

Friends of Covington recognize Schroer



Jeanne Schroer, president and CEO of the Catalytic Development Fund of Northern Kentucky, received the coveted Covington Award from Friends of Covington President John Niland at the organization's annual dinner in May. Schroer said the Covington-based not-for-profit has committed about \$4.6 million in funding for some 30 projects that had a combined price tag of more than \$150 million. Schroer is the 29th recipient of the award, which has honored some of the region's most influential leaders.

Couple from Sausalito decides that Covington's a pretty good fit for them

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Covington after spending decades elsewhere.

Susan is a documentary and video editor and story consultant with a body of work that includes projects for National Geographic, the Smithsonian, PBS, Apple, Visa, Samsung, Lucasfilm and Tesla.

Bill is a creative director, writer, designer and arts director. An Emmy Award winner for MTV, he pioneered the "Blendo" technique, an approach that combines live action, graphics and animation in a seamless product.

Cosmo is a personable 21-year-old Meyer's parrot, a species that thrives in sub-Saharan Africa.

Disenchanted by changing conditions in the Bay Area (costs, traffic and civility), they searched for homes in Santa Fe, Austin, Nashville and Asheville. Then a friend of who lives in this area introduced them to Covington and they said they fell in love with the city.

They said they appreciate Covington's friendliness, historic character and architecture, walk-

and bike-ability, cleanliness, strategic location and airport and the city's vibrant arts scene.

They commented, as have other recent arrivals, that Covington reminds them of Brooklyn, another resurgent community that's connected to a much larger population center by a Roebling bridge.

While they will eventually buy a home in the region, for right now they said they are quite happy at Duveneck Square, the new apartment complex at Eighth and Washington that has drawn new residents from Texas, Virginia, Michigan and other states.

A number of their new neighbors are tech-savvy millennials who have been attracted to the "Silicon Prairie," a term now applied to a growing shift of tech entrepreneurs from the coasts to the Midwest.

Susan and Bill certainly sounded happy. They described Covington as "a marvelous place that's getting better every day." *(Chuck Eilerman is a former Friends of Covington president and Covington city commissioner and is a current member of the Huff Commercial Team at chuckeilerman.huff.com.)*

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homes from every neighborhood have been recognized by the organization ever since the awards were first presented in 1989.

According to the eligibility guidelines for the award, "market value and size are not considered in the evaluation of any nominated property."

Those same guidelines also point out that – in general – previous award winners are not eligible for the award unless substantial changes have been made to the property. Homes or business buildings that are listed for sale also are not eligible for the awards, which will be presented this year on Oct. 18 at the Behringer Crawford Museum in Devou Park. The nomination deadline is Aug. 31.

More information about the nominations for the awards is available at the Friends of Covington website, thefriendsofcovington.com, by emailing the organization at thefriendsofcovington@gmail.com, by checking out the organization's Facebook page, or Friends of Covington, Box 1243, Covington, KY, 41012.

