



2011 Historic Preservation Awards Program

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Community Revitalization Awards

Alma Frankfort House *Struthers Historical Society*

After purchasing a lot from Thomas Struthers for \$190.00, Alexander Frankfort, Struthers last surviving Civil War veteran, built this simple Gothic bungalow in 1884 for his daughter and her husband. Their oldest daughter, Alma, was carried into the home when she was two weeks old and lived there for 93 years. After her death, the house was donated to the Struthers Historical Society by her nephew Harold Mohr. The three-year all-volunteer renovation effort removed shingle siding and reconstructed the porch to recapture the original style. The only interior renovations that were necessary were the removal of two layers of wallpaper and a good cleaning. The Frankfort House was nominated by Struthers Historical Society member Linda Skrinyer.



MVHS Directors Awards of Achievement

Two individuals that have demonstrated a commitment to historic preservation will receive this award:

Marian Kutlesa – In 1978, Marian ran a small advertisement in the Struthers Journal asking for persons interested in starting a Historical Society to attend a meeting in Yellow Creek Park. That meeting was the start of a very dedicated group that has collected, preserved and educated the community about the history and heritage of Struthers, Ohio. In 1986, they received their biggest donation, and realized their dream of a permanent home for their collection, with the Alma Frankfort House. Marian enlisted the help of the community and her own family to restore this home to its original charm and put it to good use as a museum for the Historical Society. Marian has a degree in Anthropology from Youngstown State University and has worked on many digs with Dr. White and the Anthropology department. Most recently she and her daughter have been working on unearthing a furnace by Neshannock Creek near Grove City, Pennsylvania. Marian was nominated by her daughter Linda Skrinyer.

Rebecca Rogers – Rebecca is a local history and preservation consultant with special focus in the fields of architecture, landscape and planning. A true advocate for historic preservation and the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, she has been involved with over twenty National Register nominations for districts, sites and buildings including the Harry Burt/Ross Radio building and the Newport Village District (which received a 2007 Historic Preservation Award). She also researched and completed a detailed Landscape History report for the Arms residence at 648 Wick Avenue which is the first step in a full landscape restoration. Rebecca was a member of the Ohio Historic Sites Advisory Board, the Design Panel of the Ohio Arts Council, and instructor of Historic Architecture of the Mahoning Valley, a YSU continuing education program. She has a Masters of Architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.