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### PEOPLE SAVING PLACES

LI CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LANDMARKS ILLINOIS RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION PRESERVATION AWARDS



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**EVENTS** LANDMARKS ILLINOIS LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!



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Front cover: Award-winning projects and people Landmarks Illinois has honored through its 25 years of the Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards. Learn more about each of these preservation projects and preservation leaders by visiting our awards archives online at www.Landmarks.org.

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A highlight for me every year is welcoming new board members to Landmarks Illinois. It's truly a privilege to work alongside these dedicated professionals who volunteer their time, expertise, contacts and resources. As Shelley Gorson, former LI Board Chair, has said, our board is LI's "secret sauce." These 32 individuals are the force behind our growth and impact. We thank our membership for electing the following new board members at our Annual Meeting on June 25 and welcome them to their board service with Landmarks Illinois.



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#### Bonnie McDonald

Bonnie McDonald, President & CEO

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Investment Income Memberships 4% Easement Program 4% Advocacy 19% Development & Fund Raising 62% **Grants Programs** 0%

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017 (In ooo's) **OPERATING REVENUES:** Development & Fund Raising Advocacy Easement Program Memberships **Grants Programs** Investment Income 204,000 **Total Revenue** 1,779,000

Development & Fund Raising 36% -Management (see note below) 19% **Grants Programs** 8% Memberships Easement Program 4% 26%

**OPERATING EXPENSES:** Development & Fund Raising Advocacy 445,000 Easement Program Memberships **Grants Programs** 134,000 Management (see note below) 329,000

**Total Operating Expenses** 

amounts are considered unaudited. Management includes expenses not allocated to programs including a portion of meeting expenses, accounting, information technology

Net Operating Increase 66,000 Gain/(Loss) on Investment Portfolio 373,000 Change in Net Assets Beginning Net Assets 8,964,000 **Ending Net Assets** 9,403,000

1,713,000



# PEOPLE SAVING PLACES

## LI Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards

The 2018 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards were held in Chicago on Sept. 15, 2018. In addition to honoring our 2018 award recipients, the event marked the 25th anniversary of this annual awards program, which launched in 1994. To see photos from the 2018 Awards Ceremony, visit us on Flickr at www.Flickr.com/Landmarks\_illinois or on Facebook @ landmarksill. Learn about our 2018 award winners below. You can also visit our website www.Landmarks.org to read more about each award recipient and to see all the award-winning projects from the last 25 years.

#### Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities Edwardsville

#### Project of the Year Award for Leadership

was transformed into a vibrant meeting space and cultural center. Perhaps most notable is the unique public/private partnership that made the project happen: between Mannie Jackson, a successful local businessman, and Lewis and Clark Community College. The center will serve Elgin Tower Elgin as a catalyst for further development in an area that has long been neglected.

#### Historic Residential Hotels Preservation Planning, The Carling Hotel Chicago

#### Award for Advocacy

Built in 1927, the Carling Hotel originally served as a residential hotel, a building type that has not received much attention. Not only was the four-story, Renaissance of federal and state historic tax credits. Revival building turned into 80 singleroom occupancy units, but the owner of the hotel commissioned a Multiple Properties Documentation Form (MPDF) framework for listing these buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### The Davis Theater Chicago

#### Award for Rehabilitation

This rehabilitation project rejuvenated The former Lincoln School, built in 1912, the Davis Theater, which was built in 1918 and is the longest continuously operating theater in Chicago. The project is impressive for balancing the necessary modern amenities with the retention and restoration of many historic elements.

#### Award for Adaptive Use

Taking advantage of federal and state historic tax credits, the project included exterior restoration and interior reuse of the tallest building in Elgin, built in 1929. The project is considered one of the most important in the city's historic downtown in over 20 years, and has spurred interest among other property owners looking to rehabilitate historic buildings with the use

#### Opera House Block Plainfield

#### Award for Rehabilitation

The rehabilitation of the Opera House, that traces the evolution and importance built in 1899, brought back many of of residential hotels, while establishing a the building's original features that had been covered or altered in previous renovations. The project included

restoring the storefront's brickwork and decorative metal surround and restoring the ticket office, dressing room and the original hardwood in the second-floor atrium. The rehabilitation of the building has anchored revitalization in Plainfield's historic downtown business district.

#### Revel Motor Row Chicago

#### Award for Rehabilitation

The former Illinois Automotive Club/ Chicago Defender Building and the Cadillac Motor Car Company Showroom in Chicago's historic Motor Row sat vacant for nearly a decade until those behind this award-winning project brought these landmarks back to life. The buildings were rehabilitated into an event and production space, ensuring their continued use.

