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Katy woman's preservation work wins award

More than two years of intense work to preserve Katy's historic buildings has paid off for **Katy Heritage Society** President Carol Eckels Adams, who was recognized last week for her achievement in historic preservation with a Good Brick Award from the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance.

The **Good Brick Awards** are presented by the **Greater Houston Preservation Alliance** in recognition of leadership and excellence in historic preservation, including project planning, publications, renovation, restoration, and adaptive reuse of commercial and residential structures, historic monuments, parks and landscapes, according to the Web site.

Adams along with other members of the Society conducted painstaking research to renovate and restore three homes that belonged to Katy's early residents and other old structures. Congruently, members of the **Katy Heritage Park Board** (including **City of Katy** officials) worked to beautify the park grounds where the homes are located.

Katy's historic buildings that date from the late 1890s and early 1900s, have been refurbished and decorated to favor their original condition on the interiors while the architectural features on the exteriors have been carefully preserved.

Adams will be acknowledged for her work and presented a Good Brick Award in a Jan. 27 ceremony at the Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar Ave.

A delighted Adams said she is thrilled to receive the prestigious award.

It really is an honor, kind of a big deal if you're into restoration or historical stuff...like a Pulitzer Prize for people who do this in Houston, she said.

Adams, a devoted preservationist whose home is listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, received her first Good Brick Award along with her husband Katy City Councilman Hill Adams in 1992 for renovation of their residence in the Houston Heights at 221 E. 12th St.

Given that only about a dozen of these awards are handed out each year, it's exceptional that Adams should win twice. Adams joins the ranks of such groups as Friends of Hermann Park. which invests millions in renovation projects.

If you want to tour the homes and the park, contact the Katy Heritage Society at 281-391-2550 or by e-mail, info@katyheritagesociety.com.

