

Friends of Martin's Tavern Receive Historic Preservation Medal

On May 13, 2023, the Chester County Chapter DAR (CCDAR) presented the National DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Medal to Friends of Martin's Tavern (FOMT), located in Marshallton, Pennsylvania. Founded in 2003, FOMT determined that the lower level of an unoccupied derelict four-story apartment building was originally a lively Revolutionary War tavern. Colonel John Hannum and Squire Thomas Cheyney spent the night of September 10th, 1777 at Martin's Tavern and the next morning saw a large body of British troops around Trimble's Ford, prompting Cheyney to get on his horse and ride south to warn General Washington about the pending attack. With the help of architect John Milner, the building was dismantled, and the remains of the original tavern structure restored.



Friends of Martin's Tavern receiving National DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Medal (from left): Bob Lyng, Linda Kaat (President of FOMT), Mary Sue Boyle (CCDAR Historic Preservation Committee Chair) and Mark Slouf

Over the years, the Martin's Tavern site has served as a focal point for many village activities, and the organization has also become caretaker of the Marshallton Blacksmith Shop, a nearby historic building which was built in 1750 and remains essentially unchanged from its original condition. In October 2022, the 300-year celebration of renowned botanist Humphry Marshall was held on the grounds of the old tavern and adjacent community park. Please visit www.martinstavern.org to learn more.



The Excellence in Historic Preservation Medal recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations that promote historic preservation in a myriad of ways. The recognition honors individuals in groups that have saved and/or preserved their local history, including restoration of buildings, collections, significant objects, monuments, cemeteries, and other important artifacts.

The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), headquartered in Washington D.C., is a non-profit, non-political service organization that honors both men and women whose sacrifices made our country free. Members are direct descendants of a Patriot who furthered the cause for American independence. They may have fought, swore an oath to the new nation or provided supplies/financial support. The organization promotes patriotism, education and historic preservation within our communities. Visit www.dar.org to learn more about the Daughters of the American Revolution. 🍷