

Historical Society Historic Preservation awards

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The Shenandoah County Historical Society bestowed its annual John H. Adamson Excellence in Historic Preservation awards at its annual dinner meeting on May 16.

- The family of Lena French Fuller was awarded for their donation to the Shenandoah County Library Archives of the Lena French Fuller Collection. Accepting for the family was Lena's daughter, Mary Sue Fuller Weatherholtz. This extensive record of a lifetime of research includes local history from the mid-18th Century into the 21st Century that comprised 33 linear feet of material, processed by Shenandoah County library staff, and is now available to researchers.
- The Shenandoah County 250th Commemoration Committee was selected for the 2022 year-long celebration of the county's history in honor of the 250th anniversary of its founding. Commemoration Committee Chair and Shenandoah County Library Archivist Zachary Hottel and Edinburg Mayor Dan Harshman accepted the award on behalf of the commemoration committee, authors who contributed 12 memorial booklets, volunteers and business and civic sponsors.
- Kathleen L. Brockway was honored for her booklet, "The Lost Shared Signing Community of Lantz Mills and Shenandoah County," which preserves the history of this important and little-known deaf community that developed its own sign language. The booklet was included in the Stories of Our Community collection for the 250th Anniversary of the County, and was incorporated into an exhibit and program by the Library of Virginia, which is available for loan across the state. In addition, the Library stated that, "it inspired additional research at LVA, resulting in the digitization of a deaf newspaper, "The Goodson Gazette," and the creation of a finding aid for deaf resources."

Information on previous awardees may be found at www.shenandoahcountyhistoricalsociety.org, then click on interest areas and then preservation awards.