#### "Save our Story – Save our Street" - Creation of the West Burton Place Historic District Chicago

#### Award for Advocacy

This successful advocacy campaign was undertaken by local residents to protect a significant historic district on West Burton Place in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood. Included in the group's efforts was drafting a city landmark designation report for the





district, which ultimately received protected status in the summer of 2016. The legacy of the campaign continues today in the form of the West Burton Place Neighborhood Association, which works to preserve, promote and celebrate the district's unique artistic, cultural and historic significance.

#### Van Leer's Broadview Mansion Normal

#### Award for Stewardship

Immanuel Bible Foundation, the owner of the mansion and its three-acre estate, and the Town of Normal collaborated to preserve this historic, 1906 property. Through the partnership, which serves as a model to other communities, the mansion was locally landmarked, thus preventing future demolition or over-development. It was also listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2016.

State Sen. Pamela Althoff, State Sen. Steve Stadelman. State Rep. Steven Andersson and State Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth

#### President's Award for Legislator of the Year

These four state legislators were jointly honored as champions of historic preservation who were instrumental in enacting preservation legislation in Illinois, most recently the new State Historic Tax Credit that was overwhelmingly approved by the legislature in May and later signed into law by the governor.

#### clockwise from above left:

Opera House Caption: The rehabilitated Opera House

The rehabilitated Davis Theater in Chicago. (Credit: Chris Bradley Photogrpahy)

The Elain Tower. (Credit: Christen Sundquist)

Van Leer's Broadview Mansion in Normal, which is now locally landmarked and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

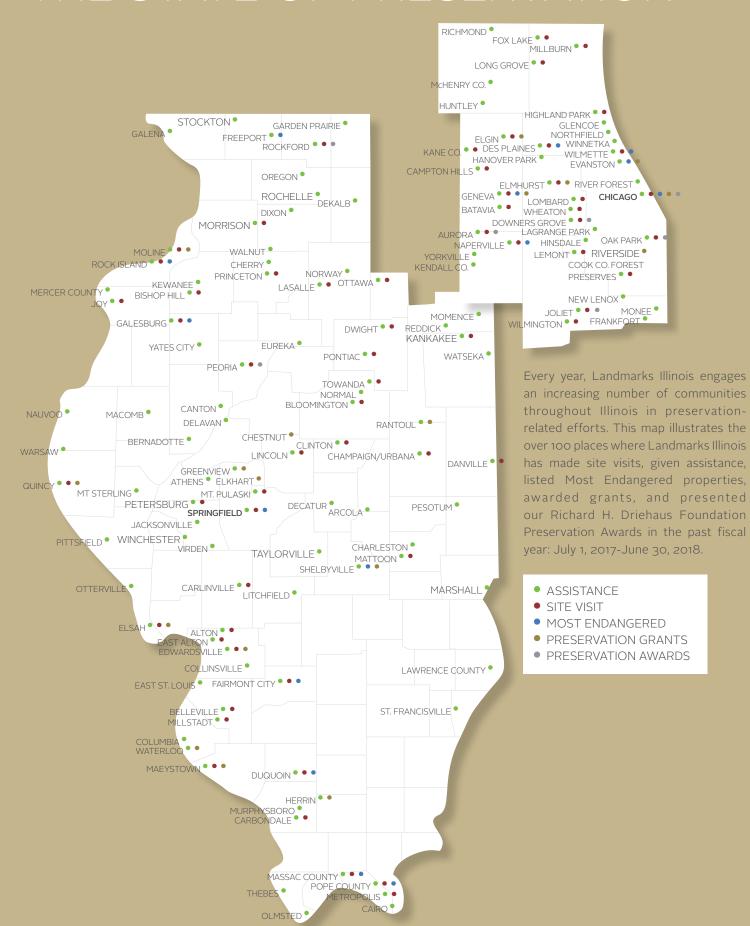
A look inside the rehabilitated first floor of the Defender Building at Revel Motor Row. (Credit: MacRostie Historic Advisors LLC)







# THE STATE OF PRESERVATION



# IN THE FIELD



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#### LONG GROVE BRIDGE LONG GROVE

The Long Grove Bridge, a metal truss bridge built in 1906, has reopened to the public after being damaged this summer when a truck struck the bridge's timber roof. The Long Grove Bridge was part of LI's 2017 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois. Soon after, the bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Following the truck incident in June 2018, engineers assessed the historic bridge and determined the roof would need extensive repair but the rest of the bridge was structurally sound. The Village of Long Grove contracted with a construction firm to remove the damaged timber roof in August, and the bridge reopened to the public in September. The timber covering was added to the bridge in 1972 and village officials are discussing options for rebuilding it.

The Long Grove Bridge before it was damaged.

