



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD FINALISTS

### *Atkins City Centre*

Restored in 2004, the Atkins City Centre was the first historic tax credit project Atkins Investments undertook. Tom and Scott Atkins aimed for a finished project that “replicated as closely as possible the original building’s beautiful features,” Scott Atkins says.

“At a minimum, we figured removing the dated green metal siding from the building had to be an improvement,” he adds.

Removing that metal façade resulted in some delightful discoveries, including stonework at and above the eave line, tile centerpieces and animal heads topping the exterior columns.

The restored brick building now houses several businesses, ranging from law offices to a flower shop.

“We like to think that the success of our work on the City Centre spurred other downtown historic remodeling projects,” Scott Atkins says, “and, hopefully, strengthened efforts and interest in revitalizing downtown.”

Atkins City Centre: 111 S. Ninth St.; 573-874-4000

### *Lela Raney Wood Hall*

Renovation delivered Lela Raney Wood Hall to the 21st century; attention to history ensured that arrival came with character and charm.

The renovation of the septuagenarian structure has brought benefits that extend far past the borders of the Stephens College campus. In the first year following the 2006 renovation, more than 18,000 non-Stephens guests attended receptions, award ceremonies, concerts and other events in the hall’s beautifully restored Kimball Ballroom, which “has become a premier venue for all of Columbia,” says Amy Gipson, a college spokesperson.

Bonus benefits specific to Stephens include space for its renowned fashion collection, which dates back to 1730 and includes more than 12,000 pieces, as well as much-needed office space.

Lela Raney Wood Hall: 1200 E. Broadway; 573-876-7111; www.stephens.edu

## AWARDS & CRITERIA

### **Inspiration Award**

Presented for the unique use of art or mediums other than landscaping to enhance an outdoor space.

**Assessment based on:** overall effect, perceived value to the community, integration with surrounding architecture and neighborhood.

**Presented by:** Boone County National Bank

### **Development of Distinction Award**

Presented for an outstanding commercial development.

**Assessment is based on:** overall appearance and impact, architectural interest, landscaping, ease of access and navigation of the development and the creative use of materials and features that enhance the environment of the development.

**Presented by:** *Inside Columbia* magazine

### **Striking Structure Award**

Presented for exceptional architectural design.

**Assessment based on:** harmony with surrounding environment, overall appearance and impact, creative design elements and approach.

**Presented by:** Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau

### **Historic Preservation Award**

Presented for excellence in the restoration of a historic structure.

**Assessment based on:** degree of difficulty, overall appearance, impact on the surrounding area, extent to which the restoration retains the distinguishing qualities and character of the original construction.

**Presented by:** Columbia Chamber of Commerce

### **Ray Rothenberger Award**

Presented for outstanding landscape design.

**Assessment based on:** initial visual impact, balance, grouping and placement of plant materials and harmony of the landscape design with the surrounding architecture.

**Presented by:** Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours

### **Phoenix Award**

Presented for exceptional adaptive reuse of an existing building.

**Assessment based on:** quality and degree of difficulty of the project, impact on the surrounding area, creative use of materials, design elements and creative approach.

**Presented by:** Regional Economic Development Inc.