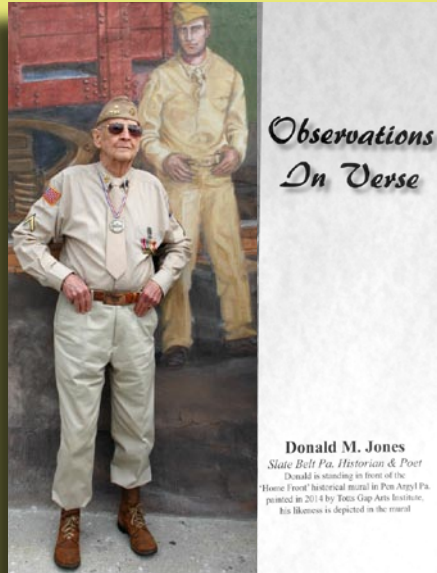


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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Donald M. Jones
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet
Donald is standing in front of the
Hesse Tower historical mural in Pen Argyl Pa.
pictured in 2014 by Tonia Gap Arts Institute.
His likeness is depicted in the mural.

CHIPMUNKS

My yard is full of lots of holes
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Anglers Reminded That Frequent Storms Can Create Unpredictable Water Conditions

By Pa. Fish And Boat
HARRISBURG, Pa (May 30)
– As the late spring and early
summer seasons continue to
usher in frequent, often powerful
storms across the Commonwealth,
the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
Commission (PFBC) reminds boaters
and anglers to be alert for potentially
dangerous water conditions.

"We want people to enjoy the water
during one of the most beautiful
times of year," said Ryan Walt,
PFBC Boating and Watercraft Safety
Manager. "Keeping an eye on the
weather forecast before and during
your trip is a smart practice to
make sure you don't get caught
off guard."

According to Jeff Jumper,
State Meteorologist for the
Pennsylvania Emergency
Management Agency (PEMA),
thunderstorms can be very
isolated. A late spring or early
summer storm can deliver
damaging, strong winds, rain
or hail to one area while having
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Slate Belt Heritage Center 2019 Preservation Awards

By Ken Brewer

BANGOR -The Slate Belt Heritage Center is pleased to announce the recipients of their 2019 Preservation Awards in the following categories:

The Architectural Award is presented to an individual(s) who has performed an exemplary act in saving or conserving a historic building, place or artifact where restoration is authentic to preservation. This year's award will be presented to Sherry & Gary Haycock. They have restored the former Conrad Miller house, which was built at the end of the 19th century. This house was in total disrepair, left to decay with trees growing up to hide its former splendor. The original clapboard was repaired and has remained intact. The original window and doors have been kept and returned to their former state. The wrap around porch was totally restored along with tongue-in-groove flooring. All the floors in the house have been refinished to reflect the original parquet wood. The kitchen has minimal updates, keeping the original sink, some cabinets and a fire place. Woodwork, throughout the house, was kept in original condition. Walls were re-plastered and a picture rail remains. All stained glass windows were restored and original radiators were kept with slate or iron scroll work toppers. The grounds surrounding the home have been cleared to promote the picturesque setting.

The Initiative Award is presented to an individual(s) who has shown exemplary actions in promoting and preserving Slate Belt heritage through in-kind actions. This award will be presented to Mrs. Diane Richards, Mrs. Judy Bowley, Mrs. Ann Miller, and Mrs. Peggy Reimer, Mrs. Brenda Roth and Mrs. Cheryl Melnick. Known as "The Readers" for the Homefront Project, they have worked tirelessly over three years to read, summarize, rate and archive over 3200 Homefront letters. They spent countless hours at the Center receiving only the satisfaction of knowing that they were preserving a piece of Slate Belt history. The Homefront Letters book could not have been written without their efforts. Mr. Lawrence Rosato will also receive a certificate for his unending dedication to keep the Heritage Center maintained weekly.

The Special Focus Award is presented to an individual(s) who has shown exemplary actions in saving or conserving traditions or a body of knowledge. That individual who contributes to education information via documentation. This award will be presented to Mrs. Jacqueline Bartosh and Mr. Ty Bartosh owners of Greenwalk Trout Hatchery. Upon inheriting the hatchery from Mrs. Bartosh's father, they have continually worked to keep the water shed clean and pure. The environmental impact of their dedication is an asset to the Slate Belt. The introduction of Nestle Corporation into the hatchery's spring water has made their contribution more environmentally sound. They also run educational programs for elementary students, at the hatchery, and continue to grow the Greenwalk name. Their efforts have sustained the old fashioned way for a long period of time.

These awards are to acknowledge individuals who have performed acts that promote and preserve the culture and heritage of the Slate Belt. For their efforts in these acts, the Slate Belt Heritage Center will be honoring them at a public ceremony on Thursday, June 20th at 7:00 PM at the Center located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661.

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