

2026 Oil Region Historic Preservation Award Nomination Form

Nominee: _____
(Individual, group, building, or project)

Nominee Address: _____

Nominee Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator is responsible for making the nominee aware of the nomination.

Nomination Submitted By: _____

Nominator Address: _____

Nominator Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please choose **only one** of the following categories for your nomination (explanations on reverse):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive Reuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancement | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Appreciation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reconstruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Education/Initiative | |

Date the project was completed, if applicable: _____

“Before & After” photos are needed of the nominated project to show the judges why a nominee should receive an award. The photos will be used in the Awards Ceremony presentation and posted online. Photos should be sent to RNespor@oilregion.org by **April 1, 2026**. Please put “Historic Preservation Awards” in the subject line of the email.

Briefly describe the activity being nominated here or use another document, if needed:

Deadline to submit nomination: April 1, 2026

Submit nomination and photos to:

Raven Nespor, Project Coordinator

RNespor@oilregion.org

Questions?

RNespor@oilregion.org or 814-677-3152, ext. 122



2026 Oil Region Historic Preservation Awards

The Awards Program:

Recognizes projects that represent the appropriate standards of preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation.

Acknowledges individuals, services, or commitment to the preservation of historic resources.

Creates an advocacy for historic preservation through a greater public awareness of the built environment.

Enhances a region-wide preservation ethic in both the public and private sectors.

Nomination Rules:

- Persons and historic resources in the Oil Region National Heritage Area are eligible (all of Venango County, and the City of Titusville, Hydetown Borough, and Oil Creek Township in Crawford County).
- Buildings must be at least 50 years old, but do not need to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Previous award winners are not eligible for another award for five years.
- Nominations are viewed by a panel of judges comprised from heritage organizations.
- Previous winner lists and additional information available at OilRegion.org/heritage/historic-preservation-awards/



Award Categories:

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

Enhancement — Restoration and/or rehabilitation of historic building elements and appropriate application of colors, materials, and other amenities.

Historic Appreciation — Projects or efforts that promote the preservation and celebration of history.

Preservation Education/Initiative — Service or commitment by a group, individual, or business that promotes preservation education or preservation of the built environment.

Preservation Stewardship — Sensitive long-term care of a historic resource.

Reconstruction — Restoration or substantial rehabilitation of a historic resource.

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

Structure — Restoration or rehabilitation of a historic resource that is not a building. Examples: bridges, fountains, memorials, gardens, etc.

Presentation:

This year's Awards Presentation will be held:

**Wednesday, May 13 at 6 pm in the
Rhoades Center Café at the
Oil Region Venango Campus
1801 W 1st St, Oil City, PA 16301**

More details to follow!

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