

OHA to recognize 3 for work in local history

The Onondaga Historical Association will give its highest award, the OHA Medal, at a breakfast awards ceremony today at the Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse.

King + King Architects, of Syracuse, Robert W. Bitz, of Plainville, and the Pompey Historical will be recognized for their creative and visionary application of local history to advance their mission and improve the greater community.

King + King Architects, founded in 1868 by Archemedes Russell, is the oldest architectural firm in the state and is the design talent behind some of the area's most iconic buildings.

Bitz is the fifth generation to operate the family farm that became Plainville Turkey Farm in the 1950s. A graduate of the College of Agriculture at Cornell, Bitz has written several books about the history of agriculture in New York state and has constructed a museum.

The Pompey Historical Society was established in 1976 and shortly thereafter, the Society acquired a one-room schoolhouse, and then converted it to a museum.