#### **ROUTE 66** STATEWIDE

The preservation of Route 66 continues to make news: this summer the National Trust for Historic Preservation included Route 66 on America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places and added it to its portfolio of National Treasures. This follows two appearances on LI's Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois: Route 66 in 2017 and the Nite Spot Café in 2018. Both LI and the National Trust are calling for the designation of Route 66 as a National Historic Trail, which would provide a permanent designation for "the Mother Road." The Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act, sponsored by Illinois Rep. Darin LaHood, passed the House of Representatives on June 5 and is in the Senate as went to press. To promote these efforts, Landmarks Illinois staff participated in the National Trust's summer road trip along Route 66, which featured a stop at the iconic and award-winning World's Largest Catsup Bottle in Collinsville.

Visiting the Catsup Bottle in Collinsville, a stop along the National Trust's Route 66 road trip this summer.

#### BURNHAM MANSION CHAMPAIGN

In September, the Champaign school board proceeded with the demolition of the Burnham Mansion in Champaign. Designed by the architectural firm of Burnham and Root in 1883, the house had most recently been occupied as apartments, but was purchased by the school district in 2017. Landmarks Illinois highlighted the Burnham Mansion on the 2016 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois as part of the Central High School and Neighborhood listing. While the school district decided to retain and rehabilitate Central High School, its expansion plan calls for demolition of several key neighborhood properties, including the Burnham Mansion, for a parking lot. Earlier this year, preservationist and LI Skyline Council member Chris Enck negotiated a deal with the school district to move the Burnham Mansion to a nearby vacant lot, but his work to secure financing required more time than the school board would permit, and the board proceeded with demolition.

The Burnham Mansion during demolition in September. (Credit: Susan Appel)



#### PEORIA COUNTY 1866 CIVIL WAR **MONUMENT** Peoria

Peoria's first war memorial, the 1866 Union Civil War Monument, is documented as being the first of its kind to be authorized and dedicated in Illinois for the Union Civil War. After standing for nearly 100 years, the limestone and marble monument was dismantled and readied for relocation to make way for a new courthouse. At that time, the eagle, which topped the monument, was broken and the

remaining nine pieces were left on the lawn of the courthouse where they sat for more than a year until they disappeared in the spring of 1964. In the 1990s, 30 years after they went missing, the pieces were discovered in woods and brush along the railroad tracks. Restoration plans still went unrealized and two more pieces have since gone missing. Fortunately, the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation has stepped in to re-erect, restore and rededicate the memorial just inside the gates of the Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum in Peoria. The missing pieces will be reproduced and a digital computer model of the eagle has been created to resemble as closely as possible the original "Old Abe."

Above left: Stacked pieces of the original Civil War monument.

#### Landmarks Illinois WWI Memorial Preservation Grant Program DAN RYAN WOODS GOLD STAR MOTHERS MEMORIAL Chicago

This historical marker on the corner of 87th and Western Avenue in the Beverly neighborhood on Chicago's South Side is a monument in remembrance of the soldiers lost in World War I and the families they left behind. An effort by the Cook County Forest Preserve to clear brush and remove invasive species of plants led to the discovery of the monument in the Dan Ryan Woods. The monument was not visible from the street or park even though it was just several yards from a busy intersection.

The monument was in critical condition and required immediate stabilization. A group of concerned citizens organized to remove the monument from the site and put it in storage until funds can be found for restoration. Extensive research has been done to determine the original appearance of the rubble stone monument, including the text on the missing plaque. The plan includes recreation of the plaque, restoration of the stone monument and relocation near the visitors' center in the Dan Ryan Woods of the Cook County Forest Preserve.

Above right: The memorial's current condition (top right) and a rendering of the planned restored memorial with a new plague.





#### BY THE NUMBERS

2018 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards. Below are facts and figures from the 25-year history of the annual awards program.



Historic preservation projects honored with a Landmarks Illinois Richard H. **Driehaus Foundation** Preservation Award



Historic buildings and sites statewide that have received a preservation award



Number of nationally or locally designated landmarks involved in award-winning projects



Cities/towns in Illinois with an award-winning project



Adaptive use projects honored through the awards program



Individuals honored through the awards program

Rehabilitated or repurposed schools that have received awards 



Award-winning preservationprojects at places of worship

## PEOPLE KIM COVENTRY

Awards annually since 1994. Kim recently attended the 25th

Landmarks Illinois: The Driehaus Foundation has supported the Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards since 1994. With over 230 award winners representing 78 communities over 25 years, how would you reflect on this program?

