

# **2006 LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS AWARDS CEREMONY**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**



**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006  
4:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
320 EAST MCCARTY STREET  
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101**

# **2006 Landmark Awards**

**Presented by**

**John Landwehr, Mayor**

**and**

**Historic Preservation Commission  
City of Jefferson**

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Joan Kramer, Vice Chairman  
Laura Ward, Secretary  
Ralph Bray  
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## *PROGRAM*

### *Introduction and Welcome*

Chris Neff, Chairman, Historic Preservation Commission  
John Landwehr, Mayor

### *Heritage Essay Contest Winner*

Dottie Dallmeyer, Historic Preservation Commission and Historic City of Jefferson

### *Heritage Art Contest Winners*

Dottie Dallmeyer, Historic Preservation Commission and Historic City of Jefferson

### *Landmark Designation Award Winners*

John Landwehr, Mayor

### *Area Preservation Events during the month of May*

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Rosemary Thornton, the "Sears Lady," will give a lecture presentation on Kit Homes at the Missouri State Archives. She is a nationally known authority on Kit Homes, who has written several books on buildings of that era.

Sunday, May 14, 2006

Bungalow Home Tours, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
This tour will showcase Bungalow and Kit Homes. It starts at 1110 Moreau Drive. Tickets are \$5.00.

### *Videos on JCTV*

- Dr. Summers' talk on the History of Jefferson City
- Landmark Designations
- Mark Schreiber on the History of Cemeteries
- Prison History Video

### *Photos of Winners with Mayor Landwehr*

*Thank you for coming!*

## Heritage Essay Contest

### Grand Prize Winner

"Simonsen 9th Grade Center" by **Heather Beard**  
Harrison and Tammy Vaught, parents  
Simonsen 9th Grade Center  
Suzanne Richter, teacher

## Heritage Art Contest

### 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      "Lohman Opera House and Lohman Mercantile Buildings" watercolor by **Ian Pitts**  
Joe and Beverly Pitts, parents  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jefferson City High School  
Charlotte Middleton, teacher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      "The Democrat Building, Fred Vogel Building" pencil by **Emily Armstrong**  
Danny and Sharon Armstrong, parents  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Helias High School  
Mr. Balk, teacher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      "The Delong-Bielski Residence" multimedia by **Malinda Meredith**  
Greg Meredith and Robin Harrison, parents  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jefferson City High School  
Charlotte Middleton, teacher
- Honorable Mention      "Ivy Terrace" watercolor, pencil by **Skylar Strong**  
Jonathan and Rosslene Strong, parents  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Simonsen 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center  
Melanie Walsh, teacher

### 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      "Lohman Opera House" watercolor by **Becca Harbison**  
Gary and Cathy Harbison, parents  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
Mrs. Schellman, teacher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      "Cole County Courthouse" pencil by **Ryan Finke**  
Dennis and Carol Finke, parents  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Immaculate Conception School  
Gary Drinkard, teacher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      "Missouri State Capitol" watercolor by **Michael Chadwell**  
Susan Chadwell, parent  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
Mrs. Schellman, teacher
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place      "Temple Beth El" watercolor by **Kristen Hirst**  
Rick and Karen Hirst, parents  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Thorpe Gordon School  
Debbie Schellman, teacher

# **2006 LANDMARK AWARDS**

## **Rotary Centennial Park**

Bolivar Street  
Parks and Recreation, City of Jefferson

## **St. Mary's Hospital (Original Building)**

610 W. Elm Street

## **The Prison Wall – Missouri State Penitentiary**

Corner of Lafayette Street and Capitol Avenue  
Division of Facilities Management Design & Construction

## **Etta & Joseph Miller Performing Arts Center**

501 Madison Street  
Jefferson City School District

## **Tergin Apartments**

201 W. McCarty Street  
James Tergin

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**City of Jefferson, Missouri**

## Rotary Centennial Park



To protect and ensure the city's prosperity, in 1893 a special committee of the local Commercial Club organized to raise money to build a bridge. Businessmen and property owners formed a corporation and raised the entire \$225,000 to finance the venture. This site, the north end of Bolivar Street, was selected for the bridge.

