This annual award recognizes those individuals who are catalysts for preservation. Projects or major phases of projects should have been completed within the last three years, successfully promote the past through preservation, and have a significant impact upon a community. These projects may include restoring a structure to a historic period, saving a structure through adaptive reuse, reclaiming historic green spaces, parks, and cemeteries, preserving historic document collections, and conserving significant objects such as boats, railroad cars, or public statuary and memorials. We seek to honor the driving forces behind preservation in East Texas.

Lucille Terry was an advocate for preservation. Along with a handful of others, Terry recognized the slow decay of Jefferson, Texas and took the initial steps which transformed the town into a heritage tourism destination. One of their projects included locating and restoring Jay Gould’s railroad car. In her honor, at each Spring Meeting the East Texas Historical Association presents a replica of artist Bob Glover’s bronze sculpture, “Shiloh,” a dogtrot log cabin rescued by Terry.

The award winner will be invited to accept the award at the ETHA’s 2018 Fall Meeting.