Historic Preservation Commission Announces Blakely Award Winners

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (May, 2015) The Historic Preservation Commission is pleased to announce the awarding of five Preservation Leaders awards to the Fort Ward Youth Advisory Committee for their efforts on preserving the Fort Ward Bakery, and one Project of Excellence award for the restoration of a 150-year-old cabin. This year’s recipients are:

- Erik Appleberry, Aila Ikuse, Kate Merifield, Mark Dettman & Sarah Lee, Preservation Leaders, for their efforts to restore and repurpose the 1910 Fort Ward Bakery Building for use as a community hall, neighborhood gathering place and KCSD7 Office.

- Joe & Beth Claseman, Project of Excellence, for their efforts in restoring the 1865 McRedmond Cabin.

About Fort Ward Bakery Building
The Fort Ward Bakery Building was originally used for making bread for enlisted men. After the fort was decommissioned the building fell into disrepair. A community effort to restore and repurpose the building has been taken up by the Fort Ward Youth Advisory Committee composed of Eric Appleberry, Aila Ikuse, Mark Dettman, Kate Merifield and their adult leader, Sarah Lee. The group’s goal is restore the bakery building and then repurpose it as a community center, emergency center, and Sewer District offices.

About McRedmond Cabin
The McRedmond Cabin was constructed 150 years ago by Luke McRedmond, an Irishman who arrived on Bainbridge Island the same time as George Meigs and worked at Meigs Lumber Mill and Ship Building Company. For 14 years McRedmond worked as a carpenter, lumberman and ship’s captain while becoming very involved in local politics. In 1865, McRedmond purchased the land in the center of Bainbridge Island but only remained there for 3 years before moving to Seattle. He later went on to become the first postmaster and namesake to the town of Redmond.

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