



PRESERVATION LONG ISLAND

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Preservation Long Island Announces 2024 Awards for Preservation Excellence on Long Island

Awardees from Setauket, Mattituck, Sag Harbor, Fort Salonga and Garden City are recognized for excellence in historic preservation.



*Image caption: The Church in Sag Harbor, one of the 2024 Preservation Excellence Awardees.
Photo by Michael Heller.*

Cold Spring Harbor, NY – Preservation Long Island, a regional nonprofit that works with communities throughout Long Island to protect and celebrate historic places, is thrilled to announce the recipients of the **2024 Preservation Awards**. The awardees will be honored at an awards ceremony and reception on January 25, 2025 in Cold Spring Harbor.

The Preservation Awards are presented in alternating years to recognize individuals, organizations, and projects that demonstrate extraordinary achievement in fields related to historic preservation on Long Island. In addition, the **Howard C. Sherwood Award** will be presented this year. Established in 1974 in honor of Preservation Long Island's founder, the award is reserved for individuals who demonstrate exceptional, life-time achievement in historic preservation.

"This year's awardees demonstrate not only excellence in historically sensitive design and rehabilitation, they also represent successful preservation efforts in a wide range of areas that include individual and community-driven leadership for the protection of historically significant sites for public space, as well as the adaptive reuse of historic buildings by local organizations and businesses," said Jackie Powers, Preservation Long Island's Executive Director.

"This year's awardees highlight the remarkable geographic and architectural diversity of Long Island. What they all share is the power to demonstrate how historic buildings, when approached with vision and a deep appreciation for the past, can be transformed into landmarks that not only preserve history but actively serve and uplift the communities they are part of," said Tara Cubie, Preservation Director at Preservation Long Island. Tara added, "We are excited to be able to return to showcasing all of our awardees at an in-person award event at our headquarter's gallery."

Preservation Long Island is honored to announce the recipients of **2024 Preservation Awards** and the **2024 Howard C. Sherwood Award**.

Preservation Awards for Project Excellence:

- [Safina Center](#), a nonprofit nature conservation and environmental advocacy organization, is being recognized for its restoration of the **Hawkins-Elzon House** located within the Old Setauket Historic District. Under the Safina Center's stewardship, the Hawkins-Elzon House was meticulously restored to serve as the organization's headquarters.
- **Anthony Martignetti**, a restaurateur, author, and designer, is being recognized for the restoration of the **Mattituck Creek Tide Mill**. The mill constructed around 1822 by Richard Cox, exemplifies the ingenuity of tide-powered milling. Under the new ownership of Anthony Martignetti, the Old Mill has been carefully restored and will open as a restaurant in Spring 2025.
- [The Church](#), a public arts space in Sag Harbor, is being recognized as a remarkable example of adaptive reuse, transforming a 19th-century Methodist church into a dynamic arts and cultural hub. Renovated under the leadership of artists April Gornik and Eric Fischl, with design by architect Lee Skolnick, the project preserved the building's historical essence while introducing modern features like a glass elevator to suit contemporary needs.

Preservation Award for Organizational Excellence:

Preservation Long Island recognizes **Suffolk County** for the preservation of **Owl Hill**, located in Fort Salonga. This effort has protected the 1907 Owl Hill mansion and 27 acres of open space from redevelopment into a residential subdivision. The preservation of Owl Hill was accomplished through the collaborative efforts of Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta, Suffolk County Executive Edward P. Romaine, the Suffolk County Parks Department, Preservation Long Island and community advocates.

The Howard C. Sherwood Award:

This year, Preservation Long Island proudly gives the Howard C. Sherwood Award posthumously to **Brian Pinnola** to recognize his extraordinary lifetime achievements in historic preservation. Brian sadly passed away in January of 2024. Brian was a passionate advocate for historic preservation, serving as an active and deeply involved member of Preservation Long Island's board. His work extended across multiple projects, showcasing his unwavering commitment to preserving Long Island's historic and cultural treasures. As a longstanding board member and past president of The Garden City Historical Society, he spearheaded the transformation of the 1872 Apostle House into **The Garden City Historical Society Museum**. Brian's vision and tireless work left an indelible mark on the community.

Visit the [2024 Preservation Awards](#) page on our website to learn more about the outstanding achievements of this year's awardees and for information about upcoming awards-related events and programming.

About Preservation Long Island

Preservation Long Island is the not-for-profit regional advocate for historic preservation on Long Island. Our mission is to celebrate and preserve Long Island's diverse cultural and architectural heritage through advocacy, education, and stewardship of historic sites and collections. <http://preservationlongisland.org>

Working to raise awareness, appreciation, and support for the protection of a shared past, our program areas include: interpreting historic sites; collecting art and material culture pertaining to Long Island history; creating publications and exhibits; and providing direct support and technical assistance to individuals and groups engaged in local preservation efforts.

Preservation Long Island's preservation advocacy services support the work of individuals and our local partners in communities across the region. We offer consultation and strategic guidance for those seeking help with local preservation projects, including historic resource surveys, local landmark designation, National Register listing, and restoration or adaptive reuse of historic buildings.

Preservation Long Island also maintains and interprets four historic sites, including the collections housed within each:

[Joseph Lloyd Manor](#), Lloyd Harbor

[Custom House](#), Sag Harbor

[Sherwood-Jayne Farm](#), Setauket

[Old Methodist Church and Exhibition Gallery](#), Cold Spring Harbor

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