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Preservation Award Winners Announced by Heritage Center

By Cheryl Stanthem

BANGOR - The Slate Belt Heritage Center has announced the winners of their 2021 Preservation Awards. The winners are as follows: Special Focus Award by Larry Cory; Architecture Award by Charles Jacob, owner of a colonial log cabin on Del Haven Road; and Initiative Award by Cindy Smith.

Larry Cory has spent countless hours compiling historical information on the book, "Bangor Slaters Football History, 1919 – 1988", and is currently working on a sequel that will continue the story to the present day. Mr. Cory is the winner of the Special Focus Award.

The Architecture Award is presented to the Rose DiFebo, Kaspersky House, a once-condemned colonial log cabin on Del Haven Road that is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house was saved from being condemned in 1971 and the owners spent many years restoring the structure, which was originally built around 1711.

Cindy Smith has been awarded the Initiative Award, which recognizes historical projects started by an individual on a volunteer basis. Cindy took pictures and categorized all of the more than 300 tombstones in the Scots-Irish Cemetery in Lower Mt. Bethel Township. This is the oldest public cemetery in the township and has many veterans of the Revolutionary War.

The virtual presentation of the Preservation Awards to all three people will be posted on the Slate Belt Heritage Center Facebook page on Thursday, June 17, 2021.



What's Growing

By Stephen Reider

SLATE BELT - In its third year the Wind Gap and Pen Argyl Community Gardens, funded by Fidelity, Waste Management and ESSA through Community Action's Slate Belt Rising Neighborhood Partnership, provide space for community members in Wind Gap, Bangor, Pen Argyl, and Portland to plant and harvest their own fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

This season, plants were generously donated by The Seed Farm, Johnsonville Farm and Garden, and Ginder Greenhouse.

The Community Garden is maintained entirely by volunteers. For more information on getting involved, contact Stephen Reider at SReider@caclv.org.



Photo: Joyce McGarry Owner of Café on Broadway in Wind Gap, and 'Master Gardner' volunteers at Wind Gap Community Garden teaching children

