

**Gwinnett Historical Restoration & Preservation Board
Monday, April 6, 2026 – 10:00 AM**

Gwinnett Innovation Square – Conference Room 108,
446 West Crogan Street, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046

Present: Kathryn Baskin, Baron Griffin, Sara Howe-Silvers, Amelia Lewis

Absent: Shelly Abraham, Tony Lowe

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Opening Remarks
3. Approval of Agenda
{Action: Approved; Motion: Griffin; Second: Baskin; Vote: (3-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Griffin-Yes; Baskin-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2026
{Action: Approved; Motion: Baskin; Second: Griffin; Vote (3-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Griffin-Yes; Baskin-Yes}
5. Election of Officers
 - a. The Board made a motion to elect Baron Griffin as Chair and Kathryn Baskin as Vice Chair.
{Action: Approved; Motion: Baskin; Second: Howe-Silvers; Vote (3-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Griffin-Yes; Baskin-Yes}
6. Approval of 2026 Preservation Hall of Fame Awardees
 - a. Presentation by Amelia Lewis (see attached).
 - b. The Board made a motion to approve the selection of the Wynne-Russell House Preservation Board, Frances Huff Johnson, Kim Tribble Landers, Mary Frazier Long, and Thomas Ewing for the 2026 Preservation Hall of Fame Awards.
{Action: Approved; Motion: Howe-Silvers; Second: Baskin; Vote (3-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Griffin-Yes; Baskin-Yes}
7. Staff Updates
8. Comments from Audience
9. Adjournment
{Action: Approved; Motion: Howe-Silvers; Second: Baskin; Vote (3-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Griffin-Yes; Baskin-Yes}

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2026 Preservation Hall of Fame Nominees

 Preservation Hall of Fame 

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Preservation
is Timeless



Established in 2018 during
Gwinnett County's Bicentennial,
this award honors those dedicated
to preserving and protecting
Gwinnett County's rich history.

Awardee Selection Group

- Amy Koon
- Charles Crisman
- Deja Pope
- Loren Moore

Thank you!!!



Scoring and Submission

- Categories
 - Relatability
 - Sustainability
 - Perseverance
 - Communicative
- Utilizing what was submitted
- 2022, 2024, 2026 submissions
- Conflict of Interest



**2022
Submissions**

James W. Cofer

Nesbit Family

Thomas Ewing

Wynne-Russell House

James W. Cofer

- **Summary:** Jim has worked hard to preserve the history of Snellville where he was born and raised. He was the former president of the Snellville Historical Society and in 2018 published “200 Years of Snellville History”, a 529-page book on more than just 200 years. He has also extensively researched and compiled a book on the Cofer family.
- **Score:** 66.3/100

Nesbit Family

- **Summary:** The first school named after an African American was Clara Nesbit Elementary School, honoring the legacy of Clara as an educator and her family's historic connection to Gwinnett County. Beginning as enslaved people, the Nesbit Family strength and determination established them as one of the most prominent African American families in the area.
- **Score:** 71.3/100

Thomas Ewing

- **Summary:** Tom “Pap” Ewing was one of the founding members of the Snellville Historical Society. Pap held leadership positions with the Snellville and Gwinnett Historical Societies focusing on preservation efforts across the County. Pap wrote a detailed book on the Snellville Consolidated School to preserve the memories and history of education between 1922 and 1958.
- **Score:** 77.5/100

Wynne-Russell House Preservation Board

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- **Summary:** Founded in 2015, the WRHB under the appointment of the Lilburn Community Partnership, is charged with the preservation, restoration, management, and upkeep of the oldest home in the City of Lilburn which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The WRHB cleans, decorates, prepares the house for private rentals, and maintains the surrounding property including the lawn, walkways, parking lot, and cemetery.
 - **Score:** 92.5/100





2024 Submission



Jamey and
Meghan Toney

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- **Summary:** Jamey and Meghan Toney's restoration of the Mason-Todd House demonstrates their commitment to preserving Snellville's cultural heritage as well as reviving a significant landmark in the community. They have created a space that honors the past while serving present needs.
- **Score:** 70/100



