

Alexander Macomb Historical Award
Individual



Year Award Given: 2006

Awarded to: Norman Bawkon – Shelby Township, Macomb, MI

Nominated by: Donald Green

Presented Where: New Macomb County Building Lobby

Presented By: Macomb County Historical Commissioners

Norm was honored for the significant progress he made in preserving the history of Shelby Township, MI. He was passionate about his city and its history! So much so, that he was a top contender for the very first Alexander Macomb Historical Award.

Norm retired from the Shelby Township Fire Department after serving the community for 23 years and was also a long-standing member of the Shelby Township Historical Commission, serving as chairman for many years.

While chairman, Norm was instrumental in saving 1890 Hope United Methodist Church and helped facilitate the move from its original location on the west side of VanDyke, just north of 24 Mile, to its current home on the Shelby Township Municipal grounds. The restored church now serves as Hope Chapel and has been host to many weddings and other events. Norm also helped to secure a Michigan Historical Marker at River Bends Park where the Utica Nike Missile Base and Spring Hill Farm once stood. He also aided with the implementation of the Shelby Township Historic Home Marker Program, which designates homes over 50-years of age in Shelby as historic locations, documenting the buildings' history and adorning them with a date plaque that is attached to the structures.

Information Resources:

Former Macomb County Historical Commissioners Karl Mark Pall / June 2015, Donald W. Green and Raymond G. Glime / Aug 2015, Shelby Township Historical Commission