

Preservation Workshop in Pleasantville, PA

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~ *About the Preservation Workshop* ~

The Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism is pleased to present the 2018 Preservation Workshop in Pleasantville, PA. This one-day workshop is part of a continuing series of programs designed to showcase historic preservation in the Oil Region National Heritage Area.

Programs will be held at the Pleasantville Presbyterian Fellowship Hall and Church, located at 155 East State Street. Parking is available at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Lunch and dinner will also be served at the Fellowship Hall. Following dinner, the winners of the 2018 Oil Heritage Region Historic Preservation Awards will be honored.

Thank you to our sponsors: The Barbara Harvey Morgan Center for the Study of Oil Heritage at Clarion University—Venango in Oil City, The Colonial Machine Company in Pleasantville, and Franklin Bronze Plaques in Franklin.

Thank you to the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce for providing refreshments during Check-In.

A special thanks, too, to Emily Altomare of Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce, Leah Carter of Titusville Renaissance, Inc., Carole & Clark Hall of the Titusville Historical Society, Melissa Mann of Drake Well Museum and Park, and Neil McElwee of the Oil Region Alliance for their help in planning this Workshop.

Refer to www.oilregion.org for information about the 2019 Oil Heritage Region Historic Preservation Awards. Nominations will be accepted in early 2019, and the Awards will be presented at a site to be determined.

Additional publications about the Oil Region are available for sale at the Oil Regional Alliance office at 217 Elm Street, Oil City and through the Online Store of www.oil150.com.



~ Schedule ~

Note: Attendees must register/check in at Pleasantville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 145 East State Street before going on any tours or attending any programs.

8:00 a.m. Check-In/Registration at Pleasantville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

8:45 - 9:15 a.m. Opening Reception in Fellowship Hall

~ Welcome Message from Harvey Long, Pleasantville Borough Council President

~ Pleasantville Historic Overview presented by David Weber, local historian

Session 1—9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

***“Iron Bridges to the Past:
Pennsylvania’s Vanishing Historic
Metal Truss Bridges”***

By Donald Burden, PennDOT Cultural Resource Specialist

Deemed structurally deficient or obsolete by modern engineering standards, Pennsylvania’s historic metal truss bridges are disappearing at an alarming rate. Built in a transportation age dominated by horse-drawn vehicles and the Model T Ford, these remarkable structures pose unique challenges to PennDOT’s engineering staff and the cultural resource professionals who shepherd historic bridge projects through a complex process of historic preservation regulation. This session will explore the history of Pennsylvania’s metal truss bridges and the many challenges facing the movement to save this fascinating icon of Pennsylvania’s transportation heritage.



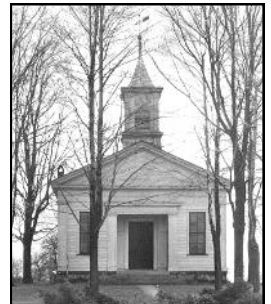
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***“The Historic American Buildings Survey in
Pleasantville”***

By Jennifer Burden, ORA Historian-Educator

The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) was implemented in 1933 to document historic buildings across the country through measured drawings, large-format photographs, and historical narratives to create a record of such resources for posterity. In the mid-1930s the HABS documented two buildings in Pleasantville—the Quinn House and the Free Methodist Church. The session will include a history of the program and a walk to the HABS buildings, including an interior tour of the Free Methodist Church.



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Session 2—10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

“Historic District Design Guidelines in the Oil Region and Beyond”

Historic District design guidelines vary by location. This roundtable discussion will present the long-term efforts in Franklin (Daniel Weiland, Historic Architecture Review Board member), the new undertaking in Titusville (Abigail Watson-Popescu, Titusville Planning Commission), and an overview of guidelines in other Western Pennsylvania communities (William Callahan, PHMC). Come learn how design guidelines work in these districts and how they could be applied in other areas.



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“Histories of the John Franklin Carll House and the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church”

By Mary Ann Caton and Ken Spence

Pleasantville retains excellent examples of buildings that are significant to its almost 200-year history. This session will focus on two such properties—the John Franklin Carll House and the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church.

The Carll House was the home of successful petroleum geologist and engineer, John Franklin Carll (1826-1904) for 40 years. Current owner, Mary Ann Caton, will discuss the history of the house and completed and in-progress work to the building that makes it her home.

