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The Power of Preservation: Announcing the recipients 2020 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards

Preservation Pennsylvania is honoring excellence and innovation in preservation practice with the announcement of the recipients of the annual **Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards**. Twenty-four awards, representing projects and people across the state, were selected to receive recognition. The awards are presented annually by Preservation Pennsylvania, the commonwealth's only statewide, private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant places.

The **F. Otto Haas Award**, given to an individual or group for outstanding achievements in the field of historic preservation, will be presented to **Brenda Barrett** for her 40+ years of contributions to the field of historic preservation, conservation, and cultural resources. She was instrumental in structuring Pennsylvania's first State Historic Preservation Office, and later helped establish the Pennsylvania Heritage Area program. She was the National Coordinator for Heritage Areas at the National Park Service and helped establish the Conservation Landscape Initiative at the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Her contributions to preservation are numerous, and her belief that preserving the tangible in our history helps to create a healthy society is at the core of her determination. Throughout her career and into retirement, she is a true champion of Pennsylvania's history and heritage. The **Henry A. Jordan Award**, which honors high achievement at the local level, will be presented to **Historic Gettysburg Adams County Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program** for encouraging and supporting preservation activities targeted at historic barns. This grassroots project to preserve historic barns in Adams County was founded in 1975. They provide education, lectures, workshops, tours, and demonstrations. The grant program provides a monetary incentive for owners to maintain, rehabilitate and preserve their barn. HGAC created the Adams County Barn Registry that lists 356 of an estimated 1500 barns.

"The Historic Preservation Awards recognize a passion for the past, applaud achievements in the present. and inspire a history-rich future for Pennsylvania," said Mindy Crawford, Executive Director of Preservation Pennsylvania.

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HONOR AWARDS

F. Otto Haas Award for outstanding individual achievements in historic preservation

- Brenda Barrett (Dauphin County)

Henry A. Jordan Award for outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level

- Historic Gettysburg Adams County Barn Preservation Project (Adams County)

Chairman's Award for demonstrated leadership in historic preservation

- John B. Haines IV (Montgomery County)

SPECIAL FOCUS AWARDS

Ralph Modjeski Award for excellence in transportation design, preservation, or archaeology

- Penn Street Bridge Rehabilitation (Berks County)

Preservation Planning Award

- Allegheny Commons Northeast Fountain (Allegheny County)
- James Buchanan's Wheatland (Lancaster County)

Public Impact Award

- Calvary United Methodist Church (Philadelphia County)
- Third Street Alliance for Women and Children (Philadelphia County)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AWARDS RESIDENTIAL/SMALL PROJECT REHABILITATION

- 116 East Main Street, Bath (Northampton County)
- The Catherine Barge Tavern (Lancaster County)
- The Electric Shop (Allegheny County)
- Henry F. Schell House (Somerset County)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AWARDS REHABILITATION

- Brinker Lofts (Northampton County)
- Distrikt Hotel (Allegheny County)
- Historic Lazaretto (Delaware County)
- MuseumLab, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh (Allegheny County)
- Richards Medical Research Laboratory (Philadelphia County)
- Simon Silk Mill (Northampton County)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AWARDS RESTORATION

- Centre County Soldiers & Sailors Memorial & Curtain Monument (Centre County)
- George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital (Adams County)

INITIATIVE AWARDS

Community Involvement

- Governor Wolf Historical Society (Northampton County)

Education

- Eastern State Penitentiary, Al Capone's Cell (Philadelphia County)

Stewardship

- The Civic Club, Overlook (Dauphin County)

Sustainability in Historic Preservation

- Phipps Conservatory, Exhibit Staging Area (Allegheny County)
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The public is invited to join in a celebration of the 2020 honorees on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at the Simon Silk Mill in Easton, Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards is part of the Statewide Conference on Heritage scheduled for September 16-18, 2020. We continue to closely monitor the situation with Covid-19 and will adjust plans as needed when the governor provides further guidance.

ABOUT PRESERVATION PENNSYLVANIA

Preservation Pennsylvania has presented the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards since 1979 to honor individuals and organizations that exhibit excellence in the field of historic preservation.

Preservation Pennsylvania is the commonwealth's only statewide, private non-profit, membership organization dedicated to preserving Pennsylvania's historic places through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, special projects, and technical assistance.

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