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## **Preservation Pennsylvania gives recognition to statewide preservation achievements with the 2024 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards**

*Honorees will be celebrated at an awards ceremony at the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg on October 24*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Preservation Pennsylvania, the commonwealth’s only statewide nonprofit dedicated to historic preservation, has recognized outstanding preservation work across the commonwealth with its annual awards presentations since 1979. This year, 17 people and projects are receiving the honor, after selection by an independent review panel of preservation professionals.

### **HONOR AWARDS**

The **F. Otto Haas Award** for outstanding achievements in historic preservation will be presented to **Barbara Barksdale** of Dauphin County, in recognition of her extraordinary efforts to protect, preserve and promote the Midland Cemetery in Harrisburg and for co-founding the Pennsylvania Hallowed Grounds nonprofit organization, which has created a strong statewide network for stewards of African American cemeteries.

The **Henry A. Jordan Award** for outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level will be presented to **Charlene Donchez Mowers** of Northampton County, honoring her decades of leadership in preserving and promoting the history of Bethlehem and strengthening its heritage tourism impact.

This year’s **Chairperson’s Award** will recognize the **Zembo Shriners, Gina M. Douty Historic Preservation Consulting, LLC, and Historic Harrisburg Association** for their stewardship of the historic 1929 Moorish Revival building in Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

“Preservation work can be full of disappointments, but our awards event is a celebration of success stories!” said Preservation Pennsylvania’s **Executive Director Mindy Crawford**. “This is the opportunity for our statewide community to gather together and highlight truly remarkable achievements. The Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards is when we say ‘thank you’ and ‘well done’ to the people who have sacrificed, persevered and rallied community support around saving a beloved local landmark.”

This year’s distinguished list of recipients ranges from the emergency repair of a historic bridge crossing in a National Historic Landmark cemetery to a community’s effort to save its downtown movie theater. The complete list is below.

The 2024 recipients will be honored at the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards to be held on Thursday, October 24 at the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg. Doors open at 2:30 pm. The awards ceremony will be followed by a reception for an opportunity to mingle and connect with this year’s award honorees. Sponsorship and ticket information is available at [preservationpa.org](http://preservationpa.org)

## 2024 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards

### HONOR AWARDS

F. Otto Haas Award for outstanding achievements in historic preservation  
Barbara Barksdale (Dauphin County)

Henry A. Jordan Award for outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level  
Charlene Donchez Mowers (Northampton County)

Chairperson's Award for demonstrated leadership in historic preservation  
Honoring: Zembo Shriners; Gina M. Douty Historic Preservation Consulting, LLC; Historic Harrisburg Association (Dauphin County)

### MODJESKI AWARD

*for an exceptional effort within the transportation field that results in an improvement in transportation systems while respecting and preserving the best practices of compatible design and historic preservation principles*

The Cantini Mosaics 106 Consulting Parties (Allegheny County)  
Honoring: Honoring City of Pittsburgh; PennDOT District 11; Federal Highway Administration; Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission; Lisa Cantini Seguin, daughter of artist Virgil Cantini; Melissa Marinaro, Director of the Italian American Program at the Heinz History Center; Brittany Reilly, Preservation Pittsburgh Modern Committee; Laura Ricketts, local historian and historic preservation advocate; Jesse Belfast, local historian and historic preservation advocate; Matthew Craig, Young Preservationists Association; Matthew Falcone, Preservation Pittsburgh; Lisa Haadbestad, Pfaffmann + Associates; SallyAnn Kluz and Derek Reese, Office of Public Art (now ShiftWorks Pittsburgh); Rob Pfaffmann, Pfaffmann + Associates; Sarah Minnaert, Tony Cavalline, and Sarah Quinn, City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning; Jeff Slack, Time & Place, LLC; Will Zavala, University of Pittsburgh

Mosaics Project: eHoldings; SB Thomas Thomas & Associates, Inc.; Landmarks SGA; McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory; Wyatt Incorporation; Sargent Electric Company

### LEADERSHIP AWARDS

#### Emergency Response

Laurel Hill Emergency Bridge Repair (Philadelphia County)  
Honoring: Laurel Hill Cemetery; TranSystems; Loftus Construction

#### Grassroots Advocacy

James A. Hill (Allegheny County)

Union County Historical Society Gallery & Museum (former Packwood House) (Union County)  
Honoring: Union County Historical Society

#### Public Impact

WCR Center for the Arts (former Women's Club of Reading) (Berks County)  
Honoring: WCR Center for the Arts

West Shore Theater (Cumberland County)  
Honoring: Friends of the West Shore Theatre, Inc.; Chris Dawson Architect; Lobar Associates

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## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS: Rehabilitation Projects

A and Indiana, former Hoyle, Harrison & Kaye Textile Mill (Philadelphia County)

Honoring: Barton Partners Architects; Clemens Construction Company; McHugh Engineering; O'Donnell & Naccarato; Delta Development Group; Becker & Frondorf; Marcus Reinvestment Strategies

Berks County Trust Company Building (Berks County)

Honoring: Shuman Development Group; Louis Masciotti Architect; Drafting Solutions; Delta Development Group, Inc.

General William Thompson House, "Soldiers Retreat" (Cumberland County)

Honoring: The late James P Howell and Gwen Howell; Kevin Hollowell Restoration

Laros Silk Mill (Northampton County)

Honoring: VM Development Group, LLC; Artefact; Strunk-Albert Engineering; Mulhern Consulting Engineers; Hofmeister Engineering; Lock Ridge Engineering

Mount Carbon Bowstring Truss (Schuylkill County)

Honoring: PennDOT District 5-0; Gannett Fleming; Susquehanna Civil; Fabcor, Inc.

Mt Tabor Preservation Project (Cumberland County)

Honoring: Mt. Tabor Preservation Project Board; Mount Holly Springs Borough; SBA Architects; Halteman Home Improvements

Robert N. C. Nix Federal Building (Philadelphia County)

Honoring: General Services Administration; Department of State; Mills + Schnoering Architects, LLC; The Bedwell Company; Keast & Hood; Henry Adams; Jensen Hughes; K2 Audio, LLC (now Salas O'Brien); The Lighting Practice; AFG Group, Inc.; LVCK, LLC (now LVCK - A Beyer Blinder Belle Studio); Becker & Frondorf; Materials Conservation Co.; Page Conservation Inc.; Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA)

Woodford Mansion (Philadelphia County)

Honoring: Naomi Wood Trust; Mark B. Thompson Associates, PC

### **About Preservation Pennsylvania**

*Preservation Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth's only private statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people protect and preserve the historic places that matter to them.*

*Preservation Pennsylvania was established by the Commonwealth's General Assembly in 1982 as the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania, a statewide revolving fund to assist in the acquisition and rehabilitation of historic properties. Since then, Preservation Pennsylvania has grown into its role as a private, nonprofit membership organization with a statewide mission to protect and preserve Pennsylvania's irreplaceable historic places.*

*We assist individuals, organizations, corporations, and governmental agencies from across the Commonwealth in their own preservation-related efforts, through a dynamic scope of activities and services. Whether as a leader, partner, or advisor, Preservation Pennsylvania works to secure the future of the past through educational outreach workshops and events, legislative advocacy, advisory and technical assistance in the field, and other special initiatives.*