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## **Ann Arbor's 2Mission Design and Development earn prestigious preservation award for restoring historic Bowers Harbor Inn**

May 5, 2009 – ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN – The Michigan Historic Preservation Network will grant its 2009 Citizen Award to Jon Carlson and Greg Lobdell, founders of 2Mission Design and Development of Traverse City and Ann Arbor. They earned the prestigious recognition “for the protection of Bowers Harbor Inn and surrounding property.”

The award is presented only once a year to an outstanding individual or team who, through personal effort and involvement in historic preservation projects, has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Michigan's heritage.

Bowers Harbor Inn, housed on the Old Mission Peninsula in Traverse City, was built in the 1880s and remodeled in the 1920s as a retreat for Chicago lumber baron J.W. Stickney and his wife. In 1974 the Inn was transformed into a fine dining establishment.

In 2005, Carlson and Lobdell purchased the property, a total of 11 acres containing rare, coveted views of Grand Traverse Bay. They worked with Old Mission Peninsula Township to preserve 650 feet of shoreline, a thriving vineyard and sprawling pine trees.

The 2Mission team has taken great care to preserve Bowers Harbor Inn as a significant historic site and award-winning culinary destination. They partnered with Chef Paul Olson to revive the restaurant with fresh, new concepts and a re-dedication to high quality, local ingredients.

A testament to these efforts and four years of dedication, Carlson and Lobdell will be honored Friday, May 15, at the Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony and Reception at San Chez Bistro in Grand Rapids.

The Michigan Preservation Network, a non-profit founded in 1979, strives for the protection of the state's irreplaceable historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, features and open spaces. Learn more at [www.mhpn.org](http://www.mhpn.org). Additional details about 2Mission Development and Design and Bowers Harbor Inn can be found at [www.2mission.com](http://www.2mission.com).

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