The Pleasantville Presbyterian congregation celebrates its 176th anniversary this year, and in 2014 they received an Oil Heritage Region Historic Preservation Award for the installation of a new slate roof and bell tower platform and mount. Long-time member, Ken Spence, will talk about the history of this church and its members.

Lunch—12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

A buffet lunch catered by Coal Oil Johnny's Eatery will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

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Session 3—1:15 - 2:45 p.m.

“Gravemarker Preservation at Neilltown Cemetery”

By Juliet Hilburn, 2018 Mercyhurst University graduate and Oil Region Alliance intern

This session will take place at Neilltown Church and Cemetery, approximately 4 miles northeast of Pleasantville. Please meet at the site at 1:15 (maps will be available at the Registration table).

Juliet Hilburn will demonstrate the proper techniques and methods of cleaning historic gravemarkers on one of the headstones in Neilltown Cemetery. Afterwards, participants may tour the 1842 Neilltown Church building. In 2004, the Oil Region Alliance purchased the building, which has been rehabilitated for new uses.



OR

Meet at Fellowship Hall

“Walking Tour of Pleasantville”

Led by Jennifer Burden, ORA Historian-Educator

During Pleasantville’s history its residents have erected spectacular homes, churches, and commercial and civic buildings. This architectural walking tour will head to Chestnut

Street where a variety of Victorian style homes are present within one block. The tour will also highlight architectural features of buildings along West State Street, including the eye-catching 1930s Pleasantville Municipal Building.



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Session 4—3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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“Ask the Experts”

Moderated by Dr. Barry Cressman

This round table includes: William Callahan (PHMC), Guy McUmbert (Green Building Alliance), and Abigail Watson-Popescu (Titusville Planning Commission). Have a question you didn't get to ask earlier today? Or want information about a topic that did not come up?

Perhaps you'd like to learn how green building principles can be applied to historic homes. Here's your chance to ask those in the know!

OR

“Pithole City —

*From Vanished Oil Boomtown to
State Historic Site”*

*Led by Melissa Mann, Museum Site
Administrator*

**This session will take place at Pithole
City State Historic Site, approximat-
ely 7 miles south of Pleasantville. Please meet at the site at 3:00
(maps will be available at the Registration table).**



This session takes place at Historic Pithole City, Pennsylvania's legendary oil boomtown, highlighting the preservation history of this state historic site. A brief tour of the site will focus on past and present preservation efforts. Moreover, using historic photography and the site's detailed diorama of the 19th century boomtown, we will explore how Pithole's legacy has continued to live on through the built environment of Pleasantville and other Oil Region communities.

**Before the Presentation of the Historic Preservation Awards,
please visit the Registration Room for a display of local artifacts
courtesy of Keith Klinger.**

***Dinner & Presentation of Historic Preservation Awards
5:00 p.m.***

Fellowship Hall

A buffet dinner prepared by Gionti's Catering will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Afterwards the winners of the 2018 Oil Heritage Region Historic Preservation Awards will be acknowledged. See why these projects and/or individuals are receiving an award this year.

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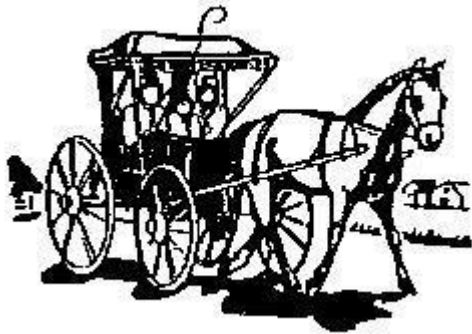
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Awards are Classified in these Categories:

Adaptive Reuse -

A process that adapts buildings for new uses while retaining their key historic features.

Enhancement Project -

Restoration and/or rehabilitation of exterior elements & appropriate use of colors, signs, awnings, other exterior amenities.

Preservation Education/Initiative -

Service or commitment by a group, an individual, or business, that promotes preservation education or the preservation of the built environment.

Preservation Stewardship -

Sensitive long-term care of an historic structure.

Reconstruction -

Restoration or substantial rehabilitation of an historic building.

Residence -

Restoration or rehabilitation of historic single or multi-family residences.

Structure -

Restoration or rehabilitation of an historic resource that is not a building. Example: bridges, fountains, gardens, statues, etc.

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