

Glendale Shoals Bridge restoration leaders to be recognized for preservation efforts

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The Preservation Committee of the Spartanburg County Historical Association recently announced its choice for the annual Peggy Thompson Gignilliat Preservation Award. The 2019 award will go to the Glendale Shoals Bridge Restoration.

The award will be presented at the association's annual meeting on Sunday. The coalition of county and state leaders who advocated for the project will be honored with guests of honor B.G. Stephens, David Britt, Ron Kirby, Jim Hipp, Eddie Tallon and Woody Willard accepting the award.

The award presentation will take place following a panel discussion on the intersection of active living and historic landscapes led by Ned Barrett of Partners for Active Living, Andrew Waters of the Spartanburg Area Conservancy and Monty Mullen and Julian Hankinson of the Tyger River Foundation at 2 p.m in the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford College.

The award is named for the late Peggy Gignilliat, a local preservationist, and is given to honor work done to maintain significant sites, art, or artifacts of historic or cultural significance.

Past winners include Mid South Management for the restoration of the Walter Montgomery House, Johnson Development for the restoration of the mural "The Legend of the Peach" by Margaret Law, the Piedmont Area Girl Scout Council for the restoration of a cabin from Magnolia Street at Camp Mary Elizabeth, the Wofford College Portrait Advisory Group for the restoration of its historic portraits, Abby's Grill, the Spartanburg Train Depot, St. Luke's Clinic and Converse College for the restoration of its cabin.