



Mahoning Valley Historical Society announces historic preservation winners

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The Mahoning Valley Historical Society Board of Directors' Historic Preservation Committee announced winners of its 2015 Historic Preservation Awards.

These awards honor those in Mahoning and Trumbull counties who take an active role in preserving historic buildings, sites and areas.

The categories and winners are:

Community Revitalization Award to the Smoky Hollow War Memorial in Youngstown. It lists Hollow residents killed in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The plaque on the memorial had one soldier's name wrong and was missing another WWII soldier. Through genealogical research, Gerald Nunziato and Felix Lazazzera compiled information on all of the soldiers. A new plaque was made for the memorial with corrections and categorizes names by war.

Commercial Revitalization Award to the Raymond John Wean Foundation's Market Block Building on Courthouse Square in Warren. The structure, built in 1868, was vacant for years until it was renovated for the foundation. The building houses the offices of the Wean Foundation, additional office space for new initiatives funded by the foundation, a community meeting space, conference rooms, break rooms, a fitness room and reception areas.

MVHS Board of Directors' Award of Achievement to Mahoning Dispatch Building & Canfield Historical Society. The Canfield Historical Society rewired the electrical system in the 91-year-old building last year and replaced the fluorescent tube lighting with period-appropriate pendant fixtures and 1910-era Edison incandescent light bulbs.

Also honored were:

Jeanne D. Tyler for her commitment to the historic preservation in the region, especially her support of restoration projects for Stambaugh Auditorium, and the MVHS Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center and Arms Family Museum.

William Conti for his dedication and leadership with preservation and restoration projects at Stambaugh Auditorium including: the auditorium ceiling restoration, the E.M. Skinner organ and renovations of the courtyard patio and the historic ballroom. Conti also was instrumental in the Forest Glen Estates Neighborhood Association's gaining historic district status on the National Register of

Historic Places.

The winners will be honored at the Mahoning Valley Historical Society's 140th annual meeting from 5:30 to 8 p.m. June 16 at the Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center, 325 W. Federal St.

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