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## **Museum Wins Award**

HIGH POINT, NC (December 17, 2019) The High Point Museum was recently awarded the Robert James Award for Preservation Excellence by the North Carolina Preservation Consortium (NCPC). This award was in recognition of its efforts to preserve the Little Red Schoolhouse.

"We are pleased to accept this award on behalf of everyone who contributed to the preservation of the Little Red Schoolhouse," Edith Brady, Museum Director, said. "I hate to think how much further the building would have deteriorated without the leadership of the City Council in authorizing half the funding for this project and the High Point Historical Society for taking charge of the private fundraising for the other half. In the end more than 200 individuals contributed to the capital campaign in addition to countless others who donated change in coin drives and a few more who donated in-kind materials and services. It's nice to live in a community that understands we don't have to abandon our past to welcome our future. I greatly admire the generosity of preserving this piece of history as a gift to future High Pointers we will never know."

The Little Red Schoolhouse was designed by noted High Point architect Louis Voorhees in 1930 as an annex to Ray Street School to serve an overflow of first graders. For thirty years it served as a one-room schoolhouse for students until a fire consumed the main school building in 1961. The Little Red Schoolhouse found new life as the home for High Point's first museum in December 1964. The building later served as a flower and garden shop, seamstress shop, training site for High Point Civil Defense, candle shop, and Christian book store. It was designated a Guilford County Landmark in 1988.

"Already children are discovering this special place and returning each month for more," Brady said. "While we still only have it open three-days per month, we are working on developing new programs and partnerships to eventually open it on a more regular basis. Later in the spring we'll be recruiting community volunteers to help us."

The North Carolina Preservation Consortium (NCPC) is an independent, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization dedicated to the preservation of collections in libraries, museums, archives, and historic sites; monuments, memorials, and outdoor art; archaeological sites and collections; historic and cultural architecture; and private collections of family treasures. NCPC supports proper care and handling; storage and environmental control; disaster preparedness; conservation; and collection security. NCPC is committed to preserving tangible and intangible heritage for present and future generations.

*The High Point Museum, a division of the High Point Public Library, shares Greater High Point's history, provides perspective for current issues, and strengthens the sense of community.*

*The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community's human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America. For more information on the City, visit [www.highpointnc.gov](http://www.highpointnc.gov)*

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Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Historical Park Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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