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Durham Company Wins Statewide Preservation Award

Preservation North Carolina presented its top business award for 2008 to Andrew Rothschild and his firm, Scientific Properties of Durham, for their work in promoting and protecting architectural resources in the state.

Chief Operating Officer Tucker Bartlett accepted the award on behalf of the real estate development firm during Preservation North Carolina's annual conference, which took place in Winston-Salem last week.

"Scientific Properties has helped to create significant revitalization momentum in downtown Durham through its restored and adaptive use of several properties, including the historic Golden Belt property," said Denise Barnes, outgoing chairwoman of Preservation North Carolina's Board of Directors.

"Because of their creativity, commitment to community-building and success, Andy Rothschild and Scientific Properties are most deserving of the 2008 L. Vincent Lowe Jr. Business Award."

The award is named in memory of L. Vincent Lowe Jr. of Wilson, a longtime friend of historic causes throughout the state.

Founded in 2000 by Rothschild, a former New York physician, Scientific Properties specializes in urban mixed-use, new construction and historic adaptive reuse projects. The company's developments in downtown Durham include the conversion of a 1932 automotive garage into a center for life sciences research and development, and renovation of an aging commercial building at 401 Foster St. as artist studios. Its latest

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project is adaptation of the 2 million-square-foot Golden Belt textile plant into residential, retail, restaurant, entertainment and research and development space.

Others presented with 2008 Honor Awards are:

Steven Schuster, architect with Clearscapes in Raleigh, winner of the Ruth Coltrane Cannon Award for civic and professional dedication to historic preservation and revitalization.

Agnes and George Harvin, owners of Burnside Plantation in Vance County, winners of the Minnette C. Duffy Landscape Preservation Award for historic landscape, gardens, streetscape or grounds preservation.

Town of Dillsboro, winner of the Stedman Incentive Grant, which assists nonprofit organizations in the rescue of endangered historically and architecturally significant properties. The town received a grant to help stabilize the historic Monteith Farmstead.

Michael O. and Martha B. Hartley, of Winston-Salem, winner of the Robert E. Stipe Professional Award for individuals who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to preservation as part of their job responsibilities. Michael, an archaeologist, and Martha, a planner, have helped preserve and educate others about Forsyth County's Moravian Heritage.

About Preservation North Carolina

Since 1939, PNC has protected and promoted hundreds of buildings and landscapes important to the diverse heritage of North Carolina. As North Carolina's only statewide nonprofit preservation organization, PNC protects historic properties by identifying, purchasing and reselling them through its highly effective Endangered Properties Program. It promotes preservation through its stewardship properties, educational programs, public recognition program, DVDs and publications. PNC is supported through the generosity of more than 4,000 members. Members receive a magazine, which features properties available for rehabilitation and articles of interest. Join PNC and make North Carolina a better place for present and future generations.

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