2026 Submissions

Amelia Porter Lewis

Frances Huff Johnson

John William Baughman

Kim Tribble Landers

Lawrenceville Lodge 131

Mary Frazier Long

Amelia Porter Lewis

- **Summary:** Amelia Porter Lewis is nominated for her dedication to historic preservation, community leadership, and scholarly documentation of Gwinnett County's heritage through research, service, and publication.
- **Score:** 81.7/100



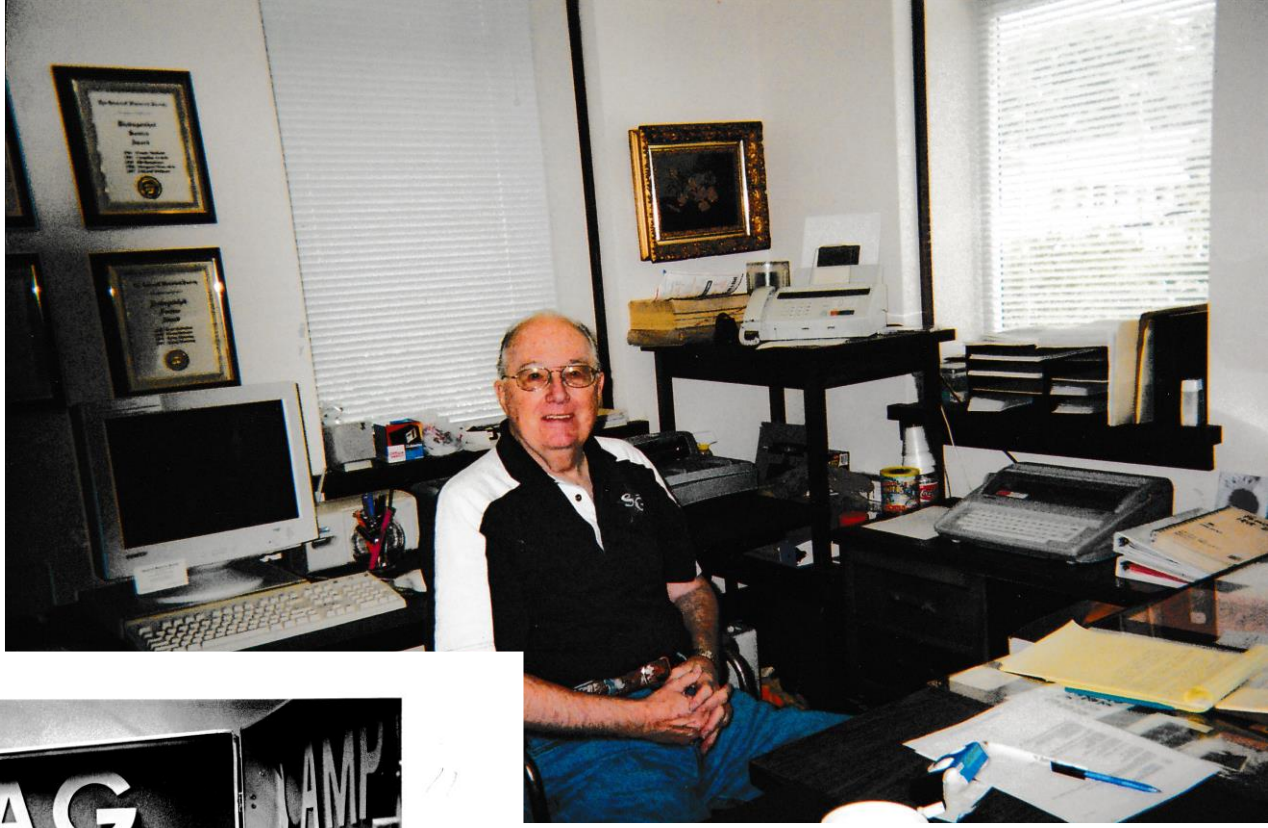
Frances Huff Johnson

- **Summary:** Frances Huff Johnson is being honored for her contributions in preserving the history of Gwinnett County through her work as Archive Chairperson and office volunteer at the Gwinnett Historical Society 1980-2026.
- **Score:** 90/100

