

## IDA LEE WILLIS MEMORIAL AWARDS WINNERS

### 2019 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award

**Mrs. Milly Ann Stewart, Frankfort**

Preservation Project Awards:

The Shoppes at Blue Gables, Shelbyville  
Castle and Key, Woodford County  
The Ole Opera House, Guthrie

Service to Preservation:

Gov. Matthew G. Bevin, representing the Commonwealth  
of Kentucky, Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet,  
and Kentucky Division of Historic Properties  
Herb Fink, Louisville  
Michael and Catherine McElwain, Newport

Grassroots Preservation:

Historic Beaver Dam Deposit Bank  
Dinah Bird-Westerfield for Baker-Bird Winery, Augusta

### 2018 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award

**Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham, Kuttawa**

Preservation Project Awards:

Fayette County Courthouse, Lexington, Historic Courthouse LLLP  
Hotel Covington, Salyers Group  
George W. Robson Jr. House, Bellevue, Taylor and Sasha Voss

Service to Preservation:

Wayna Adams, Heritage Program Manager for Daniel Boone  
National Forest  
Mark Gumbert for Paint Lick  
Patrick Kennedy of Owenton, for commitment to teaching  
and preserving traditional preservation trades

Grassroots Preservation:

Caneyville Purple Flash Community Center  
New Castle Grand United Order of Odd Fellows  
Washington Lodge No. 1513 Preservation Consortium

### 2017 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award

**Linda Bruckheimer, Bloomfield and Los Angeles, CA**

Preservation Project Awards:

Hellman Creative Center, Center for Great Neighborhoods,  
Covington  
Paducah Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, Ed and Meagan Musselman  
Rabbit Hash General Store, Rabbit Hash Historical Society  
Robneel Building, Paris, Darrell & Debbie Poynter and Chris  
Poynter

Service to Preservation:

Eric and Ellen Gregory of Midway  
Martin Luther King and William Wells Brown Neighborhood  
Associations for "Gathering Our History: An East End  
Preservation Project"  
University of Kentucky Historic Preservation Symposium

Grassroots Preservation:

Dr. Andy Paul Keaton of Red Bush, Lloyd Hamilton Mott House  
Mt. Washington Youth Chamber of Preservationists (Youth  
COPs), "A Milestone at the Crossroads"

**2016 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Steve Wilson and Laura Lee Brown, Goshen**

Preservation Project Awards:

The 1857 Boutique Hotel, Paducah, Paul Gourieux and Jorge Martinez  
Ouerbacker Mansion, Louisville, Oracle Design  
Potter's Castle, Bowling Green, Steve and Patsy Morgenthaler

Service to Preservation:

Jack Jouett Archaeology Project, Versailles  
Gudrun Allen and Jennifer Tijou for Pleasanton Goods, Paris  
Scot Walters, Frankfort, retired Kentucky Heritage Council Site Development Program manager  
Bernie and Susan Hunstad, Danville, Third Street Methodist Church

Grassroots Preservation:

Shirl Marks, Stamping Ground, for Stonetown Haven  
Scott Madon, Mayor of Pineville

**2015 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**K. Norman Berry, Louisville**

Preservation Project Awards:

Fulton Conway Building, Louisville  
V.A. Kaltenbrun Building, Frankfort  
Shotgun Row, Covington

Service to Preservation:

Friends of Eastern Cemetery, Louisville  
Living Archaeology Weekend Steering Committee  
James and Maxine Cass, for Camp Wildcat Civil War Battlefield in Laurel County

Grassroots Preservation:

Meridzo Center Ministries for Lamp House Coffee, Lynch  
Snivley Chapel Restoration Project, Pike County

**2014 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Dr. David Pollack and Dr. Gwynn Henderson**

Preservation Project Awards:

Botherum, Lexington  
Clarkson House, Vine Grove  
First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown  
Wolf Pen Branch Mill Farm Mill Restoration, Jefferson County

Service to Preservation:

Hotel Metropolitan Museum, Paducah  
Marian Development Group, Louisville  
Liberty Hall – National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Frankfort

Grassroots Partner Award:

Jenkins School Apartments – Old Jenkins School Renovation Committee and AU Associates Inc.