Construction began in 1895 and the bridge opened February 17, 1896, funneling travelers into the Bolivar Street neighborhood in unprecedented numbers. It was operated as a toll bridge through three successive owners: Jefferson City Bridge & Transfer Company (1910), McKinley Power & Light of Illinois (1916), and the Capital City Highway Bridge Company (1928). The latter retired the bond and turned the bridge over to the state in 1932. There was a huge dedication ceremony to celebrate the state's ownership and the newly "free" bridge. In 1934, for \$7,000, the state installed the art deco pillars.

The rotating bridge served the community until 1955 when the new, current bridge was opened. When the new bridge opened it averaged 9,200 vehicles per day. A second bridge was added and dedicated in 1991. Currently, both bridges combined average 50,000 vehicles per day.

A natural observation spot, Jefferson Citians and visitors have been watching traffic--boats, horseback riders, buggies, trains, cars and planes--from this spot for well over a century. It is a fitting tribute for the Rotarians, today's business leaders, to pay tribute to their predecessors' vision on Rotary Club International's 100th Anniversary. This significant site is a reminder of the humble beginnings of the city and the progressive vision that has guided its growth.



## St. Mary's Hospital



Today's St. Mary's Health Center is Jefferson City's oldest hospital. At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the residents of our growing city were forced to travel long distances for hospital care. The Rev. Otto Hoog, then pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, sent a request to the Sisters of St. Mary of the Third Order of St. Francis, an order of nuns trained as nurses whose motherhouse was located in St. Louis, requesting that they establish a hospital in Jefferson City. The cornerstone for the hospital was laid in May 1904, on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Moerschel.

The original stone hospital building was constructed by Henry J. Wallau, a German immigrant who built several important buildings in Jefferson City, including the Cole County Courthouse, the Missouri Pacific Depot, the Grace Episcopal Church, International Shoe Company and Villa Panorama. The stone used to build St. Mary's came from the City's quarry nearby at the south end of Harrison Street. Expanded numerous times over the years to meet the needs of the community, the original stone building stands as an enduring landmark of the history of the City of Jefferson.

Sources: Heartland History, Vol. 1  
Gary R. Kremer

Exploring Historic Jefferson City  
Gary R. Kremer

## Prison Wall - Missouri State Penitentiary



For nearly 170 years, the Missouri State Penitentiary was a mostly unseen omnipresence in the heart of Jefferson City. Tales of escapes and riots are interwoven with the city's history, and the often-controversial use of its free labor force through those many decades has helped shape our city's economy. For the average citizen, the high stone wall stretching from Lafayette Street down Capitol Avenue (called East Main in bygone days) and beyond was a line of demarcation between everyday life and an ominous, invisible presence on the other side. The constancy of the guards in the stone guard towers, and the wall itself were the only concrete evidence of that other world, as daily life went on as usual on "our side" of the walls.

Built by the inmates themselves before even the Civil War, the oldest section of the wall is the section from Lafayette Street to Capitol Avenue. The lower wall, along Capitol Avenue and Chestnut Street to the Missouri River was constructed in 1905, also by prison labor. In earlier years, loose rocks were kept stacked on top of the walls as a deterrent to potential escapees. One ill-fated escape attempt targeted Guard Tower No. 2 at the corner of Capitol and Lafayette. A Molotov cocktail was thrown at the tower in an attempt to kill or disable the guard, but fortunately, the explosive went in one window and out the other.

Now that the prison is vacated and its scenic bluff-top acres are being included in the mainstream of city life, we feel it fitting to bestow Landmark status on the old walls -- no longer keeping us apart, but now letting us in; reminding us of our unique history, a vital part of the many events, institutions and people that shaped the City of Jefferson.



