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INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE AWARD

Happy Retreat

Charles Washington, brother of George Washington, built Happy Retreat in 1780 and established neighboring Charles Town on 80 acres of his land. A private residence until recently, the Friends of Happy Retreat and the City of Charles Town worked together to purchase the Happy Retreat mansion, outbuildings and surrounding acreage. Ongoing restoration of the house and its 18th Century outbuildings will develop the property as a center for history, heritage tourism, scholarship, and culture. The Friends work with organizations such as the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society, Jefferson County Museum and Jefferson County Historical Society as well as the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History to fulfill their ongoing mission to develop the property.

ORGANIZATION AWARD

City of Wheeling

The City has renewed its commitment to downtown Wheeling with the recent purchase of several historic buildings in downtown Wheeling. The City has assisted preservation efforts of local property owners through funding of code related requirements. The Wheeling Historic Landmark Commission has completed the resurvey of the downtown National Register-listed Wheeling Historic District in an effort to update the original 1978 nomination and recently oversaw the survey and listing of the South Wheeling Historic District.

HISTORIC DISTRICT AWARD

Lewisburg Historic District

The Lewisburg Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, making it one of the earliest downtowns to be recognized in this manner in West Virginia. The commercial core and surrounding residential neighborhood reflect the architecture of the mid-18th to early 20th century. The city's Historic Landmark Commission has employed design review for over 30 years ensuring that the enduring historic character of the district is preserved. Its citizens and visitors enjoy the mix of restaurants, stores, museums and performance spaces all within walking distance.

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Honoring the

*2019 Historic Preservation
Award Winners*

Sunday, October 13, 2019

**West Virginia Independence Hall
Wheeling, West Virginia**

WELCOME

Curator Randall Reid-Smith

West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Susan Pierce

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, WVDACH

BETTY WOODS "SNOOKIE" NUTTING AWARD

Given to a West Virginian who embodies the spirit and dedication that is making a difference in a community.

Dr. Robert S. Conte

BETTY WOODS "SNOOKIE" NUTTING AWARD FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Given to a West Virginian who through public service demonstrates extraordinary commitment to our historic resources and their protection.

Congressman David B. McKinley, P.E.

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INDIVIDUAL PERSON AWARD

Given to a person who demonstrates dedication to the preservation of an individual resource and whose work has helped to preserve the historic resource.

Margaret Brennan

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE AWARD

Given to an individual resource that represents a significant aspect of West Virginia's history and plays a role in the continuing understanding of that history.

Happy Retreat

ORGANIZATION AWARD

Given to an organization that has made a significant contribution to the preservation of a historic district through restoration, research and attention to the importance of the district.

City of Wheeling

HISTORIC DISTRICT AWARD

Given to a historic district that is comprised of multiple components that reflect a significant aspect of West Virginia's history and is an example of what preservation can mean to a community.

Lewisburg Historic District

Reception to follow

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY

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THE BETTY WOODS "SNOOKIE" NUTTING AWARD

Dr. Robert S. Conte

A native of California, Dr. Conte graduated from Santa Clara University and received a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University, Ohio. He has served as the resident historian of the Greenbrier since 1978, and in that time has shared with the public and his colleagues a wealth of knowledge about the Greenbrier and the history of southern West Virginia. He has served on many local and state boards and commissions, including the WV Archives and History Commission, the WV Humanities Council, the board of Preservation Alliance of West Virginia and the Monroe County Historical Society. He is the author of *The History of the Greenbrier: America's Resort*.

THE BETTY WOODS "SNOOKIE" NUTTING AWARD FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Congressman David B. McKinley, P.E.

Congressman McKinley is a lifetime advocate for historic preservation. His former company, McKinley and Associates, was responsible for the successful adaptive reuse of historic buildings throughout Wheeling, including the YMCA of Wheeling, the Wagner Building, the Wheeling Public Library, the McClure House and several buildings on Wheeling Island. He also restored his Wheeling childhood home, Willow Glen. During recent efforts to eliminate the federal historic preservation tax credit, Congressman McKinley's efforts were instrumental in saving this program.

INDIVIDUAL PERSON AWARD

Margaret Brennan

A former history teacher at Wheeling's Central Catholic High School, Margaret shares her passion for history through her research, writing and public presentations. She has served as the president of the Wheeling Area Historical Society. Most recently, Margaret oversaw fundraising efforts to move the Soldiers and Sailors Monument from Wheeling Park to West Virginia Independence Hall.