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Dear Anne:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce that the Gardiner Public Library has been selected to receive a 2008 *Statewide Historic Preservation Honor Award* for Excellence in Restoration. Our selection committee responded unanimously and with great enthusiasm to the nominations. Here are the things you need to know:

- The ceremony takes place on Friday, May 9th at The Old Baptist Meeting House, 3 Hillside Street in Yarmouth, beginning at 4:00 p.m. This ceremony is being held during our Maine Villages Confab; a brochure is enclosed. It is essential that you, or the person(s) accepting the award, arrive no later than 3:30 p.m. and check in with Karla Leandri Rider, our office manager.
- Trustees and advisors of Maine Preservation will be presenting each award during the ceremony. You will be asked to come forward to accept your framed award and pause for a photo. There will be an opportunity to make brief remarks, but due to the number of awards, we ask you to keep your comments to one minute.
- We invite and urge you to register for the confab or join us at "Preservation After Hours" at the Royal River Grill House on the waterfront immediately following the honor awards ceremony. The cost for "Preservation After Hours" is \$5 each, payable to Maine Preservation in advance, and includes hors d'oeuvre with a cash bar. Your participation during the confab or at "Preservation After Hours" as an honor award recipient, which will be duly noted by a special ribbon on your name tag, will inspire attendees to ask you about your project and seek your advice!
- Should you desire additional copies of the award certificates to share with others involved in your project, please provide us the names and mailing addresses so that we can forward them after the ceremony. We will issue a statewide News Release on May 9th and copies will be provided to you.

Congratulations again for being recognized statewide for the lasting contribution you have made (and will continue to make) to preserve and protect Maine's irreplaceable heritage. Speaking for preservationists statewide, we deeply appreciate your efforts and are honored to be recognizing this project during our 2008 Maine Villages Confab.

With warm regards,

Greg Paxton
Executive Director

P.S. Please contact us immediately with the names and correct spelling of those who will be attending the Honor Awards ceremony for the guest list.

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