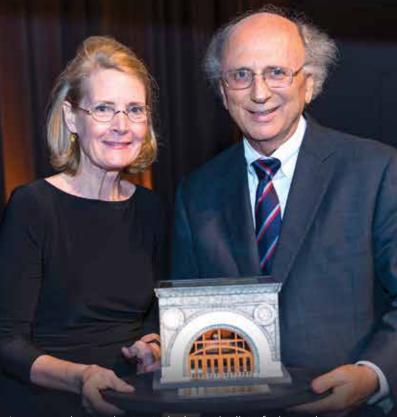
Kim Coventry: Driehaus award winners are often first-time accidental preservationists who had to learn by doing. This is challenging work, and we have come to understand that receiving a Driehaus award is deeply meaningful recognition of their accomplishments. One winner told me that she wanted the award noted on her tombstone! We have also learned that an award is often an important incentive for the winner to undertake another project.

So, too, have we seen what one winner called the "ripple effect"— a winning preservation project in a community giving rise to others. In some communities, the Driehaus award has become the highly coveted gold standard and source of collective pride.

Repeat winners, usually midsized and large firms, tell us that prospective clients have indicated that one of the selection criteria to working with them was the firm's Driehaus awards. We have been told that the first time a community receives an award, it provides helpful visibility and credibility. One winner explained that, in her small town, the award was the biggest thing that had happened in recent memory. Finally, the annual award ceremony has become an important opportunity for winners to develop a network of like-minded practitioners across the state.

LI: You just attended the 25th retrospective celebration of the Driehaus award. What themes emerged for you from highlighting two decades of preservation work statewide?

KC: Awards of recognition is a Driehaus Foundation strategy, and the number of award programs that we support is unusual. Our first award was established in 1994, when the Illinois Preservation Awards program of Landmarks Illinois was rebranded as the Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards. This program has become an important driver of excellence and modeling.



It was very instructive to study the entire list of winners because it became clear to me that the Driehaus award, in fact, mirrors the history of preservation in the state of Illinois. The Leadership Award, previously called the Founder's Award, documents the role of individuals and underscores their singular contributions to the discipline. This year, a new category, Legislators of The Year, was created to recognize the pivotal role that elected officials play in ensuring that preservation remains on the local and state agenda.

LI: What message would you give to those LI has honored through the annual awards program?

KC: My first message is one of enormous thanks! We at the Driehaus Foundation recognize that is it only through the dedicated work of others that the foundation can fulfill its mission.

My second message is to stay the course. Historic preservation is a relatively young discipline and still has fairly few practitioners. Every historic building, park, monument and public square is still vulnerable. Every time we lose a cultural asset, we lose part of our identity and erode the sense of place that makes each town or city unique.

My third message is to remember that the preservation movement is always under threat from competing forces and it is the strength of our collective efforts that has resulted in progress on so many fronts. The Driehaus Foundation has been and will continue to be a committed partner in this cause.

Kim Coventry presents the 2018 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Project of the Year Award for Leadership to Dale Chapman, representing the Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities in Edwardsville. (Credit: Pivot-Photography)



A LANDMARKS

Landmarks Illinois will host its 14th Annual Legendary Landmarks **Celebration** on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at the Hilton Chicago. The celebration is the can't-miss event among professionals in the preservation, development, finance, real estate and building industries, attracting over 750 attendees each year. To learn about the 2019 Legendary Landmarks, visit the Legendary Landmarks Celebration event page at www.Landmarks.org.

Legendary Landmarks from 2018 and previous years at the 2018 Legendary Landmarks Celebration.

**Skyline Council will host a late fall Pub** Crawl in Andersonville the evening of Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018. Reservations for the crawl are on sale at www.Landmarks.org. Additionally, due to popularity of the annual Trivia Night, the council will host not one, but two nights of trivia at Revolution Brewpub in January. Gather and prep your teams for the competition as the event dates will be announced soon and reservations go on sale in December.

The Riggio Boron team at the 2018 Skyline Council Trivia Night.





LI celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards on Sept. 15, 2018, at Venue SIX10 in Chicago. The evening honored inspiring preservation projects and people who demonstrate a commitment to saving places in their Illinois communities. Close to 200 people, including past award winners, attended the event, and Richard H. Driehaus gave a special tribute at the ceremony in celebration of the

LI President & CEO Bonnie McDonald with Illinois State Sen. Steve Stadelman (D-Rockford), State Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth (D-Peoria), State Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-McHenry) and State Rep. Steven Andersson (R-Geneva), as they receive their 2018 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards for Legislators of the Year. (Credit: Pivot-Photography)

25-year history of the awards program.



#### **Southern Exposure:** A Look at the Architectural **Treasures of Chicago's South Side**

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Chicago Architecture Center 111 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago

Photographer and architecture critic Lee Bey shows and discusses the fantastic architecture of Chicago's South Side. Veering away from the usual "ruin porn" depictions of the area, Bey shows neighborhoods filled with remarkable places and spaces and argues the South Side has the finest collection of architecture in Chicago outside of downtown. Chicago Architecture Center is a cosponsor of this lecture. Look for more Preservation Snapshots Lectures at www.Landmarks.org.

(Credit: Lee Bey)

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