

Downtown Laramie Selected as one of *This Old House's* Best Old-House Neighborhoods 2010

Laramie Main Street proud to receive the Innovation Award for Downtown Revitalization and Historic Preservation

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Laramie Main Street (LMS) has just learned that Downtown Laramie and the surrounding neighborhoods are being honored by *This Old House's* annual Best Old-House Neighborhoods list. http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/photos/0,,20343300_20738526,00.html

According to the award letter, Downtown Laramie “deserves this special recognition for its astonishing selection of great homes, and the community spirit that supports them.”

The goal of the contest was simple, *This Old House* wanted to “recognize cities, towns or individual neighborhoods that might not be on [their] readers’ radar, but deserve to be; places overflowing with beautiful, architecturally significant, or even, historic houses with special appeal to old-house-loving buyers.” They looked for “places where people are happy to lend a helping hand on a neighbor’s home improvement project... where amenities, such as restaurants, hardware stores, or hiking trails, are just a short walk or drive away.”

This recognition is due in part to the neighborhood groups, real estate agents and preservation societies that believe in the value of historic preservation and volunteer their time to make Laramie a great place to live.

In addition to making the Best Old-House Neighborhood list for 2010, LMS was honored on May 15th at the *Preserve Wyoming* conference in Evanston, Wyoming with an Innovation Award from Wyoming Main Street for “excellence, originality and effectiveness in downtown revitalization through historic preservation”.

It is a credit for LMS, its partners and the downtown community to receive these awards. The business owners are working hard and are aware of the economic benefits of historic preservation and revitalization. LMS’s strong partnerships with the City of Laramie, Albany County Tourism Board, Chamber of Commerce and Laramie Economic Development Corporation help fulfilling the non-profit’s mission to “preserve historic Downtown Laramie while enhancing its economic and social vitality”. Please join LMS in congratulating all the entities that make Downtown Laramie a great place to shop, dine and live!

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