

Preservation Pennsylvania Award

Preservation Pennsylvania, a private statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people protect and preserve the historic places that matter to them, has chosen the Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium project to receive their 2014 Grassroots Advocacy Award. It recognizes the work that all of you have contributed to documenting and preserving the history of the san. It is truly "Grassroots" in that it has been accomplished by the contributions of many individuals without corporate sponsors or funds. I think it is safe to say that all the personal stories, photos and documented history we have put together represent a unique project, which is still growing to this day.

The award was presented during a formal luncheon on Friday, September 26, 2014 at the Ellis Ballroom, Juniata College, 1700 Moore Street, Huntingdon, Pa.

My congratulations to you all, especially Dave Huber, Dot DeAngelo and Etta Albright, for your contribution to this award.

Chuck Felton

Preservation Pennsylvania Website: <http://www.preservationpa.org/index.asp>



1. John Martine (Right), Chairman of the Board of Directors of Preservation Pennsylvania, presents the Award for Grassroots Advocacy to Dot DeAngelo, Etta Albright and Dave Huber, the members of the Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium Project Committee.



2. Dot DeAngelo and Patrick Albright, Etts'a husband.



3. Erin Hammerstedt, Field Representative of Preservation Pennsylvania, and Etta Albright.



4. The Award Plaque.

Cresson San committee receives honors for preservation efforts

By Rachel Vasilko
of Mainline Newspapers

The committee working to document and memorialize the Pennsylvania Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Cresson, or the Cresson "San," have been awarded for their preservation efforts.

"It was an honor to work with the committee, the community, and many diverse partners to assure the history of the Cresson San is preserved for future generations," said local committee member Dot DeAngelo. "May this information continue to impact, direct and give hope to individuals, scientists and health care providers, faced with the challenges of epidemic diseases present in our world today."

Preservation Pennsylvania awarded the committee the Grassroots Advocacy Award during this year's

Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards luncheon, held at Juniata College last Friday, Sept. 26.

"Partnerships, cooperation, and taking the long-term view are themes that run through many of this year's projects," said executive director of Preservation Pennsylvania Mindy Crawford. "Whether at the local, state or federal level, this year's award recipients demonstrate how people working together can make a real difference."

The Cresson San treated approximately 40,000 adults and children during its 51 years of operation, from 1913 to 1964. Later, it became a residential facility for the mentally challenged before serving as a state correctional institution until its closing last year.

Following the closing of the
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prison, members of the community and those associated with the San created a grassroots effort to document, celebrate and memorialize the stories of the Cresson San. Locally, a committee comprised of Etta Albright, DeAngelo and Dave Huber had been working with a former Cresson San resident, Chuck Felton, since 2009 to

preserve the history of the San through a website, reunions, and the pursuit of an official state historic roadside marker that has since been installed and dedicated near the entrance to the former sanatorium at the Cresson Summit.

"The greatest reward in recognizing and memorializing those who embraced the adversities of epidemic tuberculosis with courage and hope is

use of the knowledge and understanding gained in overcoming and controlling it for the greater good," Albright said.

In addition to the historical marker, those interested in the history of the Cresson San can visit the models of the entire sanatorium site and the San's Grace Chapel that are both on display on the third floor of the Administration Building at Mount Aloysius College.

The models were made by Fred Connacher and his daughter, Theresa McConnell, in honor of the 2011 Cresson San reunion, and the 100th Anniversary celebration in 2013, respectively. While many of the sanatorium's original buildings remain on the grounds at Cresson Summit, they are inaccessible to the general public.

"Throughout these years of commemoration, whenever we strayed

from our objectives, we reminded ourselves we were involved in this from the beginning to remember the thousands of people who passed through the doors of the Cresson San," said Huber.

For more information about the Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium, or to read stories from former patients, visit Felton's website cressonsanre-membered.com.

5. Cresson Mainliner newspaper article about the award ceremony written by Rachel Vasilko.



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August 8, 2014

Mr. Dave Huber
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Dear Mr. Huber:

Congratulations! The Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium project has been selected to receive the Grassroots Advocacy Award at the 2014 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards.

The award will be presented during a formal luncheon on Friday, September 26, 2013 at The Ellis Ballroom, Juniata College, 1700 Moore Street, Huntingdon. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 AM and will conclude no later than 2:00 PM.

I am pleased to provide you with two complimentary tickets. **Please complete and return the enclosed RSVP form.** I have also included an invitation that may be used to order additional tickets (\$65 per person) and a list of this year's award recipients.

Additionally, I hope you will consider partnering with us by sponsoring this year's event! All levels of support include:

- One table with seating for eight (with additional tables of eight available for \$250);
- Color advertisement space in the Awards Program published/distributed at the event;
- Recognition throughout the luncheon on presentation screen and event signage;
- Name or corporate logo placement on our website;
- Acknowledgement in Preservation Pennsylvania's digital and printed publications.

Enclosed you will find **sponsorship and additional ticket information** and forms to return to us indicating your level of support. You may also visit our website for more information.

Please feel free to share this information with others that may have an interest in attending the Awards Ceremony.

Preservation Pennsylvania commends you on your outstanding effort and we look forward to celebrating your achievement in September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mindy".

Mindy G. Crawford
Executive Director

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7. Letter of Award from Preservation Pennsylvania