2009 PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS
CEREMONY and RECEPTION
Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 3:00pm
The House of Representatives Majority Caucus Room 140,
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

F. OTTO HAAS AWARD
Ruth & Mansfield Bascom
Wharton Esherick Museum, Valley Forge
Ruth and Mansfield Bascom are honored with the F. Otto Haas Award for their lifetime dedication as stewards of the Wharton Esherick Museum, a National Historic Landmark. Wharton Esherick is considered the Dean of American Craftsmen for his significant contributions to the Arts & Crafts Movement and American Expressionism. In 1926, Esherick began construction on his studio. As Esherick’s designs progressed, he added interior and exterior elements to the studio and built additional structures on the property. Ruth and Mansfield Bascom have volunteered their professional talents and have dedicated their lives to preserving and sharing the Wharton Esherick Studio. They have generously opened their hearts and their home to share a piece of their family’s history with the public. The Bascoms are honored with the F. Otto Haas Award for lifetime achievement.

CHAIRMAN’S AWARD
Ann Greene, Philadelphia
Awarded to Ann Greene for her ongoing commitment to the preservation movement. For the past twenty years, Ann Greene has dedicated her time to furthering historic preservation through participation as a board member on numerous non-profit organizations, and through her continued support of educational programs to foster the professional development of young preservationists.

LEADERSHIP IN STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE ISSUES
Representative Robert L. Freeman, 136th Legislative District, Northampton County
Awarded to Representative Freeman for his demonstrated leadership in statewide campaigns to support programs and policies that encourage historic preservation, foster smart growth and prevent sprawling development. Representative Freeman was the prime sponsor of an amendment to the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) to allow Traditional Neighborhood Development provisions and authored the Elm Street Program designed to revitalize older residential neighborhoods. Representative Freeman currently serves as the Chairman of the House Local Government Committee.
GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY
Upper Makefield Conservancy
Bucks County
Awarded to the Upper Makefield Conservancy for the grassroots advocacy campaign to preserve the historic integrity and agricultural context of the Dolington Village Historic District, Bucks County. Through legal action, participation in zoning hearings and consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Upper Makefield Conservancy has worked to reach a compromise on the planned construction of the Washington Crossing National Veterans Cemetery. The Programmatic Agreement (PA) respects property rights yet seeks to preserve the integrity of the Historic District.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
VISIONARY IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION
Scott Standish, Director for Long Range and Heritage Planning, Lancaster County
The 2009 Visionary in Historic Preservation Award is being presented to Scott Standish, Director for Long Range and Heritage Planning, for overseeing and developing the award-winning Lancaster County Heritage Program which has been enhanced and expanded since its inception in the 1990s and re-launched in 2008. Mr. Standish was also instrumental in overseeing the feasibility study and management plan process which led to the creation of the Lancaster-York Heritage Region in 2001. Over the past twenty years, Mr. Standish has generously shared his vision with others, giving numerous presentations at local, state and national conferences and workshops on heritage tourism, natural, cultural, and historical preservation planning and smart growth issues.

RALPH MODJESKI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION DESIGN, PRESERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY
Lewistown Narrows Canal Park, Mifflintown
Juniata County
Awarded to Federal Highway Administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the development of a public park to interpret the Lewistown Narrows’ transportation history with a focus on the Juniata Division of the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal. Completed in June 2008, the Lewistown Narrows Canal Park includes an excavated and stabilized lift lock, a restored section of canal, a rehabilitated lock keeper’s house, a picnic area, interpretive exhibits and a towpath-hiking trail that extends 1.5 miles along the river. Prime Consultants: Heberling Associates, Inc. and EADS Group, Inc.

PRESERVATION PLANNING AWARD
Journey Through Hallowed Ground Corridor Management Plan
Awarded to the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership (JTHG) for the multi-jurisdictional effort to define, preserve and enhance the primary 175-mile travel corridor from Gettysburg, PA to Monticello, VA. The development of the Plan required careful coordination among stakeholders and in Pennsylvania, this included the National Parks Service, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Adams County Office of Planning and Development, four municipalities and several local non-profit organizations. Prime Consultant: Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AWARDS

Residential Properties

• John Douglass House, Christiana, Lancaster County
  Awarded to the owners of the John Douglass House for the preservation of the 1769 residence and birthplace of Governor William Cameron Sproul. The owners preserved the original historic fabric and original floor plan configuration while integrating modern systems and an addition. Prime Consultant: John Milner Architects, Inc.

