



Gregory Stockard Distinguished Service Award Catherine C. Bordner, Recipient

Cathy Bordner has always loved history and appreciated historic buildings. In 1999 she joined the Historic City of Jefferson (HCJ). She later served on the HCJ Board, and as secretary of the HCJ Foundation. In 2014 Cathy worked with Steve Veile and many other HCJ members to save the Cole County Jail/Sheriff's Residence from demolition. Also in 2014, Cathy worked with another HCJ team, led by Jenny Smith, to focus attention on the abandoned property issue in Jefferson City's inner core. Through working with others who are dedicated to HCJ's mission, and willing to take risks and try new approaches, Cathy believes we have made great progress in protecting and promoting Jefferson City's heritage and historic buildings.

Cathy also served as a member and chairman of the City of Jefferson's Historic Preservation Commission. Being part of this commission helped her understand the importance of citizen involvement in making Jefferson City a vibrant, welcoming community.

Cathy is a member of the Missouri River Bluffs Association (MRBA). This group promotes local foods, culture, heritage and businesses. She is a docent at the Missouri State Archives for groups of school children that visit in the spring. She and her husband Dave are members of the River City Collector's Guild. They also worked together in 2002 to form the Eastside Neighborhood Development Association (ENDA). That group worked for 5 years to promote neighborhoods near the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). Cathy has also served on the board of the East Side Business Association (ESBA). In 2013 Cathy was named one of the Zonta Women of Achievement.

Cathy and Dave have been married for 41 years. They live in a 95 year old home on Fairmount Blvd. In 2001 they purchased another building constructed in 1920, across the street from MSP. It looked fair on the outside, but awful on the inside. It was full of junk, had cracked plaster, water damage and damage from small fires, among other things. It took two years to renovate, and now resembles the way it looked when it was built in 1920. Cathy and Dave learned from this experience not to be quick to





give up on old buildings. The City of Jefferson awarded this building, the Watts House, at 718 E. Capitol Ave., the City of Jefferson Landmark Award in 2013.

Their second historic preservation project was a building at 1102 E. McCarty, which they purchased from HCJ in 2008, and renovated. This building, like their first project, is leased as office

space and currently occupied by El Puente.

From 1984 to 2005 Cathy worked for Missouri's Department of Social Services. Since retiring, Dave and Cathy have enjoyed traveling to visit family in other parts of the country, as well as taking a dream trip to the Tuscan region of Italy. One of their favorite destinations is Paducah, Kentucky, where 10 years of the "Artist Relocation Program" is now reaping wonderful benefits in revitalized neighborhoods, lower crime and higher tax revenue for the City of Paducah.

Cathy and Dave have two grown children who live on opposite ends of the country. Rich and his wife Ezichi and two little girls live in Southern California. Katie and her husband Mike live in Pittsburgh, PA. Cathy's favorite past times are traveling with Dave, spending time with her children and grandchildren and bicycling on the Katy Trail.