothers Building is one of the leading examples of sophisticated downtown preservation, attracting renewed attention to the historic facades and interiors of downtown Knoxville's architecture.

3. **The congregation of Church Street United Methodist Church:**
   The congregation of Church Street United Methodist Church has continued to set a high standard for maintenance and renewal of Knoxville's historic resources. The congregation's commitment to recreating lost historic fabric, as they did with their beautiful entry doors, is a wonderful example of preservation that remains true to the letter of the original design for this outstanding Charles Barber-designed building.

4. **Jeffrey Nash for the Knoxville Business College Building:**
   Knox Heritage will always have a special place in its heart for this building; for more than two decades the logo and printed image of Knox Heritage were based on the distinctive entry design of this beautiful building. Many members of the organization worried about the condition of the building for the last decade, but we are thrilled to recognize Jeffrey Nash for his careful rehabilitation of Knoxville Building College, and for rescuing its singular entryway from continued decay.

5. **Charlie Hassenboehler for 1905 Jefferson Avenue:**
   The Craftsman-era details of this wonderful Edgewood-Park City cottage once again grace this historic neighborhood, and this house that was vacant and in very poor condition has become a gift from Mr. Hassenboehler made to the street and to the neighborhood.

6. **Todd Witcher and Cheryl Holcombe for 2524 Jefferson Avenue:**
   The continued revitalization and maintenance efforts of Todd Witcher and Cheryl Holcombe have enhance this Eastlake-design, late 19th century home and it has become a beachhead in the successful effort to rehabilitate the historic homes of the 110 year old community. This welcoming home and its amazing gardens were the perfect location for one of this year’s Summer Suppers.
7. **Lee Bailey for 923 Maynard Avenue:**
Mr. Bailey has restored this eighty year old home in the Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood that was in jeopardy of being condemned. Earlier in its life it was the home of local journalist Barbara Asbury when she was a child. Lee’s work was recently recognized by a Nashville magazine. This is not the first house he has restored and we hope it will not be the last.

8. **Jackie Tucker for 5412 Dogwood Road:**
Jackie Tucker’s home at 5412 Dogwood Road is not only a reminder to Fountain City residents of their history and architecture - it is also an excellent example of a preservation-driven rehabilitation that is without peer - not only in Fountain City but in Knoxville as a whole.

9. **Harold and Lisa Jahns for 412 Midlake Drive:**
This Queen Anne style home on Midlake in Fountain City contains many elements found in the architectural designs of George F. Barber, although its original designer has not been indentified. It had deteriorated greatly before the Jahns purchased it, and began the extensive maintenance project that has preserved its distinctive architectural details.

10. **Eddie Mannis for 3835 Kingston Pike**
This magnificent Craftsman Bungalow is a jewel along historic Kingston Pike. Eddie Mannis has lovingly restored the original period detailing to the home and enhanced the entire landscape surrounding it. He even removed the hedge at the road that hid it from view. So now passersby can enjoy its beauty and historic character. It was the perfect setting for a Summer Supper in August with the theme – An Evening At The Brown Derby.

11. **Daniel Schuh:**
Knoxville Preservation and Development LLC, Mr. Schuh’s company, has been instrumental in the rehabilitation of 141 Leonard Place, 2023 Washington Avenue, 230 E. Oklahoma, 201 E. Oklahoma, 226 E. Oklahoma and most recently, 311 W. Glenwood. In all of these projects, Mr. Schuh has taken a historic building in need of extensive repair, sometimes vacant, sometimes begun but not a finished project, often divided into multiple blighted apartments units and a blighting influence on its neighborhood, and returned them to a useful life that highlights their original architectural details.

12. **Eric Ohlgren and Tina Rossling for 1231 Luttrell Street:**
Five years ago this home was a burned shell of a building, scheduled for demolition. Ohlgren and Rossling chose to rehabilitate the building, returning and enhancing its Craftsman-design details and reinforcing its position as an entry and introduction to the Fourth & Gill neighborhood.

13. **David Myars for 907 Sevier Avenue and David Clark for 911 Sevier Avenue:**
These wonderful homes welcome passersby along Sevier Avenue in South Knoxville. They are examples of what is possible when someone sees the potential in a historic building. We hope they will set the example for historic preservation as planning for the South Knoxville waterfront begins to take shape.
14. **Ted Duke for 8012 Heiskell Road:**
8012 Heiskell is one of the distinctive homes in North Knox County. It was included in the Cultural Resources Plan of 1984 and 1994 as being eligible for National Register and local Register listing. For much of the time it was vacant and poorly maintained, and as suburban development surrounded it, preservationists became increasingly concerned that its unique architectural details and presence in the community would be lost to the pressures of redevelopment. Happily, the house has been rehabilitated, its architectural design preserved, and it continues to act as a reminder of the history of north Knox County, forming an island of thoughtful preservation that links the community with its past.

15. **Kyle Countryman and Greg Owens for 214 Druid Avenue:**
This stone cottage is located in the National Register-listed Lindbergh Forest neighborhood. The house was in extremely deteriorated condition when they purchased it, but their restoration has been complete and it has brought the home back to its original splendor. It is one of a group of four houses with the same design – the others being located in Sequoyah Hills, Holston Hills and Maryville. The current owners researched the history of the homes and held a “family” reunion for all of the current owners to compare notes and histories.

**Greystone Award: Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation:**
This amazing project is receiving its second award in recent months – having won a National Honor Award at the National Preservation Conference in Portland, Oregon. The board of the foundation should be commended for its vision and hard work as well as its commitment to do things right. The theatre is truly a gift for the entire region.

**Volunteers of the Year:**
Monte Stanley and Becky Wade for the South High Task Force
Three years of effort have been guided by this diligent pair of volunteers. Their work resulted in a proposal to restore the school as condominiums. Although there has been a recent setback, due to the action of the Knox County Commission, their work will continue to secure this future of this historic building.

**Compatible New Construction:**
Greg Hyde and Deborah Duncan for 1335 Grainger Avenue
This project proves that new construction can be successful and that there is a growing demand for it in our historic neighborhoods. The builders are to commended for their work with the Old North Knoxville Neighborhood and the Historic Zoning Commission that resulted in this new neighbor.

**Knox County Mayor’s Award:**
Airplane Filling Station Preservation Association
This amazing group of volunteers has a vision and that vision has wings. They have worked tirelessly to save this local icon and now that they have purchased the plane it is time for all of us to step up and help them get the job completed.
John Werner – Knox County Finance Director will present.

**City of Knoxville Mayor’s Award:**
Faris Eid and the 500 Block Task Force
**Lifetime Achievement Award:**
Dr. Josette Rabun and Dr. Stanley Rabun
Generations of students at the University of Tennessee and Knoxville residents have benefited from the passion and leadership provided by the Rabuns. They have spent their entire married life buying and rehabbing older houses (over 30) many or most while they lived in them. Our community is definitely richer because of the dedication.

**Ronald Childress Memorial Award for Preservationist of the Year:**
John Craig
John’s dedication is seen in every project he aspires to take on.