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**2026 Preservation Award
2026 Nathaniel Bowditch Award**

Submission deadline: July 17, 2026

Each year, *Historic Salem, Inc.* invites the Salem community to help us identify and honor outstanding examples of historic preservation throughout our city. We are now accepting nominations for the **2026 Preservation Awards**.

Award recipients will be celebrated at a special event to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Salem High School.

We encourage you to explore your neighborhoods and the city at large for recently completed projects that reflect a commitment to preserving Salem's rich heritage. Eligible nominations may include **private, public, or non-profit initiatives**, and can range from **residential to commercial projects**, from **handcrafted efforts to large-scale restorations**. Self-nominations are welcome.

Consider nominating projects that demonstrate:

- **High-quality renovation and preservation** of residential or commercial properties
- **Expert craftsmanship** in fences, arbors, garden houses, and historic landscaping
- **Exceptional stewardship**, going beyond basic maintenance to preserve historic integrity
- **Notable contributions by preservation advocates** and community leaders
- **Renewal or rehabilitation** of abandoned or disaster-damaged historic properties

Historic Salem, Inc. is also accepting nominations for the **Nathaniel Bowditch Award** which honors individuals or teams who have made outstanding contributions to preserving Salem's historic and cultural heritage. Named for the renowned navigator and mathematician, the award celebrates both singular achievements and lifetime dedication to preservation. To nominate a candidate for the **Nathaniel Bowditch Award**, please describe how your nominee exemplifies outstanding preservation efforts in Salem and demonstrates a lifelong commitment to our historic and cultural heritage. Be sure to include as many specific examples as possible—these may be incorporated into your "Statement of Achievement." You are also encouraged to attach any supporting documents with your nomination form.



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**NOMINATION FORM
2026 PRESERVATION AWARD
2026 BOWDITCH AWARD**

Name of Nominee:

Name	Email	Phone

Name of Nominator:

Name	Email	Phone

Nominator’s Relationship to Individual or Project (self-nominations are welcome):

Nominee is: (Check all that apply):

Property Owner	Contractor	Architectural Firm	Public Agency
Non-Profit Org.	Citizen Activist	Historian	Other _____

FOR PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS:

Major Contributors to Project: List those who contributed to the achievement of the project, program, or effort. This might include an owner, architect, landscape architect, contractor, lender, consultant, historian, group, organization, or individual citizens:

Name	Email	Phone

Name of Project:

Address of Project:

Is the project in an official Local Historic District? If so, which one? _____

Preservation Award Category (Check all that apply):

Adaptive Reuse	Community Initiative	Publications
Preservation / Stewardship	Neighborhood Revitalization	Education
Restoration	Government Policy	Public Building / Institutional
Commercial	Urban Planning	Historic Landscape
Residential	Communications	Other

Please attach before and after photos of the project being nominated for a Preservation Award.

FOR PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS –

Please describe below (or as an attachment) the Preservation Project or Initiative. What makes this project a key part of preservation in Salem?

FOR BOWDITCH AWARD NOMINATIONS –

Statement of Achievement: Please describe below (or as an attachment) how this is person or team have made outstanding contributions to preserving Salem’s historic and cultural heritage.

Submit the completed form to events@historicsalem.org or the mailing address below by July 17, 2026.

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