

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## PA ROUTE 6 SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR "DO 6" AWARDS

The PA Route 6 Alliance wants to recognize 6 innovators, movers, and initiatives along the Heritage Corridor that made a difference in 2014 and is now taking nominations for the "Do 6" Awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting in May.

The awards are presented to individuals, businesses or organizations that have undertaken outstanding efforts that give new meaning to "DO 6" by supporting and implementing sustainable tourism development along the PA Route 6 Heritage Corridor. The award winners exemplify the mission of the PA Route 6 Alliance to protect and preserve the scenic, cultural, historical and recreational resources in the northern tier.

The awards are presented in the areas of Heritage Partnerships, Leadership, Heritage Community of the Year, Heritage Tourism, Artisan of the Year and Lifetime Achievement.

Last year's award winners included Joyce Tice, The History Center on Main Street, Mansfield, PA (*Heritage Partnership Award*) for her preservation of history in Mansfield, Tioga and other surrounding counties and PA Route 6; Dave Sample and Sara Sample, GiGi's Route 6 Diner, Corry, PA (*Heritage Leadership Award*) for continuous efforts to promote business and provide tourists with historical information when passing through Corry; The City of Carbondale (*Heritage Community of the Year Award*) for implementing recommendations as outlined in their Heritage Community Plan such as downtown improvements, introduction of a downtown walking tour and embracing the legend of an alien visit to Carbondale in the 1940's; Goodell Gardens, Edinboro, PA (*Heritage Tourism Award*) for promotion of tourism of outdoor spaces with their gardening-topics education, Farmers Market and Summer Music Series along with preserving the heritage of the Goodell Sisters; Marilyn Blackmore, Art in the Wilds, Kane, PA (*Artisan of the Year Award*) for promoting and fostering art in rural Pennsylvania in many ways including organization of a juried art show, now in its 9th year, Art in the Wilds; Senator Robert Robbins, District 50, Crawford County (*Lifetime Achievement Award*) for ongoing and long-time encouragement and support of PA Route 6 becoming a designated State Heritage Area and efforts to become a Pennsylvania Byway.

Nominations can be submitted by anyone along the PA Route 6 Corridor and are due by Friday, March 6th, 2015. Nomination forms are available on the [paroute6.com](http://www.paroute6.com) website at: [http://www.paroute6.com/annual\\_awards\\_program](http://www.paroute6.com/annual_awards_program). Winners will be notified prior to the meeting. For more information, please contact the PA Route 6 Alliance at 814-435-7706.