## Etta & Joseph Miller Performing Arts Center



The original Jefferson City Senior High School and Junior College building in the 200 block of Miller Street was funded by a bond issue May 13, 1924. The property was bought from the Dr. G. B. Winston family for \$35,000. The land had first been purchased from the State in 1830 for \$91.50. The Historic Winston home was sold for removal in January of 1925 for \$250.00. The cornerstone for the current building was laid on June 24, 1925. The three story high school was the largest construction ever undertaken for that time in the history of the City School System. Plans called for the first indoor swimming pool in the School System to be located under the main floor auditorium. In July 1925, the Board of Education adopted a resolution approving a junior college. On March 23, 1926 the building was complete. The final cost was nearly \$3,000,000. The May 1926 Class of 84 seniors were the first graduates to receive their diplomas in the new high school auditorium. Most of the college classes were held on the third floor of the building and the high school occupied the first and second floors. The junior college's final year was 1957–1958. There were 36 students in the last graduating class. It had served over 3000 students. The all time high for a year was 232 in 1947 – 48. The school continued to serve as a high school until 1963. Since that time the school has been used many different ways - for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, as an instructional Resource Center, for ABLE, for preschool, and for enrichment classes for bright students. Next year there are plans to put an alternative high school on the third floor. The Miller Performing Arts Center now occupies the second floor and an addition to the West side of the building. After several years of hard work getting funding, making plans and redoing the space, the public schools had a grand opening of the Etta and Joseph Miller Performing Arts Center October 9, 2005.

## Tergin Apartments



The Tergin Apartment building is located at 201 West McCarty Street. It was designed in 1938 by the Jefferson City architectural firm of Besecke and Swanson for George K. Tergin and was constructed in 1938 – 1939 by the Schell Construction Company. The building is a two story brick walk-up apartment building with a full basement. It has a symmetrical façade, a single front door centered on the main floor, and steel casement windows. Originally, the Tergin Apartment Building was designed to accommodate five one-bedroom apartments. The configuration of some of the apartments has been changed over the years and additional apartments have been added. The building was completely rehabilitated beginning in the Spring of 1998. It now has six apartments. The Tergin Apartment Building is the only Art Deco/Art Moderne apartment building in town. It is an excellent example of the combination of the two modernistic styles, Art Deco and Art Moderne. This is seen in the simple cubic form of the building, the use of concrete, brick, glass block and metal as building materials, the casement and corner windows, and the low relief geometric ornamentation identify it as an Art Deco/Art Moderne building. The building is also an example of one of the earliest uses of steel casement windows in Jefferson City.

The Tergin Apartment Building was built for George Tergin, a Jefferson City business man who was born in Greece in 1902 and came to the United States in 1916, first settling in Kankakee, Illinois. By age 17 George had moved to Jefferson City and had bought a shoeshine business in the Central Trust Building. Later he added clothes, hat cleaning and shoe repair to his business. In its hey day, the business cleaned 50 to 100 hats a day.

(Tergin Apartments cont.)

In 1937 George went back to Greece for a trip where he met and married Ourania Roussopoulos. After the apartment building was built, George and Ourania lived in and reared their two children, Helen and Jim, in the apartment.

In 1969 George sold his space in the Central Trust Building and bought a structure on High Street where he moved his cleaning business. He decided after 48 years to no longer have the shoeshine business. In 1977 at age 75, George retired giving the business to his son, Jim, who opened Carrie's Hallmark Card and Gift Shop. Today, the Tergin family is still in business uptown. The third generation, Carrie and George, Jr. with their parents, Jim and Irene, own the Apartment building and uptown Jefferson City businesses.

The apartment building has been home at one time or another to now four generations of Tergins. Today, it continues to be a well loved and cared for building unique in the residential building stock` of our central city.

