

Each year HSF asks its membership to nominate area preservation projects they believe deserve recognition. Historic Staunton Foundation started giving a preservation award for excellence in restoration in 1978. The Annual Preservation Awards Committee reviews nominations based upon the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and according to the intent of the HSF award program.

#### **Restoration Craftsmanship:**

- Kevin Armstrong Construction – Kevin has exhibited quality craftsmanship while renovating several area properties. Quality workmanship and attention to detail has enabled clients to successfully earn historic tax credits for their projects. Local architects praise his work, selection of materials and attention to quality construction details that ensure preservation of historic character while modernizing historic structures.

An excerpt from the HSF member's nomination:

*“Kevin Armstrong has been involved with historic restoration in Staunton for over two decades. That would be hard to believe if you did not know that Kevin was only fifteen when he began working as a carpenter's helper while he was also a student at Valley Vocational Technical School (Valley Vo Tech). Through hard work and talent Kevin has progressed from apprentice carpenter, to master carpenter, to lead carpenter, to general contractor, and all that time focusing his work on historic properties.”*

#### **Total Residential Restoration:**

- 232 East Beverley Street - Ellen & Lou Boden for their dramatic restoration of their home after a devastating fire. The Boden's carefully restored their home a second time in instances recasting plasterwork, restoring interior and exterior trim, and rebuilding walls and roof among other tasks. In the process of the second restoration, they also discovered elements of the original structure which they were able to restore as well.
- 1423 N. Augusta Street -Scott and Katharine MacMillan restoration of the CA: 1919 Bungalow. The MacMillans, in restoring their 1919 cottage, were true to the original spirit of the style and period. The house is beautifully restored keeping original features while modernizing using appropriate fixtures and features.

#### **Commercial Rehabilitation:**

- 115 East Beverley - Zynodoa restaurant - Owners Jeff and Susan Goode – a quality adaptive reuse of a downtown commercial building. The owners created a vibrant mixed use rehabilitation while respecting historic details and materials. Exterior Italianate details were preserved and highlighted while a new architecturally appropriate storefront was installed. Historic interior details such as the tin ceiling, wood floors and central skylight were uncovered and made part of the new exciting restaurant.
- 10-12 South New Street - Owners Carol Morency and David Bottenfield. The projects preserves original details such as the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century brickwork while restoring later elements such as the early 20<sup>th</sup> century prism glass storefront transom. The new interior spaces are fun and contemporary while respecting the character of the historic materials and space.
- 20 South New Street - R.R. Smith Center for History and Art. An important community project that preserved and brought new life to the 1894 T.J. Collins designed historic hotel. The Center provides a home for the Augusta County Historical Society, Historic Staunton Foundation and the Staunton Augusta Art Center. These three community non-profit, membership organizations have invested years of hard work and funding to create public galleries, educational space, archives, offices and a museum store.

#### **Staunton Heritage Preservation:**

- Friends of Fairview Cemetery – For their efforts to “research, preserve and beautify Fairview Cemetery”. Research of the cemetery and the gathering of local history bring to light the important history of Staunton's African American community.