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From the Indian Hill Historical Society



Buckingham Lodge-1861

Awards and Recognitions through the Years

The Indian Hill Historical Society has received many accolades throughout its 40 year history for its programs, collections, preservation efforts, educational offerings, and for its importance as a cultural hub in the community. From the start, the Society garnered recognitions for its accomplishments. During this 40th Anniversary season, it is worth recalling some of them.

Originally formed to restore the Little Red Schoolhouse, the Society was successful in this mission, as the building was brought back to its former glory and dramatically improved. In 1975 the Washington School (official name of the school) was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This honor was bestowed by the U.S. National Park Service, which deemed it “an historic place worthy of preservation”. The following year, the Historical Society held an art exhibit featuring the work of Henry Farney. The outstanding catalogue prepared for the exhibit was the recipient of the Mead Corporation’s Award for excellence in 1976.

The Cincinnati Preservation Association presented the Indian Hill Historical Society with its Preservation Award in 1990, for saving Buckingham Lodge from demolition, and restoring it as a typical turn-of-the-century farmhouse. This renovation ensured that the old Bonnell homestead would stand as a reminder of an earlier era. The Society’s office is now located at the Lodge. In 1997, the Ohio Association of Museums and Historical Societies officially certified the Historical Society, proving that the group met professional standards set by the Ohio Historical Society, thus enhancing its status in the state. The next year, the Videography Award was presented to the Society for “An Indian Hill Scrapbook”, a visual depiction of facets of Village life and history. Technology has changed and this tape is now obsolete, but at the time it was state of the art.

In 2002, the Griffin Yeatman Historical Achievement Award was presented to Virginia S. White as “Person of the Year”.

The Griffin Yeatman Award has been presented annually since 1994 by the Hamilton County Recorder’s Office to citizens or groups who work to help others understand historic preservation and promote public history of the county. Mrs. White was praised for writing and having published *From Camargo to Indian Hill* and *Treasured Landmarks of Indian Hill*, her Presidency of the Indian Hill Historical Society, and the successful restoration of Buckingham Lodge.

Then in 2010 the Griffin Yeatman Historical Achievement Award was presented to the “One-Room Schoolhouse Experience” Program held annually at the Little Red Schoolhouse for local fourth graders. This field trip introduces children to educational practices of the late 19th century, and allows them to actually perform scholarly tasks typical of that era. As a “living history” experience, it makes a real impact on the youths. That same year, the program additionally received the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museum’s History Outreach Award. At that time the “One-Room Schoolhouse Experience” was in its 18th year. This past winter it was offered to elementary school students for the 22nd time.

As the caretaker of Village history, the Indian Hill Historical Society preserves the past for future generations. The awards and recognitions given to the group prove that it has been a relevant and vibrant organization for four decades. It continues to fulfill its mission: “Keeping Indian Hill’s Past and Present Alive for Tomorrow”.



Video Award



Lindsay McLean and Ginny White