*City of Jefferson, Missouri*  
*Historic Preservation Commission*  
*Previous Local Landmarks*

1993 Landmarks

Temple Beth El	-	318 Monroe Street
The Jefferson City Community Center	-	608 East Dunklin Street
Parson=s House	-	105 Jackson Street
The Col. Darwin W. Marmaduke House	-	700 East Capitol Avenue
Housing Unit #4, AA@Hall/ Jefferson City Correctional Center	-	631 E. State Street

1994 Landmarks

Dulle Home	-	800 St. Mary=s Boulevard
Richmond Hill Grocery	-	628 West Main Street
St. Peters Roman Catholic Church	-	216 Broadway Street
Union Pacific Depot	-	301 State Street
National Cemetery and City Cemetery	-	900 and 1000 block E. McCarty Street

1995 Landmarks

Central United Church of Christ	-	118 W. Ashley
International Shoe Building	-	1101 East Capitol Avenue
Cole County Courthouse	-	High & Monroe Street
McClung Park	-	1114 Chestnut Street
The Villa Panarama Mansion	-	1310 Swifts Highway

1996 Landmarks

Monaco House	-	1122 Moreau Drive
Grace Episcopal Church	-	217 Adams Street
B. Gratz Brown House	-	109 Madison Street
Bodtenschats Buehrle House	-	707 Washington Street
Winan=s Gallary/Caplinger=s Clothing	-	207 East High Street

1997 Landmarks

The Byrd-Haar House	-	110 Bolivar Street
Warwick Village	-	1507 East McCarty Street
First United Methodist Church	-	201 Monroe Street
Lincoln University	-	820 Chestnut Street
Lohman=s Landing	-	100 Jefferson Street

1998 Landmarks

Governor=s Mansion and Garden	-	100 Madison Street
Burch-Berendzen Grocery Building	-	304 East High Street
Cherry Street Grocery	-	423 Cherry Street
Carnegie Library	-	212 Adams Street

Jefferson City Correctional Center

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631 East State Street



1999 Landmarks

Ephriam B. Ewing House	-	512 East Capitol
Whaley=s East End Drug	-	630 East High
The Bassman House (materials from the Price Mansion)	-	207 West McCarty
Cliff Street Mansion	-	722 Cliff Street
Houchin House	-	611 East Capitol

2000 Landmarks

United States Post Office	-	131 West High Street
Lester Shepard Parker House	-	624 East Capitol Avenue
Pat=s Place	-	700 West Main Street
Democrat Building	-	300 East High Street
Residence	-	210 Lafayette Street

2001 Landmarks

Residence	-	1427 Green Berry Road
Governor=s Office Building	-	200 Madison Street
Immaculate Conception Church	-	1206 East McCarty Street
Old Moreau Heights School Building	-	900 Moreau Drive
Residence	-	714 Washington Street

2002 Landmarks

Architects Alliance Building	-	631 W. Main Street
Bob=s Market	-	101 Boonville Road
Bolton - Kelly Home	-	1916 Green Berry Road
Oscar Burch Home	-	924 Jefferson Street
Lincoln University President=s Home	-	601 Jackson Street

2003 Landmarks

Elizabeth Rozier Home	-	1216 Elmerine
Dix Apartments	-	623 East Capitol Avenue
Jefferson Female Seminary	-	416 - 420 East State Street
Albert and Wilhelmina Thomas House	-	224 West Elm
Old West End School	-	1107 West Main

2004 Landmarks

Tweedie=s Shoes	-	122 East High Street
The Schmidt Apartments	-	318 Jefferson Street
Louis Ott House	-	1201 Moreau Drive
Sommerer House	-	2023 West Main Street
Towles-Buckner House	-	612 East Capitol Avenue

2005 Landmarks

George and Judith Goff Home	-	1025 Adams Street
Frank and Carol Burkhead	-	600 East Capitol Avenue
Kas A Designs	-	308 West Dunklin Street
Exchange Bank Clock	-	132 East High Street
O'Donoghue's Steak and Seafood	-	900 East High Street

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**CRITERIA FOR LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

1. Significance
2. Property type – individual districts
3. Location
4. Integrity – Preservation
5. Endangered
6. Willing to accept it and display plaque