



CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**36th ANNUAL JOHN H. ZIEGLER HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS
OF THE CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
RSVP at CentreHistory.org/awards**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025, 3:00 P.M. at the
*Pennsylvania Match Factory · 100 Match Factory Place · Bellefonte, PA***

State College, PA – Since 1988, the Centre County Historical Society (CCHS) has annually recognized individuals and organizations for their outstanding work in preserving and interpreting Centre County history. Historic preservation and advocacy projects from around the county will be featured on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Match Factory in Bellefonte, home of the [American Philatelic Society](#). Light refreshments will be available.

Join us to celebrate and learn about the amazing work and dedication of the 2024 award recipients. The presentation will last for about one hour and will be recorded by C-Net and made available on CentreHistory.org and on C-Net.

Whether you join us in person or watch the C-Net recording afterward, we hope you will enjoy and be inspired by the good work that embodies the vitality of historic preservation in Centre County.

Preservation and Restoration

Liz Grove, Pine Grove Hall

For the restoration and reuse of the historic Old Oak Tavern, originally the Odd Fellows Lodge, in Pine Grove Mills built in 1900. Pine Grove Hall now enhances the community as a dining and gathering place with live music, craft cocktails, and local beer.

History and Heritage

Potter Township Heritage Day Committee

Potter Township 250 Heritage Day 2024

For planning and hosting a township-wide celebration for the 250th founding of Potter Township.

Education and Advocacy

Bellefonte Chapter National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

***Centre County American Revolution Soldiers and Patriots* by Nancy Stover**

For their notable contribution to research, compile, and publish an extensive index to raise awareness of Centre County Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution.

Support and Volunteerism

Renea Nichols

For significant contributions to historic preservation in Centre County through her gifts of time, talent, and project leadership to numerous county historical organizations and efforts including the Bellefonte Union Cemetery, and *Black History in Centre County, Pennsylvania*, A collaborative public history and arts project centering Black experience in Centre County, Pennsylvania, 1800-1950.

Jacqueline J. Melander Award

Philip Ruth

For the outstanding and long-term commitment to historic preservation activities in Centre County as an architectural and public historian through his leadership in several county historical organizations such as Bellefonte's Historical Architectural Review Board, the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association, and the Roland Curtin Foundation.

CCHS President's Award

Penn State Alumni Association

Penn State Historical Marker Program

For the preservation and interpretation of Centre County and Penn State history through the Penn State historical marker program totaling 68 historical markers on the University Park campus, and 17 at commonwealth campuses and other locations, including most recently, the Centre Furnace Mansion.

With special thanks to:

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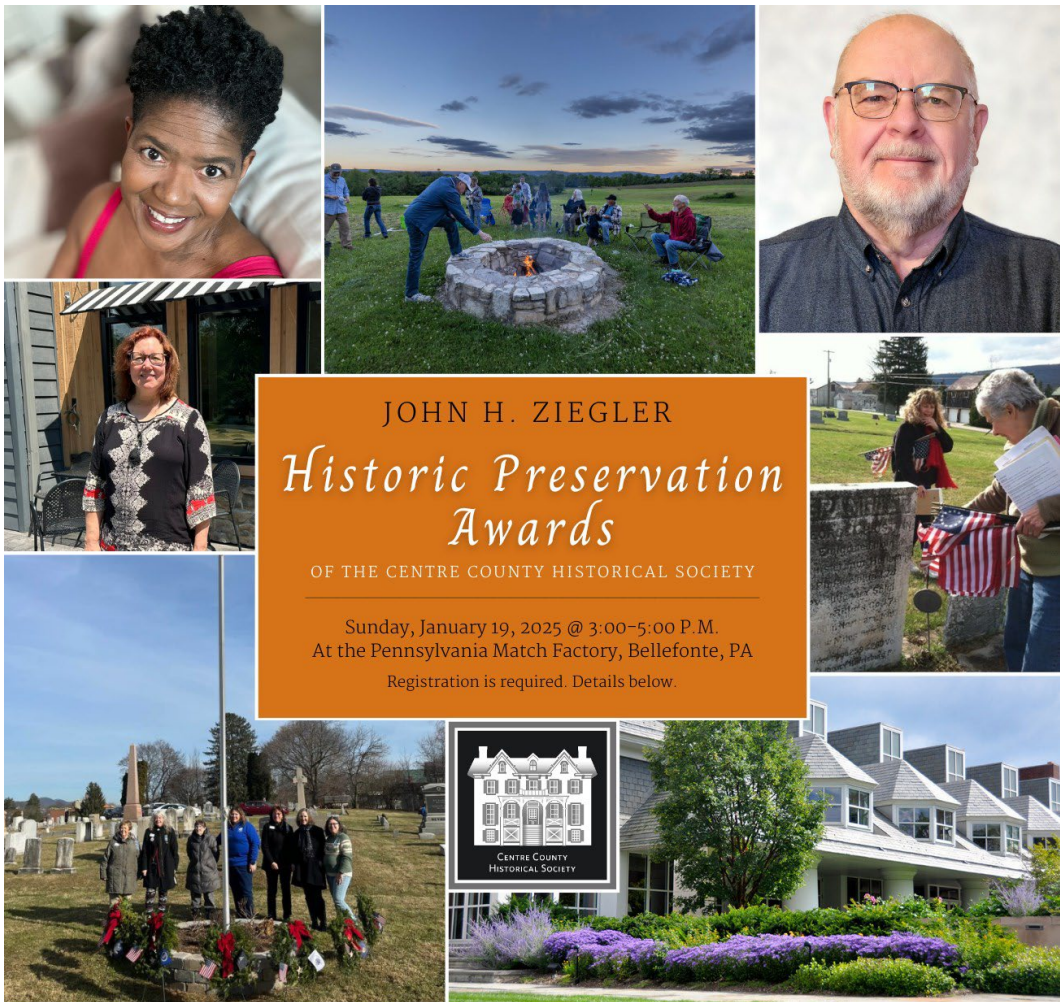
John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards Committee

RSVPs are required and registration information is posted at CentreHistory.org/awards or you can register by calling the Historical Society at 814-234-4779.

For questions or to learn how to submit a future nomination, contact Mary Sorensen at (814) 234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org.

The Centre County Historical Society was founded in 1904 and is the official historical society for Centre County. It serves the county as stewards of local history through research and collections, public programming, advocating for the preservation of historic sites and landscapes, and promoting education through CCHS historic properties: the Centre Furnace Mansion and the Boogersburg School.

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 At the Pennsylvania Match Factory, Bellefonte, PA
 Registration is required. Details below.



For high resolution images of award recipients, please contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org.