The Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission has selected the Brick Township Historical Society, Ed & Mary Beth King, Bay Head, and the Township of Brick for the 2010 Ocean County Preservation Awards. The commission annually honors individuals, organizations, or businesses that have made a significant contribution to preserving an historic property in Ocean County. The purpose of this award program is to recognize projects that preserve historical resources, heighten awareness of the importance of historic preservation, and acknowledge individuals, volunteers, professionals, and organizations that have been responsible for the restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, cultural landscapes, or maritime properties. Only exterior work is judged. Awards are announced each year and the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders present a framed resolution of the award and the names added to a permanent plaque honoring the honorees.

The Lizzie Herbert House at the Havens Homestead Museum located at 521 Herbertsville Road, Brick Township was restored by the Brick Township Historical Society. The house, circa 1800, was the home of Abram J. Herbert and Mary Woolley Herbert and their children. The house is named for one of their daughters, Emma Elizabeth, who was born in the house on December 2, 1903 and lived there until her death on December 15, 1998. The house, which was once located on the west side of Herbertsville Road, was moved to its present location by the society. When the house was moved on May 30, 2001, the siding was removed, exposing the original unpainted cedar clapboards. Major restoration ensued and today the house serves as a country store at the Havens Homestead Museum. The museum is open weekends from April through October.

The Hulse House located at 471 Herbertsville Road, Brick Township was restored by the Township of Brick. The two-story farmhouse is circa 1880 and was built by Benjamin Hulse. Elwood Hampton Hulse, son of Benjamin, had the house moved to its present location around 1930. In 1950, Stanley and Matilda Hulse purchased the house from Stanley’s mother Lena. The house had been owned by three generations
of the Hulse family when the Township of Brick purchased it in 2002. The house serves as office space for the Brick Township Historic Preservation Commission.

The Annie Lawrence and David H. Mount, Jr. House located at 500 Main Avenue, Bay Head was built circa 1882 for David H. Mount, Jr. and his wife Annie. The house remained in the Mount family until 2004 when it was purchased by Mary Beth and Ed King. The house is a 2 ½ story vernacular shingle style with a gable roof and a 2 story tower with an open arcuated porch. David Mount was one of the founders of Bay Head. He and his family lived in Rocky Hill, New Jersey and summered in Bay Head. David Mount was a medical doctor and an early mayor of the town. Michael Calafati, AIA is a principal of Historic Building Architects, Trenton, NJ who specializes in historic preservation and advised the King’s on the restoration of the house.

New York City and summered in Bay Head. Harry W. Buxton was a graduate of Princeton University, Class of 1894. Many of the summer residents were either professors at Princeton University or graduates of the university or businessmen from the town of Princeton. Mr. Buxton was a member of the Bay Head Yacht Club and owned the catboat the Romp which won the A Cat Sewell Cup Trophy in 1914, 1915 and 1916. The house was purchased by Mary Beth and Ed King who had Michael Calafati, AIA advise them on the restoration. The house has 14 rooms with 5 bedrooms and 3 full and 2 half baths and is currently for sale. These four awards represent the unique diversity of architecture in Ocean County.