

# OIL REGION HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

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***Oil Region Venango Campus***

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# *27th Annual Ceremony Oil Region Historic Preservation Awards*

## **Welcome**

*Master of Ceremonies: Abigail Watson-Popescu*  
Oil Region Alliance Heritage Program Manager

## **Presentation of 2025 Oil Region Historic Preservation Awards**

**Citations provided by Senator Michele Brooks**  
Presented by Julie Hecker

**Citations provided by Senator Scott Hutchinson**  
Presented by Abigail Watson-Popescu

**Certificates provided by Representative Lee James**  
Presented by Kim Scott and Deana Whitman



**American Legion, Cleo J. Ross Post 368  
for Enhancement**

Nominated by the Greater Titusville Development  
Foundation

Presented by Kristen Kerr

**Warner's Bakery for Enhancement**

Nominated by the Greater Titusville Development  
Foundation

Presented by Kristen Kerr

**Lois Parsons for Preservation Education/  
Initiative**

Nominated by the Titusville Historical Society

Presented by Kathy Newson

**Anderson-Miles Barn for Preservation  
Stewardship**

Nominated by the Titusville Historical Society

Presented by Kelly Gregg

**Carl A. Feely, Jr. - McKinney Road Arch  
for Preservation Stewardship**

Nominated by Titusville Renaissance, Inc.

Presented by Emily Altomare

**Samuel F. Dale House for Residence**

Nominated by the Venango County Historical Society

Presented by Eric Cook

**Wildcat Mansion for Adaptive Reuse**

Nominated by the Venango County Historical Society

Presented by Eric Cook

**Closing Remarks**

## About the Winners

### ***American Legion, Cleo J. Ross Post 368 Enhancement***

*Presented by Kristen Kerr*

The American Legion was nominated by the Greater Titusville Development Foundation under the Enhancement category. The building project included repairing and painting the façades of the building, replacing missing window panes, and restoring historic signage.





***Hilary Hanna***  
***Warner's Bakery***  
***Enhancement***  
***Presented by Kristen Kerr***

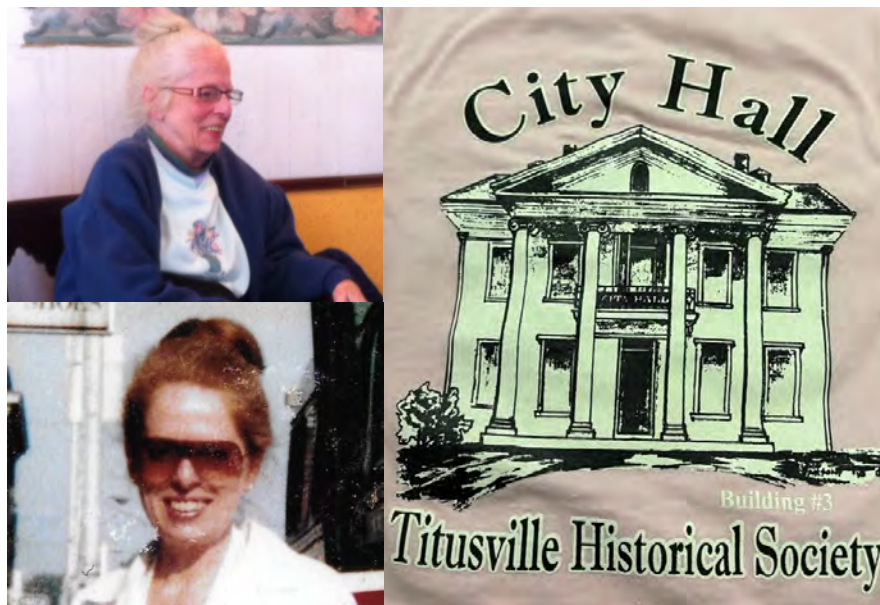
Warner's Bakery, owned by Hilary Hanna, was nominated by the Greater Titusville Development Foundation under the Enhancement category. The project included repainting of the exterior, repairs to the brick and wood features, and installation of new signage. Hilary Hanna received a Downtown Façade Improvement Grant from the Foundation for this project.



***Lois Parsons***  
***Preservation Education/Initiative***  
*Presented by Kathy Newson*

Lois Parsons was nominated by the Titusville Historical Society under the Preservation Education/Initiative category. She is a long-term member of the Historical Society and a previous President. A trained artist, Lois created the design for the Historical Society's Titusville City Hall t-shirts and Christmas sweatshirts that the Society continues to sell to raise funds.

Lois was instrumental in raising the alarm about the historic Tarbell family house when it came up for sale ca. 2006. She alerted the Oil Region Alliance to the property, which the ORA ultimately took ownership of, restored the building, and continues to host community and educational events on the site.



***Scott and Leigh Anderson  
Anderson-Miles Barn  
Preservation Stewardship  
Presented by Kelly Gregg***

Scott and Leigh Anderson were nominated by the Titusville Historical Society under the Preservation Stewardship category for the preservation of the Anderson-Miles Barn. The Andersons have owned the barn, which was constructed in 1900, since 1988 and have been great stewards of the building since that date.

The building project has included stabilizing the original foundation, installation of French drains to mitigate water infiltration, exterior painting to historic appearance, siding and door repairs, painting of the tin roof, and installation of period-appropriate lightning rods. The barn is a rare example of the traditional basement bank barn that was common throughout Western Pennsylvania; however, many have been lost.



***Carl A. Feely, Jr.***  
***McKinney Road Arch***  
***Preservation Stewardship***  
***Presented by Emily Altomare***

Carl A. Feely, Jr. was nominated by Titusville Renaissance, Inc. under the Preservation Stewardship category for his long-term care of the historic McKinney Road Arch. Since its relocation in 2012, Cherrytree Township resident Carl A. Feely, Jr. has landscaped and maintained the Arch area, including assisting with plantings and mowing.

The inscription on the plaque reads: *“This fountain is erected in honor of Mr. McKinney by Connell, Laub and Bracht, Contractors. November, 1924. Paul D. Wright Commissioner of Highways.”*





***Molly Stahlman & Bob Spagnol***  
***Samuel F. Dale House***  
***Residence***  
***Presented by Eric Cook***

Molly Stahlman & Bob Spagnol were nominated by the Venango County Historical Society under the Residence category for their home, historically known as the Samuel F. Dale House. The couple purchased the property in 2018 with plans to restore the home and detached carriage house.

The project has included full repointing of the house, brick cleaning, restoration of the windows, masonry work on the foundation, restoration of the Mansard roof to its original pattern, replacements of copper gutters and downspouts, front porch repairs, replica iron fencing, and full restoration of the carriage house.



***Jon Bernstein***  
***Wildcat Mansion***  
***Adaptive Reuse***  
***Presented by Eric Cook***

Jon Bernstein was nominated by the Venango County Historical Society under the Adaptive Reuse category for his Wildcat Mansion. The building and carriage house were constructed in 1900 for Duncan McIntosh, manager of the Eclipse Lubricating Oil Works. After many changes of ownership, Jon Bernstein purchased the property in 2021 and operates it as a private residence and event center.









### ***Thank You to this Year's Judges***

*Brandon Boocks, Venango Museum of Art, Science & Industry*

*Randy Solle, Venango County Historical Society*

*Emily Weaver, Drake Well Museum & Park*

*Josh Sherretts, Crawford County Historical Society*

*Betsy Kellner, Oil Region Alliance Heritage Advisory Committee*

*Abigail Watson-Popescu, Titusville Historical Society*

*Emily Altomare, Titusville Renaissance, Inc.*



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### **Prior Historic Preservation Award Recipients**

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