• The Spreter Studio
  Gladwyne, Montgomery County
  Awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spewak for the residential restoration of the Spreter Studio, designed in 1934 by architect William Lescaze. The project team restored the Studio and constructed a new residential addition in an industrial motif to set apart the addition and highlight the Studio’s original sculptural qualities. Prime Consultant: Martin Jay Rosenblum, R.A. & Associates

Public & Institutional Properties

• Memorial Hall – Please Touch Museum, Philadelphia
  Awarded to the Please Touch Museum for the restoration of Memorial Hall, designed by Hermann J. Schwarzmann in the Beaux Arts style for the 1876 Centennial Exhibition. In October 2008, the Please Touch Museum finished a six-year project to transform the National Historic Landmark into an interactive children’s museum complete with the fully restored 1908 Woodside Park Dentzel Carousel, 40,000 square feet of exhibits and a rabbit hole housed in the former indoor pool. Prime Consultants: NorthStar Advisors and Bala Consulting

• Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church, Philadelphia
  Awarded to the Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church for the long-term preservation of the sacred Philadelphia structure. Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church, designed by Hazlehurst and Huckel Architects, was erected in 1890. The preservation efforts focused on resolving water infiltration, structural settlement, repairs to the stained glass windows and masonry, roof replacement and the installation of new lighting protection systems. The preservation project secures the future of the National Historic Landmark and demonstrates the congregation’s on-going commitment as stewards of the sacred property. Prime Consultants: Atkin Olshin Schade Architects and 1:1:6 Technologies

• Philadelphia City Hall
  Awarded to the City of Philadelphia for the exterior envelope restoration of Philadelphia City Hall, a National Historic Landmark. The large scale project included restoration of the masonry, windows, roofs, gutters, ornamental cast iron, and the over 250 marble sculptures that adorn the elevations and entrances. Prime Consultant: Kelly/Maiello, Inc., Architects and Planners.
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AWARDS

Commercial & Industrial Properties

• Henry Martin Brick Machine Manufacturing Building
  Lancaster
  Awarded to Radnor Property Group, Franklin & Marshall College and
  Lancaster General Hospital for the creative collaboration to rehabilitate the
  circa 1906 Henry Martin Brick Machine Manufacturing Building. The his-
  toric structure now houses College Hill, a combined eldercare facility and
  children’s center that provides social services to the Lancaster community.
  Prime Consultant: Tippetts/Weaver Architects, Inc.

• Phoenixville Iron Foundry and Superintendent’s Building
  Phoenixville, Chester County
  Awarded to the Phoenixville Area Economic Development Corporation
  (PAEDCO), the Schuylkill River Heritage Center, the Hankin Group, and
  the 3 D Group for the rehabilitation of the Phoenixville Iron Foundry and
  Superintendent’s Building. Utilizing Rehabilitation Investment Tax Cred-
  its, the buildings were transformed into an event facility, visitor’s center
  and restaurant. Prime Consultants: Carnevale Eustis Architects, Inc.

INITIATIVE AWARDS

Local Government

• Historic District Design and Preservation Guide: Guidelines for Understanding, Maintaining and Rehabilitating Historic Buildings in the City of Harrisburg, City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County
  Awarded to City of Harrisburg Planning Bureau for the content devel-
  opment and production of a user-friendly guide to historic properties
  and local preservation ordinances. The Historic District Design and
  Preservation Guide is available online at: http://www.harrisburgpa.
  gov/Resident/DBHD/Planning/Historical_District_Guide.html

Community Involvement

• Willows Cottage, Wayne, Delaware County
  Awarded to Radnor Township Historical Society and the Radnor Town-
  ship Environmental Advisory Committee for the effort to preserve,
  restore and facilitate the adaptive reuse of the Willows Cottage, an out-
  building on the 46-acre former Rose Garland estate. Through extensive
  community involvement, the Willows Cottage has been transformed
  from a stable and garage into the local hub for a Community Supported
  Agriculture program. The Willows Cottage serves as a residence for
  the farmer, cold storage and distribution center, community market and
  environmental educational center. Prime Consultant: Janiczek Homes
INITIATIVE AWARDS
Communication

• Somerset County Cemetery Location Resource Project, Meyersdale Public Library
Meyersdale, Somerset County
Awarded to the Meyersdale Public Library for leading the Somerset County Cemetery Location Project to research, locate, and document over 600 cemeteries in the Somerset County region. In addition, the Meyersdale Public Library produced countywide map resources and a CD with GPS coordinates, site photos, and directions for each cemetery documented in the study. The CD was distributed to the over 30 agencies and organizations with ties to genealogical research, historic preservation and planning in Somerset County. Prime Consultants: Cynthia Mason, Carolyn McKinney, and Barry Christy

Stewardship

• Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County
Awarded to the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy for stewardship of the Pittsburgh parks system. Since 1996, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy has collaborated with the City and area organizations to complete historic preservation and ecological restoration projects in the four regional parks—Frick, Highland, Riverview and Schenley.

• 502 West North Avenue, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County
Awarded to Annie O’Neill and Nancy Andrews for the rehabilitation of the circa 1880 townhouse in the Mexican War Streets National Historic District. Using Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits and a façade grant provided by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, the owners rehabilitated the deteriorated, vine-covered townhouse into a multi-use building with offices, a photography studio, a luxury apartment and a personal residence. Prime Consultant: Pfaffmann + Associates PC Architects

Rehabilitated 502 West North Avenue, Pittsburgh, courtesy of Annie O’Neill and Nancy Andrews

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For additional information on the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards program and/or photographs of the 2009 award recipients, please contact: Jennifer Horn, Program Director, phone (717-234-2310), fax (717-234-2522), or email jhorn@preservationpa.org, www.preservationpa.org.