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Restore Oregon Announces Winners of 2018 DeMuro Awards
- Annual Program Honors Excellence in Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Statewide -

PORTLAND, OR –Oct. 4, 2017 – Restore Oregon is pleased to announce the [2018 winners](#) of our annual DeMuro Awards which celebrate and honor exceptional historic rehabilitation and compatible infill projects across the state. Selected for extraordinary quality, creative problem-solving and notable community impact, the 2018 DeMuro Award-winning projects showcase the best in preservation design and represent Oregon's diverse culture and history through architecture:

ERMATINGER HOUSE (c. 1843), Oregon City - One of the oldest surviving structures in Oregon, the Ermatinger House was home to Hudson Bay Company Chief Trader Francis Ermatinger, and provides a direct link to Oregon's pre-statehood period and the founding of Oregon City. Long associated with the naming of Portland (the home is thought to be the site of the dinner party where the famed Lovejoy-Pettygrove coin flip occurred) the Ermatinger House has been fully-restored for use as a museum and is a key contributor to Oregon City's active and growing heritage tourism scene.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- Architectural Resources Group
- City of Oregon City
- Clackamas County
- William J. Hawkins III
- TS Gray Construction
- Oculus Construction

GARDNER BUILDING (c. 1901), LaGrande – The Gardner Building, aka the Berry Building, was erected in 1901 by entrepreneur and railroad engineer, John Gardner. Located in LaGrande's Historic Commercial District and recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the building has housed many businesses on its ground floor over the past century. However, its second story sat vacant for over 50 years. Thanks to the vision and commitment of LaGrande residents Dale and Ginny Mammen, the Gardner Building is now home to four inviting new apartments upstairs, and Community Merchants, an attractive modern general store which occupies the refurbished ground floor.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- Dale and Virginia Mammen, Owners/Developers
- WC Construction, Inc.
- City of La Grande

PAUL BUNYAN STATUE RESTORATION (c. 1959), Portland - Built in 1959 for the Oregon Centennial, this 31-foot tall Paul Bunyan statue is a Kenton neighborhood landmark. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Oregon's only designated Roadside Attraction has been featured on everything from travel ads to tee shirts. Although officially the statue has no owner, the Kenton Neighborhood Association has long been its steward. Thanks to their tireless fundraising efforts and months of painstaking restoration, a freshly refurbished "Tall Paul" stands ready to delight Kenton residents and visitors for decades to come.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- Kenton Business Association
- Kenton Neighborhood Association
- Figure Plant

PIONEER HALL (c. 1886), Turner – The Oregon Christian Convention is a 160-year-old organization whose mission is to connect Pacific Northwest churches for worship, gatherings and community events. Its site was established in 1878 via a land donation by Louis H. Turner, George H. Turner and Cornelia Turner Davis, in memory of their parents who were prominent Marion County pioneers. Pioneer Hall is one of several buildings onsite, and although not ornate, it is a unique piece of functional historic architecture. Post-restoration, it retains its original style and functions as both a landmark and gathering place for the local community.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- Fackler Construction Company
- Oregon Christian Convention

REDMOND CITY HALL AND CIVIC CENTER (c. 1922), Redmond – For over 13 years, the City of Redmond operated out of a former Safeway grocery store which provided space, but lacked character and community identity. The purchase of a vacant public school building inspired a forward-thinking vision for a new City Hall which preserved the historic integrity of the building's fabric, created great work spaces for city employees, and provided a welcoming civic facility for the community. Original woodwork, doors, windows and stairs were refurbished whenever possible and decades of yearbook photos were incorporated into murals throughout the building, preserving the architecture, memories and spirit of the former school.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- FFA Architecture and Interiors, Inc.
- SKANSKA USA
- City of Redmond
- PAE Consulting Engineers

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS (c. 1921), Portland – Located in Portland's St. Johns neighborhood, the revitalized 17-acre Roosevelt High School campus consists of an original 1921 brick structure, a 1930s auditorium, and three modern additions. Partially restored and partially redesigned to address inefficiencies, the campus now connects with a centrally located commons which bridges old and new by linking historic structures with expanded program spaces. The renovated main building offers community-based services, and features a state of the art media center located in the school's original auditorium space.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- Bassetti Architects
- BRC Acoustics & Audiovisual Design
- Lease Crutcher Lewis
- C&N Consultants
- Portland Public Schools
- PLA Designs, Inc.
- KPFF Consulting Engineers
- JBK Consulting and Design, Inc.
- BHEGroup
- PBS Engineering and Environmental, Inc.
- Interface Engineering
- i-TEN Associates, Inc
- Mayer/Reed, Inc.

