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15 winners are cited for preserving architectural heritage

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A transformed bank, a reformed plumbing facility and a restored Frank Lloyd Wright home are among the 15 winners of the 2007 Minnesota Preservation Awards announced Tuesday night. The awards coincide with the National Preservation Conference being held in St. Paul this week.

The winners were chosen from 64 nominations -- the most ever received.

"The sheer number of award nominations indicates that historic preservation is a growing community reinvestment tool," Bonnie McDonald, executive director of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, said in a statement.

The winners are:

Adaptive Reuse: Crane Ordway Apartments, St. Paul; Riverwood Pines Apartments, Little Falls.

Addition/Expansion: Petters Pavilion, Collegeville.

Archaeology: Diamond Point Park, Bemidji.

Community Effort: Deer Creek Historical Museum, Deer Creek; Elliot Park Archaeology, Minneapolis; Marty Aldinger and Deb Raiche, Amboy; Central Avenue Buildings, Faribault.

Restoration/Rehabilitation: Jackson County Courthouse Mural Restoration, Jackson; Farmers and Mechanics Bank -- the Westin Hotel, Minneapolis; Malcom Willey House, Minneapolis.

Stewardship: Bloomington Old Town Hall, Bloomington; University of Minnesota -- Morris Historic Preservation Plan, Morris.

Advocacy: Diane O'Brien-Berge, Kasson.

Career Achievement: Richard Berg, Minneapolis.

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