

# Annual Preservation Awards Recognize Achievements

On November 11, CPA presented its Preservation Awards for 2007 at its Annual Meeting, which was held at the Art Academy of Cincinnati in Over-the-Rhine. Before an audience of over a hundred members and guests, CPA presented eleven awards in the category of Rehabilitation. Chaired by Patrick Snadon, the selection committee included Bruce Goetzman, Ken Hughes, Ken Jones, Fred Mitchell, Arthur Sturbaum, Kendall Fisher, Rebecca Stone and Margo Warminski.

## Academy Flats

A certified rehabilitation has transformed Covington's Fifth District School, formerly vacant and deteriorated, into affordable apartments for senior citizens. Many of the National Register-listed building's original features were preserved or restored, including wood windows, tin ceilings, terrazzo and wood floors, and wood trim. The auditorium was reused as a community room.

The Model Group, Inc., and Piaskowy & Cooper, P.S.C., were honored.

## The Arthur Apartments

In its centennial year, a comprehensive renovation has restored the luster of The Arthur Apartments in Covington's Licking Riverside Historic District. Built for the city's "carriage trade," by the late 20th century the buildings were in serious disrepair. The new owners installed new mechanical systems, upgraded kitchens and baths, and uncovered hidden architectural features.

Grandin Properties, MFI Construction and Paula Grulee were honored.

## The Cooper at Eden Park

A luxury apartment house, The Cooper was built in 1928 for Myers Y. Cooper, a successful real estate developer who went on to become Governor of Ohio. When the present owners purchased the building in 2005, it was in rundown condition. It has now been transformed into 42 upscale condominiums, retaining many of its original features.

Campus Management, Inc., and Denis L. Back & Associates were honored.

## Corpus Christi Apartments

A vacated Catholic church in Newport's West End has been creatively reused as senior citizen housing. Twenty units were created on three levels within the former sanctuary, retaining the stained glass windows and original curving

staircase. At the main entrance, a two-story atrium, with elevator and sitting room, suggests the original lofty space.

The Housing Authority of Newport, Cole + Russell Architects, Steven Schaefer & Associates and Century Construction were honored.

## Duveneck Flats

Two abandoned Over-the-Rhine buildings have been sensitively renovated as part of the Gateway Quarter redevelopment. The wooden storefronts were restored, deteriorated windows were replicated using the same muntin profiles, and brickwork was repainted in appropriate colors. The gutted interiors were refashioned as contemporary loft condos, preserving surviving original features including a graceful open staircase.

Urban Sites and Wichman Gunther Architects were honored.



*Duveneck Flats, Over-the-Rhine*

## Greenacres Arts Center

The manor house of Winding Creek Farm, one of Indian Hill's grandest estates, has been adaptively reused as an arts and educational center. Renovation, which began in 2006, restored and preserved original fabric while adapting the house for public use. Original features were restored, and new mechanical systems and electronic equipment were inserted unobtrusively into previously altered spaces. All damaged plaster was restored with traditional three-coat plaster patterned to match the original. The massive stone mantelpiece in the great hall was restored to its original place, and the chimney, which had been punctured with steel beams, was rebuilt to its original form.

The Greenacres Foundation, ATA Beilharz Architects, L.L.C./Robert Powell Associates, Inc., Lysaght Construction, and BP Structural were honored.

## Housing Authority of Newport Offices

The renovation of a former bank building into offices for the Housing Authority of Newport has completed the dramatic transformation of a pivotal building in Newport's Monmouth Street Historic District. In the 1960s the Neoclassical Revival facade was hidden by metal grille-work and tile facing. Completing the work begun earlier, the Housing Authority restored the damaged storefront as closely as possible, repairing or recreating ornamentation and restoring windows to their original locations.

The Housing Authority of Newport, Hub & Weber Architects, and Century Construction were honored.