**2013 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Stephen L. Collins, Shelbyville**

Preservation Project Awards:

The Cox Building, Maysville

Rockcastle River Historic Truss Bridge  
Sadieville Rosenwald School

Service to Preservation: Nancy Adams, Pine Mountain Settlement School  
Keith Nagle, Discover Downtown Middlesboro  
Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, DeTours Committee

Grassroots Preservation: Obie Fardo, Frank Hussung, Billie Newman and Charlie  
Pyles, for rehabilitation of Bethel Church and Cemetery  
in Pendleton County  
Friends of Sherman Tavern, Dry Ridge

### **2012 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Richard T. Jett, Louisville**

Preservation Project Awards: 120, 225 and 227 South Main Street, Harrodsburg  
Thomas Edison School Apartments, Covington  
Whiskey Row Lofts: Trademart Building and Hamilton  
Brothers Warehouse, Louisville

Service to Preservation: The Cropper Family, South Portsmouth  
Alberta Moynahan, Danville, assistant director of the  
McDowell House Museum  
“Historic Preservation: Saving Place” video, produced  
by historic preservation staff of the cities of Bellevue  
and Covington

### **2011 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Robert M. “Bob” Polsgrove, Frankfort**

Preservation Project Awards: Eastside Revitalization Project, Covington  
Louisville Water Company Pump Station 1 and owner  
Louisville Water Company  
West-Metcalf House, Mill Springs Battlefield, Wayne  
County, and the Mill Springs Battlefield Association

Service to Preservation: Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County  
Lynda Closson, Stanford  
Donna Horn-Taylor, Laurel County; and Julie Nelson  
Harris, editor, Tara Kaprowy and Nita Johnson,  
reporters, London *Sentinel Echo*

### **2010 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Clyde Reynolds Carpenter, Lexington**

Preservation Project Awards: Bishop Flaget Log House, Nelson County  
The Grand Theatre, Frankfort  
Pearce-Wheeler Farm, Hart County

Service to Preservation: Charles Cash, Louisville  
Donald Clare, Rabbit Hash  
Susan Dyer, Breckinridge County

**2009 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Ann Early Sutherland of Louisville**

Preservation Project Awards:

Standard Oil Filling Station, Bowling Green  
W.E. Pullen Building, Georgetown  
Johnson Creek Covered Bridge, Robertson County  
St. Cecelia Senior Apartments, Louisville

Service to Preservation:

Rebecca W. (Becky) Shipp of Frankfort  
Preserve Lexington and the *Lexington Herald-Leader*,  
Tom Eblen and Beverly Fortune  
Billy Hertz and Tom Schnepf of Louisville

**2008 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**David H. Hall, Bardstown**

Preservation Project Awards:

Old State National Bank, Frankfort  
*Let's Paint the Town!*, Princeton  
First Baptist Church, Covington  
United States Marine Hospital, Portland

Service to Preservation:

United States Representative Ben Chandler  
Division of Historic Preservation, Lexington-  
Fayette Urban County Government  
Appalshop, Whitesburg

**2007 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**David L. Morgan, Washington, D. C.**

Preservation Project Awards:

Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville  
Bourbon County Courthouse Dome, Paris  
Howard-Hardy House, Louisville

Service to Preservation:

Yvonne Giles, Lexington  
Historic Bardstown Commission  
Representative Arnold Simpson, Covington

**2006 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Dr. Doris Y. Wilkinson, Lexington**

Preservation Project Awards:

James A. Sullivan Slave Quarters, Georgetown  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Winchester  
The Otto M. Budig Theatre at the Carnegie Visual  
and Performing Arts Center, Covington  
John Dale House, Shelby County

Service to Preservation:

Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, Lexington  
BRIDGES Team (Building Renewed Interest in Downtown  
Greensburg through Excellence and Service, Green County)

**2005 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Larry Groves Meadows, Powell County**

Preservation Project Awards:

Coal Miner's Memorial Theater, Benham

Cemetery Chapel, Frankfort  
Odd Fellows Hall, Covington

Service to Preservation:

Miles Clay Miller, Paris  
James Harrod Trust, Mercer County  
The Courier-Journal, Louisville

**2004 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Nancy Shropshire Blazer, Ashland & Georgetown**

Preservation Project Awards:

State & 13th Restoration Project in Bowling Green  
Lemon Hill Mansion in Lexington  
Old Heywood School in Louisville

Service to Preservation:

Winnifred Ann Virtue Meeker, Lexington  
Gilbert Haydon, Shelbyville  
Emily Clark, Danville

**2003 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Helen Fisher Frye, Danville**

Preservation Project Awards:

118 North Third Street, Danville  
Louisville Glassworks Lofts  
Pine Mountain Settlement School, Harlan County

Service to Preservation:

Mayor Dodd Dixon, Winchester  
David H. Hall, Bardstown  
Murray Main Street Program

**2002 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Richard S. DeCamp, Lexington**

Preservation Project Awards:

The house at Cambus Kenneth Farm, Boyle County  
River Heritage Museum, Paducah  
St. Stephen Catholic Church, Lyon County

