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Historic preservation group cites three building owners

*By the WPD staff*

The City of Wabash awarded three building owners with Historic Preservation Awards on Tuesday, May 23.

The newly formed Historic Preservation Commission wanted to celebrate May, National Historic Preservation Month, by recognizing members of the community who have excelled at preserving the historic character of their buildings in recent improvements.

The commission decided on three categories: residential, commercial and public/non-profit.

The 2006 winners were Scott and Vicki Winger, for the work on their home at 614 W. Hill St., commonly referred to as the Yarnelle House; Mike and Angie Beauchamp for Modoc's Market on the corner of Market and Miami streets, and the Charley Creek Foundation for the Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St.

Each winner received a bronze plaque to hang on the exterior of their building. Realtor Elden Yohe donated the plaques.

"We hope to make the historic preservation awards and plaques a yearly tradition," said Cathy Compton, North Central field representative for Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

"People in our community deserve to be recognized for the hard work they put into their historic buildings."

The Wabash Historic Preservation Commission was created in October 2005 by the Wabash City Council. Members are appointed by Mayor Bob Vanlandingham, who presented the awards Tuesday, and serve one- to three-year terms.

Commission members are Gene DeLauter, Anne Eddingfield, Marv Love, Mike Mattern, Greg Metz, Susan Stewart and Elden Yohe. By the WPD staff