The mission of the Centre County Historical Society is to help people understand, experience, appreciate and preserve our county’s cultural and natural heritage. Each year through the Annual Preservation Awards, CCHS honors members of the community who have contributed in some way to the preservation of Centre County. One or more awards may be given in each of the award categories.

Submit nominations by mail, or in person, by August 15 to the Centre County Historical Society at the following address:

Centre County Historical Society
Preservation Awards
1001 E. College Ave.
State College, PA 16801

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS / CRITERIA:

1. **Preservation and Restoration.** Excellence in preservation by protecting, maintaining, rehabilitating, restoring, or adaptively re-using an historic: Site, building, object, structure, landscape, viewshed, neighborhood, or historic district.

   *Examples may demonstrate: Principles and practice of preservation techniques, high-quality craftsmanship, innovative techniques or materials, architectural design of contemporary structures in surrounding historic settings, protection/preservation of an historic cultural or natural resource, professional archaeological investigations, etc.*

2. **History and Heritage.** Excellence in keeping the cultural and natural heritage of Centre County viable, establishing a greater knowledge of the County’s past, strengthening local pride.

   *Examples: Education and interpretation programs, special events, research, genealogical documentation, archives conservation, collections care, publications, books, articles, folklore, music, and oral histories.*

3. **Education and Advocacy.** Notable contribution to local preservation, raising awareness of themes and issues, fostering new partnerships, or increasing local participation in preserving cultural and natural heritage assets. This could apply to either a specific project, or broadly over a period of years.

   *Examples: Publish preservation booklets, implement primary/secondary/university programs, create a restoration fund, establish public policies, implement long-term planning for preservation, author series of media articles, rally volunteers to save a site, demonstrate economic vitality of heritage tourism in our community, demonstrate preservation as a “green” movement.*

4. **Support and Volunteerism.** Recognizes significant contributions to the cause of preservation through gifts of time, talents, manpower, materials, or significant financial gifts.

   *Examples: Dedicating company staff time to preservation projects, donating supplies for restoration, providing expertise through leadership roles, coordinating volunteers or giving of volunteer time to support a project.*
NOMINATION FORM (Due: August 15)

Nominee’s Information:

Name / Organization ____________________________________________________________

___Individual(s)  ___Organization  ___Business  ___Public Agency / Official

Mailing Address ______________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ________ Zip _________________

Phone __________________________ Email __________________________________________

Project Information:

Project or Site Name: _____________________________________________________________

Categories: (see reverse)  ☐ Preservation or Restoration  ☐ History and Heritage
            ☐ Education and Advocacy  ☐ Support and Volunteerism

Site Type(s):  ___Archaeological  ___Natural  ___Commercial  ___Residential  ___Adaptive Use

Physical Address (if applicable) __________________________________________________

Town / Township (of the project, or nominee’s residence) ________________________________

How did the person / project help preserve Centre County history and heritage? (Use space provided.)

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NOTE: Members of the committee will follow-up on eligible applicants. Then, they will make arrangements for a site visit, to take photographs, and to conduct research and interviews upon which to base the final selection.

Submit by:

Name __________________________ Phone __________________________

Address __________________________________________ City __________________ Zip __________

Email Address ________________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________