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**ARCHITECTS HONOR THE CHARLOTTE MUSEUM OF HISTORY
FOR ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PRESERVATION**

CHARLOTTE, N.C., November 21, 2019 – The American Institute of Architects Charlotte Chapter honored The Charlotte Museum of History with its Laurel Award on Nov. 7 at the AIA Charlotte Annual Awards Gala.

The Laurel Award recognizes those outside the architecture profession who make significant contributions to improve the region’s built environment. AIA Charlotte honored the museum with the 2019 Laurel Award for its work promoting Charlotte’s unique buildings and streetscapes.

“Our judges were particularly impressed by two recent programs by the museum – the 2019 Charlotte Historic Preservation Awards and the eighth *Mad About Modern* midcentury modern home tour. Both of these programs help raise public awareness about the importance of architectural design to our region’s culture and to our daily lives,” said Kate Shelton, executive director of AIA Charlotte.

“Promoting preservation of our region's history and its built environment is central to the museum's mission, and we are so pleased to have this work recognized by the architecture profession,” said Adria Focht, president & CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History. “This work would not be possible without our staff, our many volunteers and our partners in the community who are working to preserve Charlotte-Mecklenburg's history every day.”

About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History engages a broad audience in the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, places and events to promote dialogue and historical perspective. The museum is the steward of the Hezekiah Alexander House (ca. 1774) and home site, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. To learn more, visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

About AIA Charlotte

AIA Charlotte exists to serve the needs of its members and to provide leadership and service to the public—at-large for a range of issues affecting the built environment. The mission of AIA Charlotte is to be the voice of the architecture profession dedicated to three purposes: serving its members,



advancing their value and improving the quality of the built environment. AIA Charlotte has a rich history of involvement in community design and social issues. The 12-county group utilizes a volunteer committee structure to focus on areas of concern for our region, including sustainable (or "green") design practices, community outreach, design education and the development of emerging professionals.

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