



The Marion Dean Ross/Pacific Northwest Chapter  
Society of Architectural Historians  
takes pleasure in honoring

**BERNADETTE NIEDERER**  
Chapter Secretary 2007-2017  
and Blog Manager

&

**DAVID PINYERD**  
Membership Coordinator 2009-2017  
and Newsletter Editor

joint recipients of the  
2017

**MARION DEAN ROSS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**  
in recognition of

- A decade of wholehearted team effort through which their proficient support in many varied ways helped the chapter sustain highest standards for annual conference organizing and promotion of scholarship in fulfillment of the purposes of the Society of Architectural Historians.
- Maintaining a vibrant record of chapter proceedings, conference programs, announcements, news, notices, and other essential communications to keep the membership engaged and connected across the Pacific Northwest region and beyond.

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### Historic House is Home Base

The Howard C. Rowlee House (built by S.O. Griffiths 1931-1933), in Albany, Oregon, was acquired by Pinyerd and Niederer in 2003 for the headquarters of their consulting group, **Historic Preservation Northwest**. The principals restored the building in the ensuing years to their exacting standards entirely by their own labor.

*E. W. Potter photos, May 10, 2017*

### Readiness for a Decade of Service to SAH

Dave Pinyerd and Bernadette Niederer, graduates of the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts Master's degree program in Historic Preservation, launched their small-group consultancy to undertake cultural resource evaluation and documentation contract work throughout the region in 2001. They made Albany, Oregon, their headquarters in 2003. Their years of association with the Historic Preservation program gave them broad practical experience. Dave was a Graduate Teaching Fellow and supported the program's Director as Coordinator of the School's first two summer Preservation Field Schools (1995-1996) that had been organized through collaborative arrangement between the UO, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and State Historic Preservation Office. In 2001-2002, Bernadette was a Technical Graduate Administrative Fellow charged with overhaul and expansion of the program website. Dave served on the Albany Landmarks Advisory Commission (and also a term as President of the Historic Preservation League of Oregon). Bernadette was elected Vice-president of the Monteith Historical Society.

Bernadette was the first of the two to enter into active participation in affairs of the regional chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians. Her interest in building construction led her to propose a paper for the chapter conference of September, 2006, at the University of Idaho, in Moscow, for which she was awarded the Wendell Lovett travel stipend for emerging scholars to present "Cast-iron Storefronts and the Foundries of Albany, Oregon." Dave, meanwhile, was engaged in the study of facilities of the U.S. Coast Guard's forerunner agency that protected coastal communities dependent on ocean-going shipping. His paper, "Buildings of the U.S. Life-Saving Service on the Oregon Coast," was presented to the chapter during the annual conference at Oregon State University in Corvallis, in October, 2007. It was in the run-up to the Corvallis conference that Bernadette and Dave demonstrated their aptitude for chapter organization. Bernadette was recruited to serve as board Secretary *pro tem* to fulfill the unexpired term of an incumbent. She was elected to the office in her own right during the 2007 annual general meeting and served continuously for ten years, during much of which time she also managed the chapter's valuable blog, "News & Notices," frequently illustrated with her own photographs. Dave had coordinated transportation services for the Corvallis conference committee. The following year, he courteously took over the chapter newsletter to relieve the work load of the Membership Coordinator. In 2009, Dave was formally appointed to the board in the dual position of Membership Coordinator and Newsletter Editor, roles which he fulfilled to the end of his final term in 2017.

When asked to reflect on the value of the sustained period of service of this capable duo, Edward H. Teague, under whose consecutive terms as President Pinyerd and Niederer commenced their careers as chapter board members, expressed it this way: "Their dependability, continuity of service, and expertise in their critical roles helped maintain a strong, successful chapter identity. Their reliable teamwork and unfailing good humor helped to inspire the chapter to achieve the highest standards for excellence in fulfilling the mission of the Society of Architectural Historians Marion Dean Ross/Pacific Northwest Chapter."