Service to Preservation:

Cecil R. Ison, Winchester  
Ralph G. Anderson, Mercer County  
Judge William Neal Cassity, Jessamine County  
Frank Mosko, Paducah

**2001 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Barbara P. Hulette, Lexington**

Preservation Projects Awards:

Cadiz City Hall  
Combs Center, Centre College, Danville  
Springfield Graded School, Washington County

Service to Preservation:

Tommy Hines, South Union  
Mimi Sweets Runyon, Louisville  
Lucille Brooks, Franklin

**2000 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Sally Willis Meigs, Louisville**

Preservation Projects Awards:

Otto E. Eitel House, Louisville  
Jack Quinn's Irish Ale House, Covington  
White House at Camp Nelson, Jessamine County

Service to Preservation:

Sharon Poat, Paducah  
Heart of Danville for Publication: *Danville and Boyle County in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky: An Architectural History*

Special Award:

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

**1999 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Edith S. Bingham, Louisville**

Preservation Project Awards:

Stanford Depot  
Market House Theatre Stage Two Project  
Midway School  
Bourbon Stockyards Exchange Building, Louisville  
Several Bloomfield Buildings: Olde Bloomfield Meeting Hall;  
Nettie Jarvis Antiques; the Wells Building; the Brown Building

Service to Preservation:

John S. Perkins, Bowling Green  
George W. Grider, Danville

**1998 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**James Thomas, President and CEO, Shakertown at Pleasant Hill**

Preservation Project Awards:

Marcardin Inn Bed & Breakfast, Shelbyville  
Jacobs Hall, Danville  
Old C&O Passenger Depot, Morehead  
Maysville High School

Service to Preservation:

Mary S. Northington, Covington  
Carrie Stivers, Bardstown  
Larry B. Whitaker, McLean County Judge-Executive  
Jean W. Calvert, Maysville

**1997 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Mrs. Betsy K. Venters, Pikeville**

Preservation Project Awards:

Labrot & Graham Distillery / Brown Forman Corporation,  
Woodford County  
Bavarian Brewery, Covington  
Wolf Wile Building / Gray Construction Co., Lexington  
Munfordville City Hall

Service to Preservation:

Martha Cull, Louisville  
Presbyterian Church of Danville

**1996 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Mrs. Dorothy H. Crutcher, Lexington**

Preservation Project Awards:

The Highlands, Henry County, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fowler  
Maincross Project, Mt. Sterling  
Farmers National Bank, Danville

Service to Preservation:

Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, Primary Heritage  
Education Curriculum  
Alan E. Hoeweler, Kentucky Civil War Historic Sites

Special Award:

Susan Jackson Keig

**1995 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Mrs. Cecil Dulin Wallace, Boyle County**

Preservation Project Awards:

St. Patrick's School, Louisville, T. Dade Luckett and Associates,  
Architects  
Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, Heritage Cathedral  
Foundation  
Benham School, Benham, School House Inn, Inc.

Service to Preservation:

Theodore Harris, Covington  
Phil Weissenberger, Midway  
Edith S. Bingham, Louisville  
Harold, Marilyn and Dwight Koger, Barthell

Special Awards:

Secretary Crit Luallen, Tourism Cabinet  
Sec. Sherry K. Jelsma, Education, Arts & Humanities Cabinet  
Secretary Don Kelly, Transportation Cabinet  
Ann Trimble, Department of Local Government

**1994 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Ann S. Hassett, Louisville**

Preservation Project Awards:

Trigg County Circuit Court Room, Cadiz  
Cullen Thomas Cabin & Southern Academy School, Trigg County  
Historical Society, Cadiz  
McClure-Barbee House, Danville  
Crescent Hill Library, Louisville

Service to Preservation:

Christopher J. Black, Paducah  
Willa Relford Gentry, Lexington  
Barbara P. Hulette, Lexington  
Lost Lexington Exhibit, Lexington, Bettie Kerr and Patrick Lucas

**1993 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Mark Scearce, Shelbyville**

Preservation Project Awards:

Ft. Thomas Mess Hall & Military Commons, Ft. Thomas  
Farnsley-Mormen House, Jefferson County  
Eight historic structures in Lower Town Neighborhood,  
Paducah (Howard & Louise Randle)

Service to Preservation:

Charles (Chuck) Niquette, Lexington

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Montgomery, Louisville  
Mill Springs Battlefield Association, Wayne County

Special award to **Mrs. Emerin Reeves** for Kentucky Heritage Council's office project

**1992 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award Susan Hinkle and Sally Hinkle of Paris**

Preservation Project Awards: Harrison-Hite Building in Russellville  
The Harland Sanders Cafe in Corbin  
Kentucky Theatre in Lexington

