

NOMINATION FORM



2026 BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Celebrating 44 years of Historic Preservation Achievement
in Bergen County.

The first **Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards** were presented in 1982 to honor outstanding Historic Preservation achievements by individuals, students, organizations and businesses in Bergen County. These awards were created to encourage the preservation, restoration and adaptive use of the county's valuable and irreplaceable historic built environment: houses, schools, train stations, libraries, borough halls, places of worship, theaters, commercial buildings, cemeteries, historic districts and landscapes.

Awards will be given to projects, individuals and organizations in Bergen County that have demonstrated outstanding merit in the field of Historic Preservation. Nominations may be submitted by individuals or organizations. Owners of historic properties are encouraged to nominate their historic buildings. The Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Board reviews all nominations and selects the award winners.

**The 2026 Bergen County Preservation Awards Ceremony will be held
Thursday, May 7, 2026
during *National Historic Preservation Month*. The awards will be presented by
the Bergen County Executive and Board of Commissioners.**

Nomination Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2026



2026 BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Historic Preservation

Projects:

For outstanding preservation, restoration or rehabilitation of an historic structure, object, landscape or historic site. This category's nominees may include projects completed by preservationists, architects, engineers, landscape architects, planners, developers or property owners. Projects must be complete, but need not be listed on the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places. However, the project must have demonstrable historic or architectural significance and the preservation/restoration/rehabilitation should be in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Education:

For educational programs, publications, media projects, walking tours or other efforts that contribute to increasing public awareness and knowledge about historic preservation in Bergen County.

Leadership:

For individuals, groups or agencies who have exhibited continuing contribution to the preservation of historic resources or the advancement of historic preservation in Bergen County.

History

Publication:

For publications including books, journals, articles, brochures, websites and pamphlets that increase public awareness and knowledge of Bergen County history.

Leadership:

For individuals, groups or agencies who have displayed outstanding leadership or exhibited exceptional continuing contribution to the advancement of history in Bergen County.

Education:

For a specific program, exhibit, education institution, group or individual displaying excellence in increasing public awareness and knowledge about Bergen County history.

Young Historian Award

For individual or group projects that contribute to local historic preservation, or the promotion and public awareness of the County's history or historic built environment. Nominees must be high school age or younger.



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NOMINATION CATEGORY:

Historic Preservation: Project _____ Education: _____ Leadership: _____

History: Publication _____ Education: _____ Leadership: _____

Young Historian: _____

Name of Nominee/Project: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Project Team for nominated Property or Project: Please attach a separate sheet with these names.

Nominated by:

[ONLY this person will be notified if the nomination is NOT APPROVED.]

Address:

Telephone (day): _____ **E-mail:** _____

PLEASE ATTACH THIS PAGE TO THE FRONT OF ALL COPIES OF THE NOMINATION.



2026 BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

1. Individuals and organizations are invited to make nominations in any category. Nominated structures must be in Bergen County; however, the nominator may reside elsewhere. A nominator may make nominations in more than one category. Separate applications must be submitted for each nomination. Self-nominations are acceptable.
2. All nominations must be submitted using the Nomination Form. All nomination forms must include narrative information and supporting materials. Materials will not be returned. Submit one (1) copy of the nomination form and supporting materials by 4:30pm, Friday, March 20, 2026 to:
Elaine Kiernan Gold
Bergen County, Department of Parks
Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs
One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
3. Attach a narrative of no more than four pages explaining why you think your nominee should be honored with a 2026 Bergen County Historic Preservation Award. Narratives should include the nominating category and detailed supporting information (e.g. describe the condition of the site before work was done, how much work was done, how much money was spent or the nominee's contribution to the understanding of historic preservation/history in Bergen County).
4. For historic preservation project nomination categories, "before" and "after" photographs or digital images (jpeg format) of the completed project must be included with the application. For history categories and the Young Historian award, digital images or photographs are optional. Submitted images may be used at the Historic Preservation Awards ceremony to illustrate exemplary preservation projects. Other supporting information such as newspaper articles and brochures may be included.
5. Nominated historic preservation projects must be in Bergen County and should have historical or architectural significance; however, they do not have to be listed on the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places. Buildings erected in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries (up to 1976) are eligible. The buildings should retain architectural integrity from the period, or periods, of their significance.
6. All preservation projects MUST be completed, and awards will be made only to projects where proper preservation techniques have been used as detailed in the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.
7. History Awards may be given for an individual effort or for a body of work.
8. Two copies of any book or publication nominated must be submitted with the completed application form.
9. More than one award may be given in any one category, but awards may not necessarily be granted in each category.
10. Please address any questions to Elaine Kiernan Gold, Historic Preservation Specialist at (201) 336-7294 or egold@bergencountynj.gov.