

2018 Coronet Awards

Coronets Awards celebrate 6 remarkable transformations

Whether it's a home of a business, when a property is improved it is appreciated by the community. Our annual Coronet Awards celebrate those restorations, renovations, and beautifications and honor the owners who have made a commitment to the future.

Six properties were singled out from the long list of nominations: 349 E. Allen Street, 122 Tarhe Street, and 1377 Leslie Lane, all of Lancaster; 8651 Lithopolis Road, Canal Winchester; and the Mill Event Center and Mithoff, both in Lancaster. The awards were presented at FCHA's annual meeting on November 8, 2018.

349 E. Allen, the Carolyn Myers home, was awarded for its renovation. Built in 1926 and one of first houses on Allen Street, it now has a fresh, updated exterior, new roof and siding, and attractive landscaping.

The Bruce and Kate Adler home at 1377 Leslie Lane was honored for renovations. The house had been vacant for five years when the Adlers purchased it in 2015. It was in foreclosure, neglected and in disrepair. New paint, new garage door, professional landscaping and seasonal container plantings help make this lovely home part of its neighborhood again.

The Ernest Schmelzer and Michael Smith home at 122 Tarhe was awarded for renovation and landscaping. The nominator described the house when the current owners bought as "a plain-Jane ranch-style home," but it now has a beautiful porch with wood and wrought



Carolyn Myers received a Coronet for renovation of her home at 349 E. Allen.

iron, a stone patio and pergola. The house also has been totally painted.

8651 Lithopolis Road, the Tim and Jane Stegall home, was awarded for renovation, restoration, and landscaping. In the nomination it noted that the home was a log cabin badly in need of repair. An enormous amount of work, time, and thought was put into renovation and landscaping to keep the home functional and appealing.

The Mill Event Center, 431 South Columbus Street, and the Mithoff, 162 West Main Street, are both owned by Brad Hutchinson, who put considerable time, effort, and funds into bringing these structures, in various stages of disrepair, back to life.

The Mill had had a fire before Hutchinson bought it. He repaired and renovated the structure, adding modern

conveniences while keeping its beautiful historic character. It is now open to the public

The Mithoff had been considered for demolition due to its many years of neglect. The three-story building has been completely renovated from the ground up and the façade boasts new windows, attractive paint and trim, interesting cornice pieces, and exterior lighting that perfectly reflects the blending of past and present.

Both buildings have become showplaces, and the Mithoff, especially, contributed to the revitalization of downtown Lancaster.

Congratulations to all the winners!



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Brad Hutchinson transformed The Mill Event Center, 431 S. Columbus St., into a remarkable gathering space.



This house at 1377 Leslie Lane had been vacant for five years when Bruce and Kate Adler purchased it in 2015 and made it worthy of a Coronet.

Brad Hutchinson took one of downtown Lancaster's biggest eyesores and made it into a gorgeous landmark once more.