Service to Preservation: Thomas W. Bullitt and Kay E. Bullitt, Louisville  
Franklin Fitzpatrick of Prestonsburg  
Thomas J. Wiethorn, Mayor of Bellevue

**1991 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award Betty W. Morris**

Preservation Project Awards: Clark County Fiscal Court, Post Office, Winchester  
Versailles-Woodford County Economic Development  
Authority, Woodford Hotel, Versailles  
David L. Bohannon & Michael A. Eaves, Stouffer Building,  
Richmond

Service to Preservation: Leslee Frances Keys, Jefferson County  
Charles and Esther Johnson, Covington  
Clifton Neighborhood Association, Louisville

**1990 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award Mary Louise Duke**

Preservation Project Awards: 2642-50 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville  
The Forester Center, Louisville  
Manhattan on Main, Lexington

Service to Preservation: John F. Caldwell, Boone County  
Nathalie Taft Andrews, Portland  
Micky McElwain, Newport  
John W. Hall, Henderson

**1989 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award Patrick Alexander Snadon**

Preservation Project Awards: Justice Thomas Todd House, Frankfort  
Adsmore Museum, Princeton  
Nazareth Village II, Nelson County

Service to Preservation: Ann Early Sutherland, Bardstown  
Frances Dale Cottongim, Shelbyville  
Covington's Housing Development Department

**1988 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

Preservation Project Award:

Service to Preservation:

**Frank G. Rankin Jr.**

Hannaford, Newport Hawkins-Kirby House, Warsaw

Louisville Community Design Center  
William M. Noland, Harrodsburg

**1987 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

Preservation Project Awards:

Service to Preservation:

**Helen Edwards Abell**

Stockdale, Shelby County  
City of Hopkinsville

Columbia Gas of KY & Mr. and Mrs. Clarence LeBus  
Malcolm Kilduff, Beattyville

**1986 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

Preservation Project Award:

Service to Preservation:

**Robert B. Vice**

Bodley-Bullock House, Lexington

City Council of Shelbyville

**1985 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

Preservation Project Awards:

Service to Preservation:

**Donald W. Webb**

The Paramount Theatre, Ashland  
The Brown Hotel, Louisville  
Bourgard College of Music & Art, Louisville

K. Norman Berry & Associates, Louisville  
Frances Keightley, Harrodsburg  
Betty Mitchell Gorin, Campbellsville

**1984 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

Preservation Projects Awards:

Service to Preservation:

**Senator Walter "Dee" Huddleston**

Winchester Downtown Lighting Committee  
Parahart Corp. and Potter & Cox Architects, Louisville

Stephen Foster Drama Association, Bardstown  
Historic Homes Foundation, Louisville

**1983 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

Preservation Project Awards:

Service to Preservation:

**Louise Combs**

Phyllis George Brown and Save the Mansion, Inc.  
Dept. of Transportation, Whitehaven Welcome Center  
Neighborhood Development Corporation, Louisville

Mrs. Sherrill Jeffers, Hopkinsville  
Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, Monticello  
Mr. Jack Paxton, Paducah

**1982 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Mrs. Lawrence Brewer**

Preservation Project Awards:

Roger Davis, Seelbach Hotel  
William Crumbaugh, Frankfort  
Stella Welsh, Greensburg

Service to Preservation:

Mary Spears VanMeter, Paris  
Philip Terzian, Lexington Herald  
William Black, Paducah

**1981 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Edna Talbot Whitley**

Commercial Award: Third National Bank of Ashland  
Organization Award: Mansion Hills Neighborhood Association, Newport  
Professional Award: Charles E. Parrish  
Youth Award: Taylor County Junior Historical Society  
Public Service Award: William Barrow Floyd  
Media Award: Richard Zuercher, State Journal

**1980 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**James Lowry Cogar**

Commercial Award: Mark J. Scarce  
Commercial Award for a Historical Publication: Liberty National Bank & Trust, Louisville  
Organization Award: Kentucky Mansion Preservation Foundation  
Professional Award: Richard S. DeCamp  
Youth Award: Arlington School Chapter of the Kentucky Junior Historical Society  
Public Service Award: Joseph H. Conley  
Media Award: Lowell Hobby, Caldwell County Times

**1979 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award**

**Earl D. Wallace**

Public Service Award: Judge Mitch McConnell  
Media Award: Bettye Lee Mastin  
Youth Award: Kentucky Junior Historical Society  
Organizational Award: Mason County Historical Society  
Commercial Award: Cornelius E. Hubbuch