BREAUX BRIDGE — Members of the Breaux Bridge Historical Society recently celebrated the organization's third anniversary with a banquet and awards ceremony.

President Kenneth Delcambre presented awards to numerous community members who had made major contributions toward preserving the history, culture and French language of St. Martin Parish. Several members of the honorary board of directors were recognized for their years of dedicated service to cultural preservation, including Jeanne M. Castille, Grover Rees, Anna Bell D.H. Krewitz and Elouise Voorhies Gary.

One of the honored directors, Castille, who was unable to attend due to health reasons, was praised for having received the Legion of Honor (an award bestowed by the French government) for her book, "Moi, Jeanne."

Krewitz was recognized for her years of service as the “ambassador of good will” to the thousands of visitors who have come to St. Martin Parish.

Gary received praise for her art exhibits, which depict the architecture and cultural lifestyle of the region.

Reports were given on the society’s accomplishments during 1987, including the registration of 436 live oak trees by the Live Oak Committee, the establishment of pollution control devices along the Bayou Teche by the Bayou Teche Clean-Up Committee, and the completion of 158 chapters of historical documentation by the Historical Committee.

Several other awards were handed out, including the society’s highest measurement of achievement, the Golden Award. Recipients of this award are Lowell “Sonny” Bernard, Adley Cormier, Harris Periou, Pay Pellerin, Gladys DeVillier, Evelyn Goller, Max Greig, Susan Delcambre, Joan Poche and Lester Theriot.