



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach is pleased to invite nominations for its annual awards recognizing excellence in preservation, design, and stewardship of the town's architectural, botanical and cultural heritage.

Nominations for the 2026 - 2027 Season are now open for the Ballinger Award, Schuler Award, Lesly S. Smith Landscape Award, and Polly Earl Award. Each award honors projects that exemplify the Foundation's mission to protect and celebrate the unique character of Palm Beach.

To be considered, nomination materials must be submitted no later than September 30, 2026. All submissions will be reviewed by the Foundation's Executive Committee, with award recipients selected during the October Board Meeting. Honorees will be notified no later than November 1st.

Please see the attached instructions for the nomination process for each award. A signed letter from the owners of the property recognizing the nomination must be completed. A template is available at the end of the packet.

If you have any questions please reach out to our staff at info@palmbeachpreservation.org or by calling the office at 561.832.0731

The Robert I. Ballinger Award

Established in 1988, the Ballinger Award honors the legacy of Robert I. Ballinger, Jr., former Chairman of the Palm Beach Landmarks Preservation Commission. Presented annually by the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, the award recognizes exemplary restoration or rehabilitation of a landmarked estate that upholds the architectural heritage of the Town.

The Foundation is currently accepting nominations for the upcoming award cycle. Architects, preservation professionals, and property owners are invited to submit one project that demonstrates adherence to the Town of Palm Beach Landmark Preservation Ordinance and aligns with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

In making your nomination please be sure your project meets the following criteria:

- **The project must be within the Town of Palm Beach**
- **The project is for a private residence**
- **The project must be a restoration or rehabilitation of a landmarked property**
- **This project must have been completed in the last three years**

Nomination Instructions:

- Nomination for the award must include:
 - Signed permission from the owner of the property to nominate the property
 - Letter of nomination addressed to the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach
 - Description of the project
 - Photographs and basic floor plans and elevations no larger than 11" x 17"
- Winner will be notified no later than November 1st
- Winner agrees to allow the Preservation Foundation to release documents, plans, and photographs of the project to the media, and use said information for future publications of the Preservation Foundation
- Available to participate in the award presentation either on-site or at a location of the Foundation's choosing in the month of December
- All materials submitted become the property of the Preservation Foundation and will not be returned to applicants

Please submit all materials by September 30th

**Digitally to info@palmbeachpreservation.org with the subject line
Award Nomination - Ballinger**

By Mail:

**Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach
ATTN: Award Nominations
311 Peruvian Avenue
Palm Beach, FL 33480**

The Elizabeth L. and John H. Schuler Architectural Award

Established in 2005 through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Schuler—longtime Trustees of the Preservation Foundation—the Schuler Award celebrates new construction in Palm Beach that respects the island’s architectural heritage. The award recognizes projects that thoughtfully integrate with the community’s historic context and uphold the traditional design principles that define Palm Beach’s distinctive character. Since its inception, the Schuler Award has been presented each spring as a hallmark of architectural excellence.

The Foundation invites nominations for this prestigious honor. Architects, designers, and property owners are encouraged to submit one project completed by you or your firm that demonstrates architectural integrity and contributes to the enduring legacy of Palm Beach’s built environment.

In making your nomination please be sure your project meets the following criteria:

- **The project must be within the Town of Palm Beach**
- **The project is for a private residence**
- **The project must be new construction, not a restoration, renovation or addition of an already existing building.**

Nomination Instructions:

- Nomination for the award must include:
 - Signed permission from the owner of the property to nominate the property
 - Letter of nomination addressed to the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach
 - Description of the project
 - Photographs and basic floor plans and elevations no larger than 11” x 17”
- Winner will be notified no later than November 1st
- Winner agrees to allow the Preservation Foundation to release documents, plans, and photographs of the project to the media, and use said information for future publications of the Preservation Foundation
- Available to participate in the award presentation either on-site or at a location of the Foundation's choosing in the month of March or April
- The architect and/or design team is prepared to give an illustrated talk about the project at the award ceremony
- All materials submitted become the property of the Preservation Foundation and will not be returned to applicants

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Award Nomination - Schuler**

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The Lesly S. Smith Landscape Award

Established in 2011, the Lesly S. Smith Landscape Award honors former Mayor and Foundation Trustee Lesly S. Smith for her enduring commitment to the Town of Palm Beach. This award recognizes landscape designs that are both rooted in the traditions and character of Palm Beach and distinguished by originality and forward-thinking vision.

