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Restore Oregon Announces Winners of the 2019 DeMuro Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation

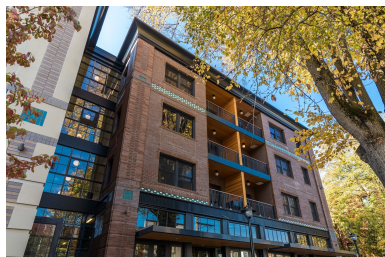
*Winning projects demonstrate how historic preservation can create affordable housing,
incubate new businesses, and combat climate change through re-use*

PORTLAND, OR –September 25, 2019 – Restore Oregon honors twelve historic projects from across Oregon with a 2019 DeMuro Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation, the state's highest honor for the preservation, reuse, and revitalization of architectural and cultural sites, and their impact on the community. The DeMuro Awards Ceremony will take place during the Restoration Celebration Gala on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Launched in 2013, the DeMuro Awards program publicly recognizes the teams of architects, engineers, designers, contractors, developers, property owners, and community leaders committed to restoring and honoring Oregon's historic architecture and cultural heritage. The program is also intended to inspire others and share solutions to the challenges encountered.

In addition to the DeMuro Awards, Restore Oregon works to save at-risk historic resources through Oregon's Most Endangered Places program, protects 44 historic properties through the conservation easements program, delivers a variety of educational programs, provides technical assistance to property owners, and advocates for funding, tax incentives, and policies that support preservation and adaptive reuse. The list of 2020 Oregon's Most Endangered Places will be unveiled at the Restoration Celebration gala on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Selected for extraordinary design, craftsmanship, creative problem-solving, and community impact, the 2019 DeMuro Award-winning projects are:



Almr Apartments & Retail Spaces (2019), Portland

A terrific example of compatible infill design, this multifamily, mixed-use project created 57 new apartments within the historic Alphabet District, echoing the neighborhood's Scandinavian roots. The project also saved a 100-year-old heritage American Elm tree.



Altsource Headquarters (1923), Portland

Rather than demolish an old, industrial eyesore, this building was reused and expanded with a flair. It now hums with life and light, a landmark for the neighborhood and inspiration for employees of this home-grown Portland company.



Fairmount Apartments (1905), Portland

One of the only remaining buildings from the 1905 Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, the Fairmount was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2000. In 2016, the property underwent an extensive restoration and renovation — all while preserving the historic exterior. Fairmount Apartments have approximately 80 modern apartment units of varying size.



Firehouse 17 Restoration & Addition (1912), Portland

An icon from the days of horse-drawn fire engines was restored (including the firepoles!) and converted to a warm and efficient residence with all the modern amenities.



Historic Central Hotel (1929), Burns

After sitting empty and deteriorating for over 20 years, an intrepid husband-and-wife team brought a piece of local history back to life. Restored with a sense of pride, the Historic Central Hotel provides much-needed lodging along Burns' Main Street.



M & N Building (1924), Astoria

Formerly listed among Restore Oregon's Most Endangered Places, the M & N Building went from sad and sinking fast, to shored up and transformed into restaurants and retail spaces, transforming a block of Astoria's historic downtown.



Lincoln Hall (1912) Renovation & Addition, Portland

Home to the Portland State University's School of Music and Theater and numerous community arts organizations, interior spaces of this former high school were adapted for new uses and a soaring public entrance added, while retaining the building's historic soul.



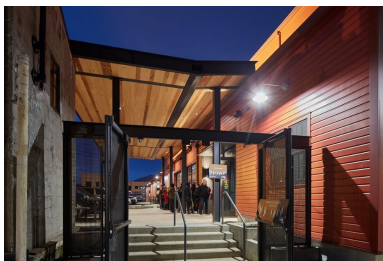
Sherman County Courthouse (1899) Rehabilitation & Expansion, Moro

Rehabilitation returned this beloved landmark to its original glory, including a new cupola that replicates the storm-damaged original, while a thoughtfully designed annex complements the historic building and provides additional government and community services space.



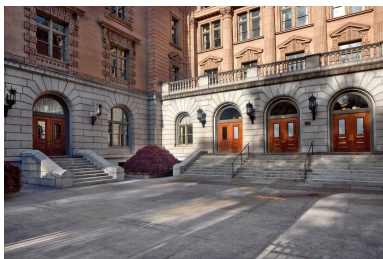
Silas Beeks House Restoration (1848), Forest Grove

A rare Pioneer-Era house was saved from demolition and a pain-staking, top-to-bottom restoration kept historic authenticity front and center, retaining every possible bit of historic material and finding creative solutions to provide modern amenities.



The Redd on Salmon Street (1918), Portland

The Redd on Salmon Street project transformed a historic 1918 ironworks and a former showroom and warehouse into a cohesive 76,000 square foot campus that is a working hub for the regional food system and a place where innovative ideas take hold.



U.S. Customs House | WeWork (1898), Portland

After several failed attempts by previous developers, this Beaux-Arts landmark was gloriously repurposed as shared office space, incorporating modern features and function while preserving historic spaces.



Woodlark Hotel (1907/1912), Portland

The historic Cornelius Hotel was saved from destruction by knitting it together with the adjacent Woodlark Building. After overcoming numerous seismic and structural challenges, a new Portland landmark emerged.

The DeMuro Awards Ceremony will take place during the Restoration Celebration gala on Friday, November 1, 2019, at the iconic Sentinel Hotel in Portland, Oregon. The event schedule follows:

Business Cocktail Attire

5:30: Happy Hour Reception (Hosted wine, beer, cider)

6:30: Three Course Dinner & Program

The Restoration Celebration is open to the public. Tickets are \$125 for Restore Oregon members and \$150 for non-members. Register by visiting www.restoreoregon.org or call Restore Oregon at (503) 243-1923.

[Download high-resolution DeMuro Award-winning project photos.](#) Visit restoreoregon.org or follow [@restoreoregon](#) to learn more about Restore Oregon, the Restoration Celebration, or the DeMuro Awards.

About the DeMuro Awards

Since 2013, the annual DeMuro Preservation Awards has honored the people and places that preserve our state's heritage and historic spaces. Award recipients serve as outstanding and inspiring examples of historic preservation in Oregon. The DeMuro Award promotes historic preservation and reuse in Oregon and honors the legacy of our friend and Board member, Art DeMuro, whose career embodied vision, persistence, creativity, excellence, and sound economics.

About Restore Oregon

Founded in 1977 as the Historic Preservation League of Oregon, now Restore Oregon, works to inspire people to save places that reflect our heritage and enrich our future. We are a state-wide, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, that represents thousands of community activists, home owners, preservation-minded investors, and users of historic places across Oregon. Our mission is to help communities save places that matter to them by advocating for effective preservation policies and incentives, delivering preservation-focused education programs, and directly intervening with endangered places. We work on the front lines and behind the scenes to leverage relationships, resources, and creativity to preserve, protect, and pass forward architectural and historic resources.

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