
HISTORIC HOTELS of AMERICA

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2022 Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence Winners Announced

Point Clear, Alabama --- November 17, 2022 --- Historic Hotels of America® is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence. The Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence recognize and celebrate the finest historic hotels and hoteliers from across the United States of America and around the world.

Recipients were honored at a special evening Ceremony and Gala at the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection in Point Clear, Alabama, on Thursday, November 17, 2022. The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa (1847) has been known as *The Queen of Southern Resorts* for 175 years and is set on 550 acres next to Mobile Bay. Awards were presented before an audience of more than 200 industry leaders, owners, senior management, and representatives of the world's finest historic hotels.

Eighteen Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence were given in multiple categories ranging from Historic Hotels of America Historic Hotelier of the Year, Historic Hotels of America Hotel Historian of the Year, Historic Hotels of America Best Historic Resort, Historic Hotels of America Lifetime Achievement Award, and others.

Winners were selected from nominations by historic hotels, preservation supporters, prior award recipients, community leaders, and leadership from Historic Hotels of America. As an official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Hotels of America provides the recognition to travelers, civic leaders, and the global cultural, heritage, and historic travel market that member hotels are among the finest historic hotels from across the United States of America. The Historic Hotels Annual Awards of Excellence program recognizes the pinnacle of this distinct group of nominees in a range of categories.

From over 350 nominations, the awards committee evaluated the nominee finalists and, after careful consideration, selected the 2022 Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence award winners:

Historic Hotels of America New Member of the Year

This award is presented to a new member hotel that best demonstrates immediate engagement, activation, and passionate support of Historic Hotels of America.

Winner: [The Andrus Hotel](#) (1917) Dillon, Montana

Historic Hotels of America Best Social Media of a Historic Hotel

This award is presented to a hotel that actively engages consumers by sharing the best of its history through social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with interesting historical facts and stories.

Winner: [La Fonda on the Plaza](#)TM (1922) Santa Fe, New Mexico

Historic Hotels of America Sustainability Champion

This award is presented to a hotel that best implements and practices innovative green initiatives and programs, demonstrating historic preservation is the ultimate green.

Winner: Presidio Lodging: [The Lodge at the Presidio \(1894\)](#) and [Inn at the Presidio \(1903\)](#) San Francisco, California

Historic Hotels of America Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel (Under 75 Guestrooms)

This award is presented to a hotel under 75 guestrooms that best celebrates its history in the guest experience and provides exceptional customer hospitality and service.

Winner: [Antrim 1844](#) (1844) Taneytown, Maryland

Historic Hotels of America Best Historic Hotel (76 – 200 Guestrooms)

This award is presented to a hotel with 76-200 guestrooms that best celebrates its history in the guest experience and provides exceptional customer hospitality and service.

Winner: [Historic Inns of Annapolis](#) (1772) Annapolis, Maryland

Historic Hotels of America Best Historic Hotel (201 – 400 Guestrooms)

This award is presented to a hotel with 201-400 guestrooms that best celebrates its history in the guest experience and provides exceptional customer hospitality and service.

Winner: [Chatham Bars Inn](#) (1914) Chatham, Massachusetts

Historic Hotels of America Best Historic Hotel (Over 400 Guestrooms)

This award is presented to a hotel with over 400 guestrooms that best celebrates its history in the guest experience and provides exceptional customer hospitality and service.

Winner: [The Omni Homestead Resort](#) (1766) Hot Springs, Virginia

Historic Hotels of America Best City Center Historic Hotel

This award is presented to a hotel located in a city center that best celebrates its history in the guest experience and provides exceptional customer hospitality and service.

Winner: [The Virginian Lynchburg, Curio Collection by Hilton](#) (1913) Lynchburg, Virginia

Historic Hotels of America Best Historic Resort

This award is presented to a historic resort that best celebrates its history in the guest experience and provides exceptional customer hospitality and service.

Winner: [The Wigwam](#) (1929) Litchfield Park, Arizona

Historic Hotels of America Best Historic Restaurant in Conjunction with a Historic Hotel

This award is presented to a restaurant that is part of a historic hotel that offers the finest cuisine, historic atmosphere, and exceptional customer service.