Central to the Foundation's mission is the preservation of Palm Beach's scenic beauty. This award celebrates the essential role landscape design plays in shaping how we experience the built environment and the town's unique sense of place.

The Foundation welcomes nominations for this annual award. Landscape architects, designers, and property owners are invited to submit one project completed by you or your firm that reflects the design excellence and contextual sensitivity that define Palm Beach's landscape legacy.

In making your nomination please be sure your project meets the following criteria:

- **The project must be within the Town of Palm Beach.**
- **The project is for a private residence or public space within the town**
- **The project may be a newly designed landscape or a restoration of a historic landscape**

Nomination Instructions:

- Nomination for the award must include:
 - Signed permission from the owner of the property to nominate the property
 - Letter of nomination addressed to the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach
 - Description of the project
 - Photographs and basic floor plans and elevations no larger than 11" x 17"
- Winner will be notified no later than November 1st
- Winner agrees to allow the Preservation Foundation to release documents, plans, and photographs of the project to the media, and use said information for future publications of the Preservation Foundation
- Available to participate in the award presentation either on-site or at a location of the Foundation's choosing in February or March
- The landscape architect will be asked to give an illustrated talk about the project
- All materials submitted become the property of the Preservation Foundation and will not be returned to applicants

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**Digitally to info@palmbeachpreservation.org with the subject line
Award Nomination - Smith Landscape**

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311 Peruvian Avenue
Palm Beach, FL 33480**

The Polly Earl Award

Established in 2004, the Polly Earl Award honors the legacy of Polly Earl, who served as Executive Director of the Preservation Foundation from 1983 to 2004. This award recognizes exceptional service to the cause of preservation in Palm Beach, with a particular focus on the restoration of smaller-scale landmarked properties or historically significant homes.

The award supports projects that demonstrate a thoughtful balance between preservation and progress—maintaining a structure’s scale, its relationship to the streetscape, and compatibility with surrounding properties, while sensitively adapting it to meet contemporary needs and code requirements.

The Foundation invites nominations from individuals or firms for one project that embodies these principles and contributes to the preservation of Palm Beach’s architectural character on an intimate scale.

In making your nomination please be sure your project meets the following criteria:

- **The project must be within the Town of Palm Beach**
- **The project is for a private residence of a smaller scale, often situated in Palm Beach’s mid-town neighborhoods or the North End**
- **The project must be restoration or renovation of a landmarked property or historically significant structure.**

Nomination Instructions:

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- Winner agrees to allow the Preservation Foundation to release documents, plans, and photographs of the project to the media, and use said information for future publications of the Preservation Foundation
- Available to participate in the award presentation either on-site or at a location of the Foundation's choosing in January
- The architect and/or design team will be asked to give an illustrated talk about the project
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Award Nomination - Polly Earl

By Mail:

Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

ATTN: Award Nominations

311 Peruvian Avenue

Palm Beach, FL 33480



Property Owner Authorization for Award Nomination

Dear _____

I am writing to request your permission to submit your property, located at

for consideration in the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach's annual awards program. These awards recognize exemplary contributions to the preservation, design, and stewardship of Palm Beach's architectural and cultural heritage. Your property has been identified as a strong candidate for nomination in the

As part of the nomination and award process, it is important to note the following:

- If selected, your project will be publicly recognized by the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach.
- The award presentation may take place either at your property or at an alternate location, and may include a presentation of photographs, drawings, and/or project materials to Foundation members, guests, and media.
- Award recipients are typically featured in Foundation publications, digital communications, and press coverage, which may include images and descriptions of the property.
- In some cases, participation may involve allowing the property to be viewed by attendees, either through an on-site event or a curated visual presentation.

The Foundation is committed to working closely with you to ensure that any participation—whether physical access, photography, or publication—is handled thoughtfully and in alignment with your preferences.

Your approval below confirms that you understand the nature of the nomination and potential recognition, and that you grant permission for your property to be submitted for consideration.



Owner Authorization

I _____ as owner or authorized representative
of the property located at _____
grant permission for this property to be nominated for the Preservation Foundation of
Palm Beach's _____

Would you be willing to open your home for an event? YES NO

I understand that, if selected, the property may be featured in presentations, publications, and press coverage, and I am willing to work with the Preservation Foundation to determine an appropriate level of participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____