



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

TO: Historical organizations, municipal officials, and all persons interested in the heritage of Delaware County

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SUBJECT: **THE 43rd ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS**

Help us honor someone who is preserving our heritage by...

- **Restoring or rehabilitating** a building, object or site
- **Publishing** an article, book, or any written material about history or our heritage
- **Contributing** to the general public knowledge and awareness of Delaware County history
- **Creating a special program or project** highlighting a facet of community history

We want to know about these projects and consider them for a Preservation Award. By helping us recognize these individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, or institutions, you will be helping to encourage the continued preservation of our County's heritage. Coordinated by the Heritage Commission, these awards are presented annually by County Council during National Preservation Week in May.

Any group or person may make nominations for any category. The **Award Categories and a Nomination Form** will also be available online at <https://www.delcopa.gov/planning/programsandinitiatives/HeritageCommission/whatwedo.html>. We strongly encourage you to thoroughly complete the form and to include all of the necessary materials requested. We look forward to receiving your nominations. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Clifford at 610-891-5223 or CliffordK@co.delaware.pa.us. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, February 26, 2021**.



HERITAGE COMMISSION of DELAWARE COUNTY

43rd ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

Award Categories

I Site Preservation

Nominations can include exterior and interior restoration, preservation, or rehabilitation of an historical structure and/or landscape in a manner that preserves the building or site's historical, cultural, and/or architectural significance. Projects are divided into the following sub-categories.

1. Residential Rehabilitation

This includes projects that rehabilitate a building, originally used as a resident, for residential use.

2. Non-Residential Rehabilitation

This includes projects that rehabilitate a building for the same non-residential purpose that the building was originally intended.

3. Adaptive Reuse

This includes preservation efforts that have adapted a structure designed for one use into an appropriate alternative use, thus reinventing the use of a space while preserving the architectural integrity.

4. Architectural Detail

This recognizes efforts to restore exterior details of a building in a manner fitting its historic character. Examples would include, but not limited to, porches, cornice work, and window restoration.

5. Restoration

This recognizes efforts to accurately depict the form, features, and character of a property or object as it appeared at a particular period of time.

II Publications

Publications may include books, articles, magazines, videos, calendars, etc. that present the heritage of Delaware County.

III Special Programs/Projects

Examples may be in education, research, archival activities, or any other creative process used to preserve Delaware County's heritage. These submissions can be ongoing or on a one-time basis.

IV Individual Achievement

Individual Achievement recognizes a single person who has made a significant contribution by his or her support of and involvement in preservation projects or activities.

V Historic Preservation Planning

This category recognizes efforts in planning to preserve Delaware County's heritage, including preserving buildings, complexes, archaeological sites, and community character. Examples include surveys, ordinances, creating historical commissions, design guidelines, National Register nominations, and municipal stewardship.

VI Youth

The Youth Award recognizes a youth, who has made outstanding efforts to preserve Delaware County's heritage through various projects undertaken, in school or outside, or through volunteering efforts.

VII The Leedom B. Morrison Heritage Award

This Award recognizes preservation projects in the City of Chester that involve restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive reuse of an historical structure or any other type of project that preserves the heritage of Chester City.

VIII Legacy Award

To recognize and award the efforts of long-standing members of the business community that have demonstrated good stewardship through the long-term care and maintenance of local historical buildings.

Criteria

- You may nominate candidates or projects that have, in your estimation, made outstanding contributions in any of the categories listed above. All sites, projects, or publications must be within Delaware County or concerning Delaware County history.
- A project in Categories I, II, III, V, and VII must have been completed within the past two years or be ongoing if it is a continuing program.
- Construction projects may be commercial, institutional, or residential. The building must be at least 50 years old and must have retained much of its original character on the exterior and show compatibility on the interior. The surroundings and landscaping must be in harmony with the structure and its time frame (this does not preclude a structure that has modern development surrounding it).
- The Commission's decisions are final and will be based on the extant that the application demonstrates the projects' positive impacts on Delaware County's heritage. **Incomplete applications or applications that do not contain enough information to understand the project and its importance to the county will not be considered for nomination.**

APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

I. Site Preservation

All nominations **MUST** include photographs, preferably before the project and after completion. Please provide a 1-3 page description that describes the project being nominated, the reason(s) for nomination, the significance and history of the building or object, and the names of those having a significant role in completion of the project. The description must explain the work that was completed in enough detail to provide an accurate understanding of the scope of the project and how the work preserved the historic character of the building or object. Please explain what changes were made to the historic building or object, including any removal or replacement of original architectural elements and material. Please explain any efforts to preserve or replicate, where not possible to preserve, historic fabric and elements. Please describe any new additions, where they are located, their use, and how they relate to the original building. Please submit enough photographs to accurately show the building and the work that was completed. If available, please submit a digital version of the photos on a CD. The project will be reviewed based on the sensitivity to the historic character of the building and its site; preservation of historic materials and quality of project craftsmanship; and, impact of the project on the preservation of Delaware County's heritage.

II. Publications

Five copies of materials must be included for Category II. All but one copy will be returned to the applicant. Along with the publication, please include in your description a brief summary of the publication, the effort involved in its creation, its historical integrity, and its impact on Delaware County's heritage.

III. Special Programs/Projects

All nominations for Category III should give complete descriptions, and any supplementary materials, such as brochures, news articles, or photographs, should be submitted. In the description include enough detail to understand what the project entailed, the efforts involved, the educational and community impact, and how it preserves Delaware County's heritage.

IV. Individual Achievement

Include in the description the individual's various efforts to foster and preserve the heritage of Delaware County and their impact on Delaware County. Please indicate the length of their involvement in various projects and organizations and whether the individual was a volunteer or paid professional. A photograph of the individual is requested for inclusion in the program. It will be returned.

V. Historic Preservation Planning Efforts

All nominations should provide complete descriptions with enough detail to understand what planning effort a person or organization undertook. Please provide copies (digital or printed) of any product, such as guidelines, National Register nominations, surveys, etc. Please describe the effort involved, its purpose, the final product or outcome, and how it preserves Delaware County's heritage.

VI. Youth

Include in the description the youth's efforts to foster and preserve the heritage of Delaware County. If the nomination is for a project or various projects by a youth, refer to Special Program/Project above for application requirements. If the nomination is for volunteer efforts, please explain the youth's role, the amount of time dedicated, and the organization/project involved.

VII. Leedom B. Morrison Award

All nominations **MUST** include photographs, preferably before the project and after completion. For restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive reuse, refer to Site Preservation above for the application requirements. For other types of projects, refer to Special Program/Project above for the requirements.

VIII. Legacy Award

Businesses must be located in Delaware County, in operation for 50 years or longer, and located in a building designated as a local historic resource. The façade of the building must retain its original character and appearance. Businesses may be nominated after they reach their 50th anniversary at the historic location and/or at their 75th, 100th, 125th anniversary, or any 25-year interval thereafter. Nominations must be received within 2 years of the anniversary date. Eligible types of businesses may include, but are not limited to: professional services, retail, industrial, hotels, and hospitality.

For all categories, please submit as much information as needed to convey the project. The more information, the better the Heritage Commission members will understand the importance of the project. Whenever possible, digital versions of photographs and materials are appreciated.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING:

To use the PDF:

- First, Download **AND SAVE** the PDF form to your computer [here](#)
- Next, complete the downloaded form
- Next, resave the form with your information
- Then, email the form with any supporting information to cliffordk@co.delaware.pa.us (preferred)

Or

- Print out the form, fill it out and mail it to:
Heritage Commission of Delaware County
C/O Delaware County Planning Department
1055 E. Baltimore Pike
Media, PA 19063

To use the online form:

- Go to <http://bit.ly/HCPresAward>
- Fill out the form and upload supporting documents
- Submit

All nominations are due by **February 26, 2021**