

Cream of the Cream City Awards



H. RUSSELL ZIMMERMANN ZIMMERMANN DESIGN CONSULTANTS



H. RUSSELL ZIMMERMANN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN PRESERVATION EDUCATION AND DESIGN

H. Russell Zimmermann is a household name in Milwaukee. Many a budding preservationist spent their formative years reading his series, *The Past in Our Present*, in the *Milwaukee Journal* in the 1970s and 1980s or chasing the buildings featured in his *Heritage Guidebook*. Zimmermann opened many eyes to the beauties of Milwaukee's historic buildings

even as he stayed one jump ahead of the wrecking ball. His efforts helped to instill the preservation ethic in a community rich in architectural resources.

Zimmermann's design skills are legendary as well. Very few individuals can replicate the period details and with such ease as he can; it almost seems that he can channel the past. Russ as he is commonly known has pursued design full time for many decades now. Additions, new construction,

remodeling and assisting in the restorations of some of the city's best known monuments are all part of his portfolio. He recently designed

the missing pieces for the Iron Block, based on historic evidence. He designed the restoration of the Grain Exchange room in the Mackie Building. The monumental fence at 2909 East Newberry Boulevard was Zimmermann's design as well as the rear addition to Larry Bonney's house in North Point North. Both projects won a Cream of the Cream City Award for their owners. Although his residence is in Wauwatosa, Zimmermann's office has been in the Railway Exchange Building for years and he has been wholeheartedly committed to Milwaukee's historic buildings.



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