

2009 Greg Stockard Distinguished Service Award

Dottie Dallmeyer

Dottie Dallmeyer has combined her talent as an educator with her passion for history to promote the heritage of the City of Jefferson, making her the 2009 recipient of the Greg Stockard Distinguished Service Award.

Dottier served on the City of Jefferson's Historic Preservation Commission. She offered valuable insight into preserving older buildings and the city's cultural and historical treasures. She attended state and national seminars and conferences on historic preservation and then shared what she learned with others in commission meetings.

When important historic buildings that were vacant and neglected were targeted for demolition, Dottie approached potential buyers to get the buildings into the hands of people who would renovate them and return them to income producing properties.

Dottie is a member of the Cole County Historical Society where she serves as a docent. She served on the board of the Historic City of Jefferson for several years, again offering insight and support for the organization's mission of preserving the heritage of our community.

Dottie's father, the late Dr. Joseph S. Summers, played a major role in documenting the history of the City of Jefferson through photographs, books and other tools. Dottie continued that legacy. In 2000 she published a book with she and Dr. Summers co-authored, "Jefferson City Missouri," part of the Images of America series. This book presents the history of the City of Jefferson in photographs.

Dottie oversees the annual Heritage Art and Essay contests co-sponsored by Historic City of Jefferson and the City of Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission. As Dottie often explains, Dr. Summers felt that it was important to get our younger generation interested in the heritage of this community. The Heritage Art and Essay contests were a way to accomplish this goal. Dottie has overseen this annual project and turned it into an event that excites middle school and high school students and teachers.

In 2005 Dottie won the Governor's Humanities Award for Excellence in Community Heritage. In addition to her work in historic preservation, Dottie is an educator, teaching at the Moreau Montessori School.

Dottie Dallmeyer's commitment to sharing and preserving the rich heritage of her community makes her a deserving recipient of the Greg Stockard Distinguished Service Award.