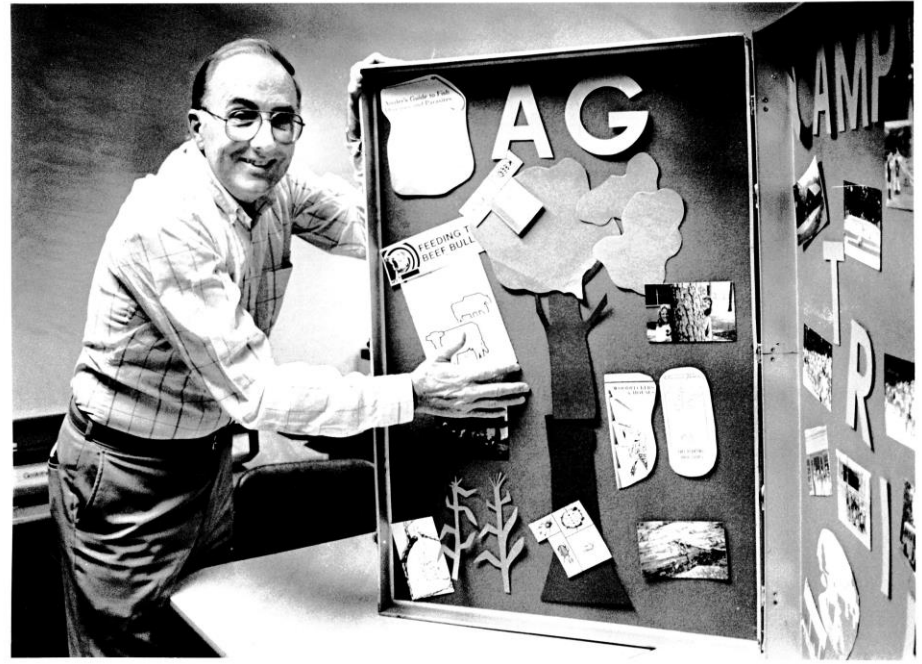


John William “Bill” Baughman III

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- **Summary:** Bill Baughman is recognized for his significant contributions to preserving Gwinnett History through his service as Publications Chair and office volunteer at the Gwinnett Historical Society 1981-2022.
 - **Score:** 76.3/100



Story Vault: Bill Baughman



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Extension Service through
the life

