

## From the Director...

Good news is always gratifying to share.


To start, no snow and warmer temperatures mean that our House and Garden Tour will soon take place. What makes this tour so special? It represents all that is good about our organization. The tour depends on welcoming and proud homeowners, dedicated stewards of historic houses, to open their homes to all of us. It depends on scores of volunteers and staff to organize and facilitate the event. It depends on numerous sponsors and donors, and depends on our members and their friends attending the event. Visitors experience historic spaces and gardens, providing a personal and thought-provoking experience. It shows in a tangible way how preservation is incredibly human and how the past and the future can live together in complete harmony. Yes, it represents the very best of your Landmark Society.

Another piece of good news is the slightly refreshed appearance of this publication. You will hopefully agree that the new look allows for better organization and readability. Since much of what we do is visual, the cover is focused primarily on the photograph. The design better showcases some of our graphics including better visuals for our supporting corporate partners. It's a streamlined and sleek look that enhances the topics within.

Next, we have received word that finances are secured and some initial design obstacles have been overcome allowing one of our Five to Revive properties to near a construction phase for rehabilitation. The Eastman Dental Dispensary in Rochester, vacant for decades, will be rehabilitated for senior housing. The Landmark Society has been working steadfastly with Edgemere Development to assist in a project that Home Leasing, LLC, will own and manage. The Landmark Society's Five to Revive listing helped leverage \$3.5 million in state funding that was announced by Governor Cuomo in 2014. The project is using State and Federal Historic Tax Credits, a program that we consistently advocate for in both Albany and Washington. We are grateful to all the partners who are making this project a reality. It is satisfying when hard work pays off, and this project has been particularly challenging for many years.

And, finally, I am proud to announce that The Landmark Society of Western New York has recently been selected as the **2015 Cultural Arts Organization of the Year** by the Arts & Cultural Council of Greater Rochester. The award will be presented on June 18 during a luncheon. It is rewarding to reflect on the progress we have made, together, over the past several years. It is equally fulfilling to know that our region values our efforts, our progress and most importantly, our meaningful work. The Landmark Society's initiatives, advocacy, technical assistance, tours, programs and educational outreach not only make positive impacts, but they are acknowledged and recognized for their quality and significance. I would personally like to thank our entire staff who works tirelessly to fulfill a mission with passion and enthusiasm. I thank our dedicated board of trustees, committee members and our many volunteers. And, I thank our members and donors who believe in our work and offer the financial foundation that makes it all possible. It honors me, on behalf of our organization, to share this accolade with all of you.

All the best,



Wayne Goodman  
Executive Director



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