



**PRESERVATION IDAHO**  
THE IDAHO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL

*Celebrating 40 Years*

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**Call for Nominations**  
**Preservation Idaho's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchids & Onions Awards**

*Boise, Idaho – January 2, 2012* - For more than three decades, Preservation Idaho has hosted the Orchids and Onions Awards, an awards ceremony designed to celebrate individuals and organizations that have made a positive contribution to historic preservation, as well as to bring awareness to those projects that have shown insensitivity to the state's cultural history.

Orchids are granted to outstanding examples of preservation projects or practices in the following categories: Excellence in Historic Preservation; Contribution to Historic Preservation; Distinguished Preservationist; Friend of Preservation; Cultural Heritage Preservation; Heritage Stewardship; and Preservation-Sensitive New Construction.

Onions are awarded to projects that jeopardize Idaho's cultural resources.

Nomination form, description of Orchid award criteria, and past recipients can be accessed at <http://www.preservationidaho.org/orchids-onions>.

Nominations are due by March 30, 2012.

An impartial jury is appointed by Preservation Idaho to review nominations. The jury is composed of preservationists, historians, and architects who evaluate nominations based on the information they contain.

The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the Masonic Temple, 215 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Boise as part of Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month.

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*Preservation Idaho is dedicated to preserving the state's historic and cultural resources through education and advocacy.*