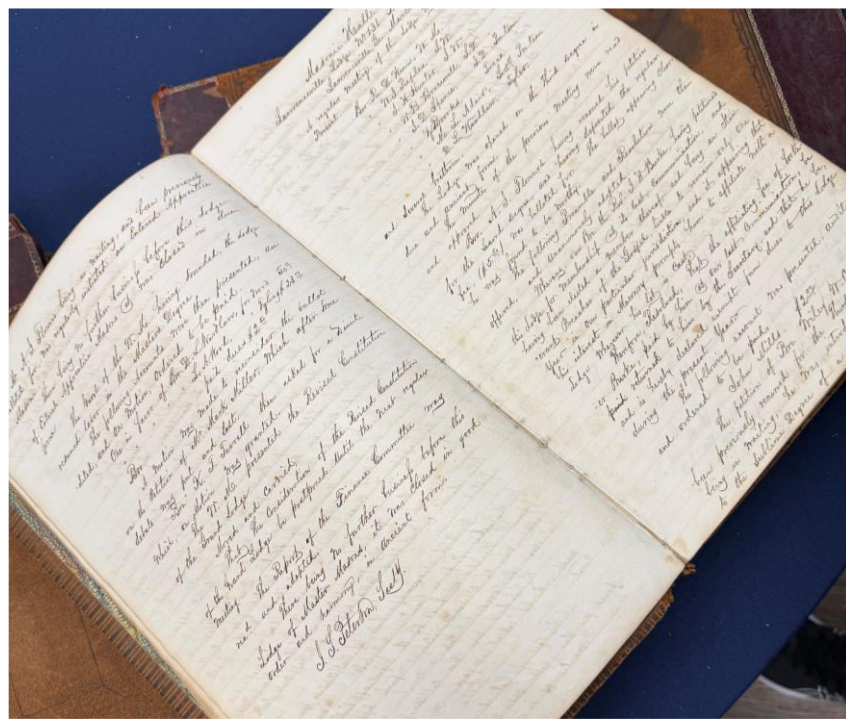
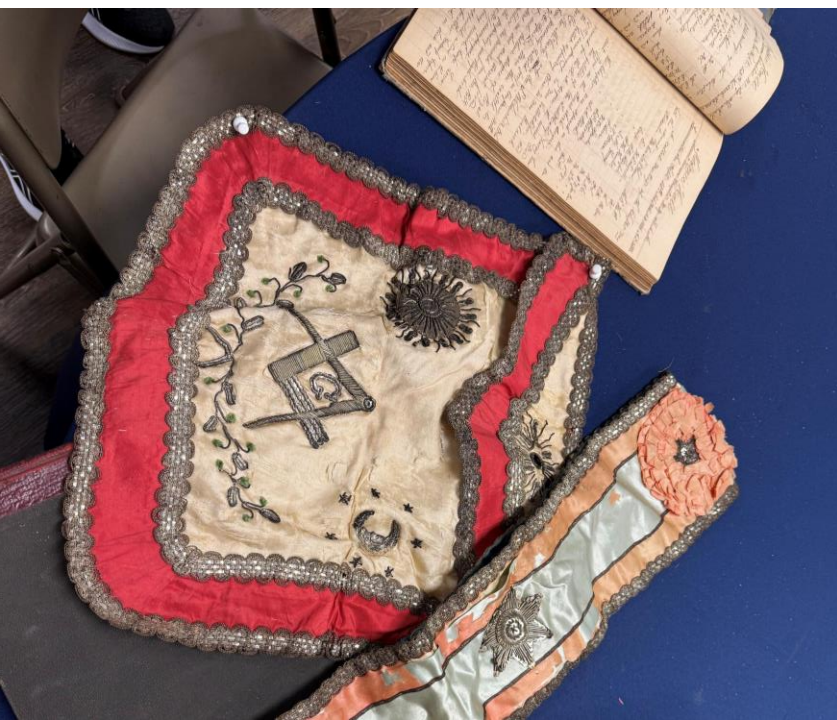
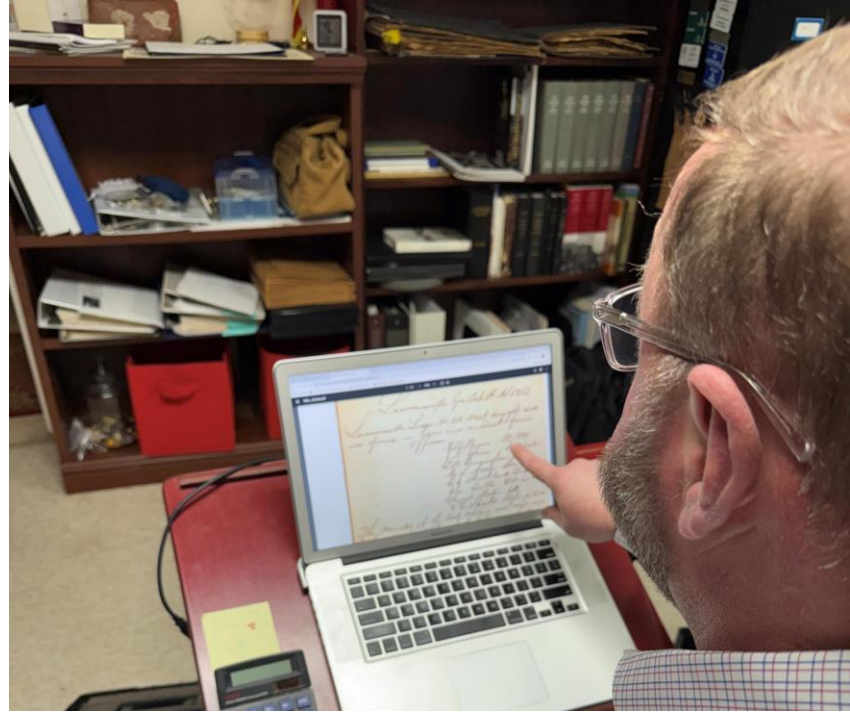
Kim Tribble Landers

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- **Summary:** Kim Tribble Landers preserved Gwinnett County history by recording extensive oral histories, forging lasting partnerships, and ensuring permanent public access to community stories through professional archival collaboration.
 - **Score:** 88.8/100



