

PRESERVATION TRADES NETWORK SPECIAL EDITION!

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Traditionally, PTN has hosted a formal recognition and awarding of the Askins Award, a very high honor in the preservation trades community, at our annual International Preservation Trades Workshop; however, one Scotland-based IPTW in 2019 and two years of cancelled and rescheduled IPTWs later, we are issuing our first-ever Special Edition newsletter to shine a spotlight on the 2020 award winner.

Presenting...

BILL HOLE

The Recipient of the 2020 Askin's Award



Bill Hole, left, at the 1892 Annie B. Ryan Historic House. What began as an 8-year training project for 640 CCC students is now home to the Eureka Heritage Society.

Bill Hole has created a lengthy and greatly esteemed career in preservation trades education, activism, advocacy, and support of numerous PTN projects during his seven years as a past Board Member. As a craftsman he has been committed to successful preservation education, which always combined the hands-on training of rising tradespeople with experienced and specialized professionals.

For more than 17 years, Bill developed, marketed, and shepherded the Historic Preservation and Restoration Technology (HPRT) program at College of the Redwoods (CR), the first Associate of Science degree in HP west of the Mississippi (1995), and the only within the 110 California community colleges, receiving numerous local, California Preservation Foundation, and State Governors' Preservation Awards. During that era, Bill trained hundreds of eager adult students (and Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC] youth) how to research, to develop building condition assessments based

on existing conditions, and then to approach the technical hands-on preservation of historic buildings following rehabilitation Standards and Guidelines with a multitude of courses he created. Students have included local planners, realtors, tradespeople, and homeowners who have learned to apply their skills, knowledge, and resources to become good stewards of historic buildings. Though the program at CR was ultimately terminated (2014), he has left a lasting legacy in the preservation field on the California's redwood coast.

In addition to his leadership of the program at CR, Bill has played a vital role in innumerable projects around California, like co-development of the Presidio Trust training project (2001-2003) where he provided on-site college certified training to 165 Trust and NPS employees (Golden Gate National Recreation

Area), which helped to result in a self-sustaining and beautifully preserved National Park property. He also provided on-site workforce training and consultation for the 3-year restoration of Point Cabrillo Light Station (1909), which still serves the maritime community as a U.S. Coast Guard Aid to Navigation 3rd order Fresnel lens lighthouse and as part of the California State Park system that offers short-term rentals in the restored light keepers houses.

As a mariner and sailor himself, his work history includes the complex restoration of the M.V. Madaket, a 1910-era 50-foot wooden passenger ferry (1990), still an active Humbolt Bay attraction. This combined using physical evidence with extensive photographic research long before creating HPRT. Additionally, he has been a key steward of Eureka's historic redwood Victorian Seaport Community, contributing his expertise through the years with the resulting renaissance of the community, an achievement that continues to inspire ongoing preservation efforts. Local building rehabilitation projects are numerous, as the Field School model was a primary focus of hands-on education that works. Many buildings bear his fingerprints.



The M.V. Madaket still in service 30 years after a complete restoration on Hombolt Bay, considered the oldest continual Ferry in the US with the smallest licensed bar in California.

Bill assisted the City of Eureka to become a recognized Certified Local Government (CLG) through the SHPO office in Sacramento, which established the historic preservation commission that is instrumental in helping to maintain historic resources within Eureka and to guide property owners with sound preservation advice. Bill has rallied the community, supported by the Eureka Heritage Society (an organization dedicated to the preservation of our buildings and community education). He always encouraged students to become involved in preservation organizations as PTN, NCPE, NPS, Historic Green, and HistoriCorps. He is always available to local homeowners as an informational resource offering up his knowledge and expertise to educate, encourage, and motivate historic homeowners to do the right thing maintaining and restoring their structures, especially his favorite aspect, their redwood windows.

The next PTN Newsletter will include a history of the Askins Award, previous recipients, and a look at what distinguishes who receives this award.



Call for Content: the PTN Newsletter needs high quality published content relevant to the preservation trades, related fields, and topics of interest. We love to showcase member work and projects, thought-provoking articles about a huge range of topics, developments or new techniques in all trades, or any other subject that our members and partners would enjoy.

Send a message to PTN at: info@ptn.org to get more information.

Be sure to renew your PTN membership! Your membership to PTN unlocks discount admittance to events, delivery of newsletters and messages, inclusion in our private directory, access to member forums, and more. Our dues will be restructured in 2022 in order to add more options for membership types- lock in your spot now with a three-year membership! Donations are also welcome, and PTN is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible and receipts are available. Go to our website for membership information and to make a donation of any amount. And be sure to invite your friends and colleagues.

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Speaking of IPTW...

Announcing the (rescheduled) 2022 International Preservation Trades Workshop in St. Clairsville, Ohio

May 19-21, 2022

Centered on the eastern campus of Ohio University and Belmont College, hosted by the Belmont College Building Restoration & Preservation program, Preservation Trades Network invites one and all to three days of trades demonstrations, excellent speakers, networking among all levels of professionals, fun, and a return to the traditional IPTW we've all missed during the worldwide pandemic.



Further details will be included in the next newsletter and online. Stay tuned as we continue to reveal PTN's plans for this event and ways you can participate.

Still thinking about what to put on your holiday wish-list? Check out the new PTN online store! This is where you can find PTN items year round, or snag one of our limited edition fundraiser items, including a re-issue of select events over the years.

Our first fundraiser is coming soon!

www.bonfire.com/store/preservation-trades-network/



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