SALEM RAILROAD BAGGAGE DEPOT (c.1889), Salem - Located along Highway 22 in the heart of Oregon's capital, the National Register-listed Salem Railroad Baggage Depot is one of the last remaining Queen Anne railroad structures in Oregon. Originally designed as a holding area for rail passenger luggage, the building has been fully-rehabilitated following years of neglect and decay. It now serves as a Greyhound bus station and multimodal transportation hub for bicycle, train and bus passengers traveling locally, regionally or nationally.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- Nathan Good Architects
- David Evans and Associates
- City of Salem
- Andy Medcalf Construction Company
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Historical Research Associates
- John Schnaderbeck, PE



SOFTSTAR SHOES WORKSHOP (c. 1949), Philomath – Softstar, an Oregon-based manufacturer of handcrafted leather footwear, recently expanded operations in an unexpected way: by restoring a 1940s roller rink! Previously known as the Phil-O-Rink, this wood-trussed structure served as a community skating rink for a quarter century before closing in the 1970s. Vacant since the 1990s, the spacious barrel-vaulted building has been fully and sustainably repurposed and now offers both tours of its manufacturing facility and a peek at its roller rink past via exhibits which dot and enhance Softstar’s retail space.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- Alan Ayres, Owner / Designer / Contractor
- Tricia Salcido, Softstar Shoes
- Larkin Holavarri, Softstar Shoes
- Bill Peterson, Landscape Designer / Contractor
- Rod Terry, Architectural Design Consultant

TOWNE STORAGE CREATIVE OFFICE (c. 1915), Portland – The new Central Eastside headquarters of software manufacturer Autodesk is nestled within the handsome brick walls of a 103-year-old warehouse building. The structure’s reimagining took 16 months and began with demolition of the building’s interior. Seismic upgrades included installation of concrete shear walls, new steel brace frames and a series of micropiles reaching 130 feet underground. Other improvements included window rehabilitation and replacement, new roofing, restoration of original masonry/concrete, creation of new entrances, restoration of the building’s historic water tower, and the addition of both a new 6th floor and an expansive 4,000 square foot roof deck.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- LRS Architects
- Bremik Construction
- Sentinel Development
- KPFF Structural Engineers
- Versatile Wood Products
- Westport Capital Partners
- Apex Real Estate Partners

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON CHAPMAN HALL (c. 1939), Eugene – Designed by the University of Oregon’s first Dean of Architecture, Ellis Lawrence, Chapman Hall blends many architectural styles, including Egyptian Revival and Art Moderne. Originally home to the campus bookstore and English and Modern Home Economics departments, the terra cotta and brick structure was rehabilitated through exterior repairs and repointing, seismic reinforcement, and energy upgrades allowing it to meet LEED Gold standards. A reorganized interior now includes classrooms, seminar rooms, offices and community space, while also retaining many historic features such as the Main West Stair, a 1942 wall mural by E.R. Scott, and the original Modern Home Economics Department fireplace.

Congratulations to the entire project team that made this project possible:

- Hennebery Eddy Architects
- University of Oregon
- KPFF Consulting Engineers
- Interface Engineering
- Fortis Construction
- Acoustic Design Studio
- The Facade Group / RWDI
- PLACE

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Restore Oregon launched the DeMuro Awards program in 2013 to publicly recognize teams of architects, designers, contractors and property owners for committing to restoring and honoring Oregon’s historic architecture and cultural heritage.

“Inspired by the work of our late friend, Art DeMuro, Restore Oregon honors preservation projects and compatible infill across the state that exemplify excellence, creativity, problem solving and community impact,” says Restore Oregon Executive Director, Peggy Moretti.

“Our goal is to both honor outstanding preservation efforts – residential and commercial, urban and rural, private and public – and to share them as inspiration for others.”

Restore Oregon will present awards to each of the winning restoration teams at the Restoration Celebration on November 2, 2018, the organization’s largest and most important fundraising event of the year.

To learn more about [Restore Oregon](#), [Restoration Celebration](#) or the [DeMuro Awards](#), please visit our website at www.restoreoregon.org.

High-resolution photos available for [download here](#).

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About Restore Oregon: Founded in 1977, Restore Oregon is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization which advocates for sound preservation policy and legislation. Our mission is to preserve, reuse and pass forward the historic places that create livable communities. Each year, we provide statewide educational programming and technical assistance, while working to save the sites and structures featured on our annual list of Oregon’s Most Endangered Places. We hold over 40 conservation easements on historic properties, thereby protecting them in perpetuity.

About the DeMuro Award: The DeMuro Award honors extraordinary historic rehabilitation projects and compatible infill development across Oregon –residential and commercial, urban and rural, private and public. The award is named in honor of [Art DeMuro](#) whose redevelopment of historic properties such as the White Stag Block set the standard for quality, creativity, persistence, and business acumen. The DeMuro Award is the only statewide award in Oregon recognizing the creativity, persistence, and craftsmanship required by outstanding restoration projects.

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