

## KEENE HISTORIC BUILDING RECOGNITION AWARD

Keene is fortunate that so many of its historical buildings remain as tangible expressions of its heritage and community spirit. Our architectural heritage chronicles the city's economic and cultural life. And it greatly contributes to our quality of life and sense of place today.

The Keene Heritage Commission recognizes those individuals who preserve and restore historic buildings throughout the city. The commission will award yearly these excellent individuals and/or businesses who preserve and protect our historic buildings, to the benefit of the entire community.

To apply please fill out the Application Form attached and mail or drop off the completed application to:

City of Keene Planning Department  
c/o Heritage Commission  
3 Washington St, Keene, NH 03242

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### AWARD INFORMATION

#### ***Award Categories:***

This yearly award is offered in the following two categories and does include barns (*Consideration will be given for both exterior and interior work*):

1. Residential buildings
2. Commercial buildings

#### ***Review Criteria:***

Project review will include, but not be limited necessarily to the following standards:

- I. **Restoration** (*Restoration is the act of returning a building and/or landscape to its former condition.*)
  - Bringing back architectural features through reproductions of originals determined by historical research
  - Replacing inappropriate modern window styles with windows that match the original style of the building
  - Researching paint colors and repainting to replicate the period style
  - Researching and replacing landscaping elements, such as fences, walkways, lighting and vegetation
  - Reuse of original materials
- II. **Preservation** (*Preservation is the act of maintaining and keeping up a building and/or landscape in its original condition, as much as possible while still adapting it to modern living.*)

- Retaining and maintaining all original windows (these can be made energy efficient; aluminum exterior storm windows can be replaced with interior storms, etc)
  - Retaining and maintaining all original character - defining architectural features
  - Retaining and maintaining barns and outbuildings
  - Retaining and maintaining original landscaping features wherever possible; replacing with same varieties and species of plants wherever possible. This also pertains to fences, lighting, walkway locations and materials, etc.
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***Other Information:***

- The award consists of recognition and a plaque that can be displayed on the front of the building.
- The plaque would give the name of any historic owner or event and year the house was built.
- The plaque would be awarded by the Keene Heritage Commission to the applicant at formal presentation. Newspaper and web announcements would follow.
- At the discretion of the Heritage Commission, one or two awards in each category of residential and commercial may be given yearly.
- This program is open to all city property owners who wish to commemorate the origins, events, or significance of a building on their property.

## KEENE HERITAGE COMMISSION PLAQUE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Complete the form below and email it to [tkessler@ci.keene.nh.us](mailto:tkessler@ci.keene.nh.us) or mail it to:

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To fill out this form online visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/Wo2CGZdXO0rwsdgR2>.

Building Address (Must be in Keene, NH):	Year Building was Built:
Applicant Name (First/Last):	Date of Application:
Applicant Mailing Address (Address/City/State/Zip):	
Date of Application:	Date of Application:
Building or Property Owner's Name (If different from Applicant):	
Describe the Historic Significance of the Property:	

Describe the restoration and/or preservation activities that have taken place at the property. Please, feel free to attach relevant pictures (attachments greater than 10 MB cannot be sent via email).