



John Turk

Architect



Recognition

John Turk has been a practicing architect in Portland for over 25 years. He has worked on a variety of preservation projects including the Maine Irish Heritage Center, the Portland Observatory, Deering Oak's Castle-in-the Park, Mechanic's Hall, Fort Popham, Liberty Hall in Machiasport, and Portland's City Hall. He was the project architect for the design of the Merriconeag Waldorf School and the modern buildings at the new Veteran's cemetery in Augusta.

John is a founding member of the Portland Society for Architecture and was a long term board member and past president of the Architalx Lecture series. He has been recognized for his design excellence and preservation expertise by the Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and preservation organizations at the local, state and national level. During 15 years of service on Portland's Historic Preservation Board, John has been a strong voice advocating for a synthesis of best preservation practices and design excellence. He led the Board during the designation of the Congress Street Historic District and participated in the designation of three new local historic districts.

Throughout his volunteer work and professional career John has advanced the mission of historic preservation in the Greater Portland community. Within the architecture and design community he continues to be a strong advocate for high quality contemporary design that is compatible with Portland's historic character. John has helped to create a culture on the City's Historic Preservation Board that acknowledges the challenges and opportunities of our own time and affirms that today's design community can achieve the high standards exemplified by the builders and designers of our treasured historic city.