



# HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

## THE ADVOCATE FOR NEW YORK CITY'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS

The Historic Districts Council is the citywide advocate for New York's historic neighborhoods. For more than 45 years, HDC has worked with neighborhood groups, public officials and individual advocates to preserve, improve, and celebrate historic communities across New York City.

Since 1990, the Landmarks Lion Award has been given to honor people who have shown unusual devotion and aggressiveness in protecting New York City's historic buildings and neighborhoods. This year, the Historic Districts Council is pleased to honor EverGreene Architectural Arts and Jeff Greene for their dedication to preserving historic architecture and decorative finishes here in New York City and around the world.

Considered one of the foremost experts in the country in both traditional and innovative techniques for murals, ornamental plaster and decorative finishes, Mr. Greene established EverGreene Architectural Arts in 1978, at a time when many traditional methods of artistry and decoration had become all but lost in America. In order to learn and revive Old World techniques such as lime fresco painting and the creation of the gypsum-based faux marble known as scagliola, Jeff sought out master craftsmen and artists around the world, studied old publications and experimented tirelessly. He rose to national prominence by being chosen to design and paint the *Westward Expansion* series of murals in a 100-foot-long corridor of the United States Capitol.

Since its founding, EverGreene Architectural Arts has grown to become a nationally recognized leader in the restoration of historic public and sacred spaces. Specializing in large-scale interior conservation and decorative finish work, the firm, under Jeff's leadership, has worked in nationally-significant historic places across the country and in almost every imaginable historic architectural style. Close to home, EverGreene Architectural Arts has performed restorations on the Loew's Kings Theater, the Eldridge Street Synagogue and Grace Church, to name just a few. Fittingly, the Landmarks Lion Award will be presented at the McKim, Mead and White-designed University Club, in which EverGreene has performed extensive restoration work, including its first floor library and on-going work on the ceiling of the Main Dining Room.