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2012 AWARD WINNER

PRESERVATION HERO

PATRICIA J. LINDLEY
WELLINGTON, OHIO

In an attempt to honor the people, places, and projects that exemplify growth through preservation and revitalization, Heritage Ohio granted the 2012 Annual Award for Preservation Hero to Patricia J. Lindley.

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITY

Pat Lindley had a deep passion and commitment for downtown Wellington. People teased her saying "You're not really even from here" to which she would reply "But I chose to come here". Pat was always interested in the betterment of Wellington and served on numerous Boards and organizations. Through the years Pat was an outspoken champion for design review, and the preservation of the downtown Wellington's historic buildings including the Herrick Memorial Library.

In 1998 she heard about a new program to help Wellington revitalize its downtown. She attended the initial meeting conducted by Downtown Ohio Inc. and was immediately excited about the Main Street program and its potential to help her adopted hometown. Pat was one of the founding members of Main Street Wellington in 1998. She became a driving force in incorporating Main Street Wellington, Inc; obtaining 501 (c) (3) status; and applying to become an Ohio Main Street Program in December 1999. It took two tries but Pat would often say the first unsuccessful attempt was one of the best things to happen to the organization because it showed weaknesses in the organization and forced changes that made Main Street Wellington the strong program it is today, serving as Director for 11 years.

Even though she is gone she continues to look out over her adopted hometown and provide for its future through both the Main Street Wellington Endowment Fund and the Pat Lindley Charitable Fund at the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Her husband Bill Brumfield established the Pat Lindley Charitable Fund at the Foundation to benefit the programs and organizations she was involved in. Pat's legacy lives on through the grants that her fund provides to the many Wellington charities and programs.

