



## CULTURAL PROPERTIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

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#### **Heritage Preservation Award for Organizations**

**Mora Valley Mills Committee (MVMC)** in recognition for the preservation of the Mora Valley gristmills and other significant resources of the Mora River Valley in the wake of the devastation wrought by the 2022 wildfires.

#### **Archaeological Heritage Preservation Award**

**Historic Belen Cemetery Project** in recognition for the successful and collaborative effort aimed at contributing to a better understanding of the history of the people who founded, lived, and died in Belén, New Mexico in the 18th and 19th centuries.

#### **Heritage Preservation Award for Individuals**

**Christopher D. Adams** in recognition of the immense time and money spent on his independent research, his support of New Mexico SiteWatch, and his over 25-year career as an archaeologist for the United States Forest Service.

#### **Heritage Preservation Award for Organization**

**The New Mexico State Land Office** in recognition of the successful implementation of the Cultural Properties Protection rule, the development of a cultural resources office with professional cultural resources staff, and a full-time tribal liaison.

#### **Tribal Heritage Preservation Award**

**Dr. Henry Walt, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and the Pueblo of Isleta** in recognition of engaging collaboration with Sandia National Laboratories and unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting the Pueblo of Isleta's rich cultural heritage.

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

**John Kessell** is honored for his 40-year career as a scholar, historian, and writer. He is a career historian and professor whose writings explore the people and events of the early Southwest.