Winner: The Asbury at [The Dunhill Hotel](#) (1929) Charlotte, North Carolina

Historic Hotels of America Ambassador of the Year (Celebrating 25+ years of service)

This award is presented to an individual who has dedicated their career to a historic hotel for at least twenty-five years, has been an exemplary ambassador and steward of the history and

stories of a historic hotel, and has shown exemplary hospitality and service to the hotel and its guests.

Winner: Sam Sealy at [Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa](#) (1847) Point Clear, Alabama

Historic Hotels of America Hotel Historian of the Year

This award is presented to a hotel historian who best demonstrates a passion for preserving, displaying, and interpreting the history of their hotel, a true ambassador of the past.

Winner: Susan Stein at [Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa](#) (1847) Point Clear, Alabama

Historic Hotels of America Legendary Family Historic Hoteliers of the Year

This award is presented to a multi-generational family ownership entity or management company which has served as an exemplary role model in the operation of the historic hotels entrusted to its stewardship, has demonstrated a long-term legacy of commitment to historic preservation, and has been an active champion of Historic Hotels of America.

Winner: The Hraba Family at Presidio Lodging: [The Lodge at the Presidio \(1894\)](#) and [Inn at the Presidio \(1903\)](#) San Francisco, California

Historic Hotels of America Historic Hotelier of the Year

This award is presented to the recipient demonstrating the highest contribution to furthering the celebration of history at historic hotels as well as leadership and innovation.

Winner: Patty Henning at [Jekyll Island Club Resort](#) (1886) Jekyll Island, Georgia

Historic Hotels of America Steward of History and Historic Preservation

This award is presented to a leader whose passion has helped to preserve a historic hotel and whose dedication to historic preservation will ensure that future generations of travelers can experience its history.

Winner: Dr. David G. Bronner, Chief Executive Officer at the Retirement Systems of Alabama

Historic Hotels of America Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

This award is presented to an individual whose lifelong passion has resulted in the preservation and celebration of the history and stories of a legendary historic hotel.

Winner: Elise Roenigk at [1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa](#) (1886) Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Historic Hotels of America Legacy of Innovation and Inspiration Award Winner

*This award recognizes the extensive accomplishments of **Peter Strebel** in pioneering innovative concepts and programs for achieving uncommon success, for being a thought leader on exceptional service, an inspiring leader in the hotel industry, and whose leadership and vision has resulted the donation of more than 25 million meals to help end hunger in America and whose leadership has resulted in the preservation, restoration, and celebration of fifteen iconic and legendary historic hotels and resorts.*

Historic Hotels of America Historian of the Year Winner

*The Historic Hotels of America Historian of the Year Award recognizes the extensive accomplishments of **Greg MacGillivray**, American film director, cinematographer, preeminent storyteller, pioneer of the 70mm IMAX film format, Academy Award Nominee, and passionate ocean conservationist. This award recognizes him for making a unique contribution in the*

research, and presentation of history and whose work has encouraged a wide, if not provocative, discussion and greater understanding of the history and the diverse heritages and cultures of our nation, the world, and the planet.

“It is an honor to congratulate all of the 2022 Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence winners,” said Lawrence Horwitz, Executive Vice President, Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide. “The winners are the finest historic hotels and hoteliers from across the United States. The historic hotels nominated include small historic inns, boutique hotels, lifestyle hotels, and resorts. They represent small towns to large cities to UNESCO World Heritage destinations. We applaud the dedication and passion of the thousands of individuals working at these iconic and legendary hotels that keep the stories alive from the past and make staying or celebrating special occasions at these historic hotels memorable experiences. The hotels on this list represent the very best spirit of perseverance and preservation of Historic Hotels. Through the many chapters these buildings have seen, it is the care of their staff, owners, and operators and the support of travelers that allow these stories to continue.”

To be nominated for the Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence, the hotel must be a member of Historic Hotels of America, demonstrate how the hotel increased the recognition and celebration of the hotel’s history, heritage, historic preservation, and its membership as well as how the hotel (through its ownership, leadership, and employees) contributes significantly as an industry leader in the designated award category.

About Historic Hotels of America®

Historic Hotels of America® is the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for recognizing, celebrating, and promoting the finest historic hotels in the United States of America. To be nominated and selected for membership in this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old; designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and recognized as having historical significance. Of the more than 300 historic hotels inducted into Historic Hotels of America from 44 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, all historic hotels faithfully preserve their sense of authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity. For more information, please visit HistoricHotels.org/US.

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