Meadowcroft’s Pine Bank Covered Bridge Wins 2018 Historic Preservation Award

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Presented annually by Preservation Pennsylvania since 1979, the Historic Preservation Awards recognize significant contributions and excellence in the field of historic preservation.

Constructed in 1871, the Pine Bank Covered Bridge spanned Tom's Run in the village of Pine Bank in Greene County, Pa. When it was slated for demolition in 1961, Meadowcroft founder Albert Miller rescued the retired bridge and moved it 70 miles to its current home at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village.

The pedestrian bridge underwent a rehabilitation project in 2017 with support from Thurmont, Md.-based Fitzgerald’s Heavy Timber Construction. Officially reopened in May 2017, the covered bridge now serves as a beautifully restored piece of Western Pennsylvania history that leads visitors into Meadowcroft’s 19th Century Historic Village.

The award will be presented to Meadowcroft on Sept. 27, 2018 at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village operates in association with the Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian and Pennsylvania’s largest history museum. Meadowcroft, a National Historic Landmark, is the oldest site of human habitation in North America and features a massive rock overhang used by the region’s earliest inhabitants for shelter more than 16,000 years ago. The 16th century Monongahela Indian Village includes wigwams, recreated prehistoric artifacts, and hands-on activities related to agriculture. Two 18th century structures help to spotlight the similarities and differences between the everyday lives of European settlers and American Indians in the Upper Ohio Valley. Meadowcroft’s 19th century village features a covered bridge, one-room schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, and church that create a charming country village setting. Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village is located in Avella, Pa., Washington County, within an hour’s drive of Pittsburgh. For more, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft.
Built in 1871 and restored in 2017, the Pine Bank Covered Bridge at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village is the recipient of a 2018 Historic Preservation Award.

The Pine Bank Covered Bridge spanned Tom’s Run in the village of Pine Bank in Greene County, Pa. from 1871 to 1961, when it was relocated to Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village.