

## PRESERVATION BLISS.



**Michigan Architectural Foundation** *Evans-Graham Grant marries arts and architecture, by helping transform a 1917 office building into a unique museum.*

What happens when you bring determined, dedicated citizens together with essential funding to move a restoration project forward? You get a great project that benefits and enhances the community, and often, preserves a part of our history in the process.

Michigan Architectural Foundation is proud to announce Seafoam Palace Museum, Inc. is the 2017 recipient of MAF's Evans-Graham Memorial Preservation Award. The \$7,500 grant will support

structural façade repairs for the organization's Seafoam Palace Museum in Detroit.

The Seafoam Palace Museum is an adaptive reuse of the former headquarters building of the Frederic M. Sibley Lumber Company. Named for its unique interior seafoam-colored plaster, the 1917 building will become home to a museum that explores the 'nature of curiosity and wonder' and incorporates art, science, history and adventure.

“MAF provides the award to catalyze projects and help supplement the many layers of funding needed to move projects forward,” according to award jury chairman and MAF trustee Park Smith. “Each of the projects MAF has supported has had the enthusiasm and involvement of community, which is as critical as project funding.”

The award was named in honor of historic preservation architect David Evans, and preservation activist Ralph Graham, MAF’s first public trustee. Past awards have helped fund renovation work on Detroit’s Belle Isle Aquarium, Charlevoix’s 1885 South Pier lighthouse, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Affleck House in Bloomfield Hills, and 19th-century copper mining heritage sites in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

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