

Richard and MaryAnn Caplinger
Greg Stockard Heritage Award Recipients
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The City of Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission is happy to present the 2011 Greg Stockard Heritage Award to Richard and MaryAnn Caplinger.

Richard, or Dick as his many friends call him, and MaryAnn have helped set an example of practicing historic preservation as well as encouraging others to do the same. Their many contributions have made a permanent impact on Jefferson City.

In the 1970s and 80s Dick and MaryAnn were pioneers in downtown revitalization when they completed a historic restoration of Caplinger's using tax credits. MaryAnn researched the history of the building. She found pictures showing how the building looked in 1884. This helped with the restoration project.

In the early 1980s MaryAnn was one of eight people who met and worked on developing the city's first preservation ordinance. She then was on the first City of Jefferson City Historic Preservation Commission.

Dick assisted with a building project at their church. The result was an addition that contributes to the building and the area's historic character..

These are just a few of the many proactive approaches that Dick and MaryAnn have used to promote historic preservation both as a way to promote our heritage and as an economic development tool. A newspaper article about the couple quoted Dick as saying, "If we tear down everything here, there is nothing to see – we tear down our heritage."

Dick and MaryAnn are very deserving recipients of the award we present to them today, the Greg Stockard Heritage Award.