Lawrenceville Lodge No. 131, Free and Accepted Masons

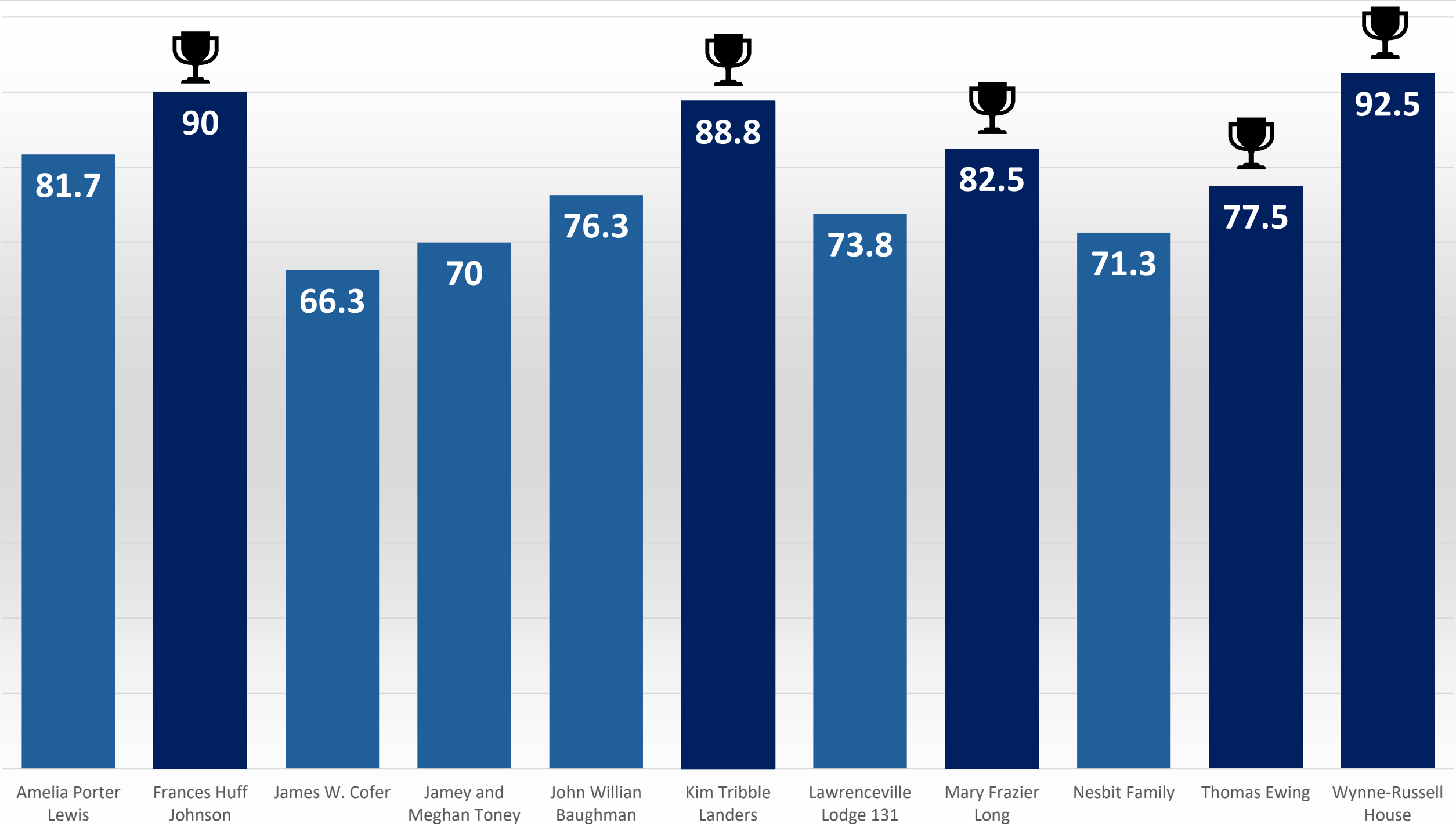
- **Summary:** The Lawrenceville Lodge No. 131 is honored for understanding the importance of the minutes of the Lodge as a looking glass into the community it serves and for preserving the minutes by digitizing them for future generations. In addition, for preserving the history of previous leaders and memorializing their photographs.
- **Score:** 73.8/100



Mary Frazier Long

- **Summary:** Historian Mary Frazier Long, noted for her irreverent style and sparkling wit, entertaining various audiences and inspiring students through her many humorous anecdotes and engaging stories about the past.
- **Score:** 82.5/100





Questions?