

## 5 Pittsburgh-Area Restorations Worth a Second Look

As the magazine's HOME editor — and an aspirational interior designer — I love a good architectural comeback, any comeback really. I particularly was tickled to include the Kaufman House (which is near my current home in Cranberry) and my hometown of Verona on this year's list. Where was all this cool stuff when I was growing up there?

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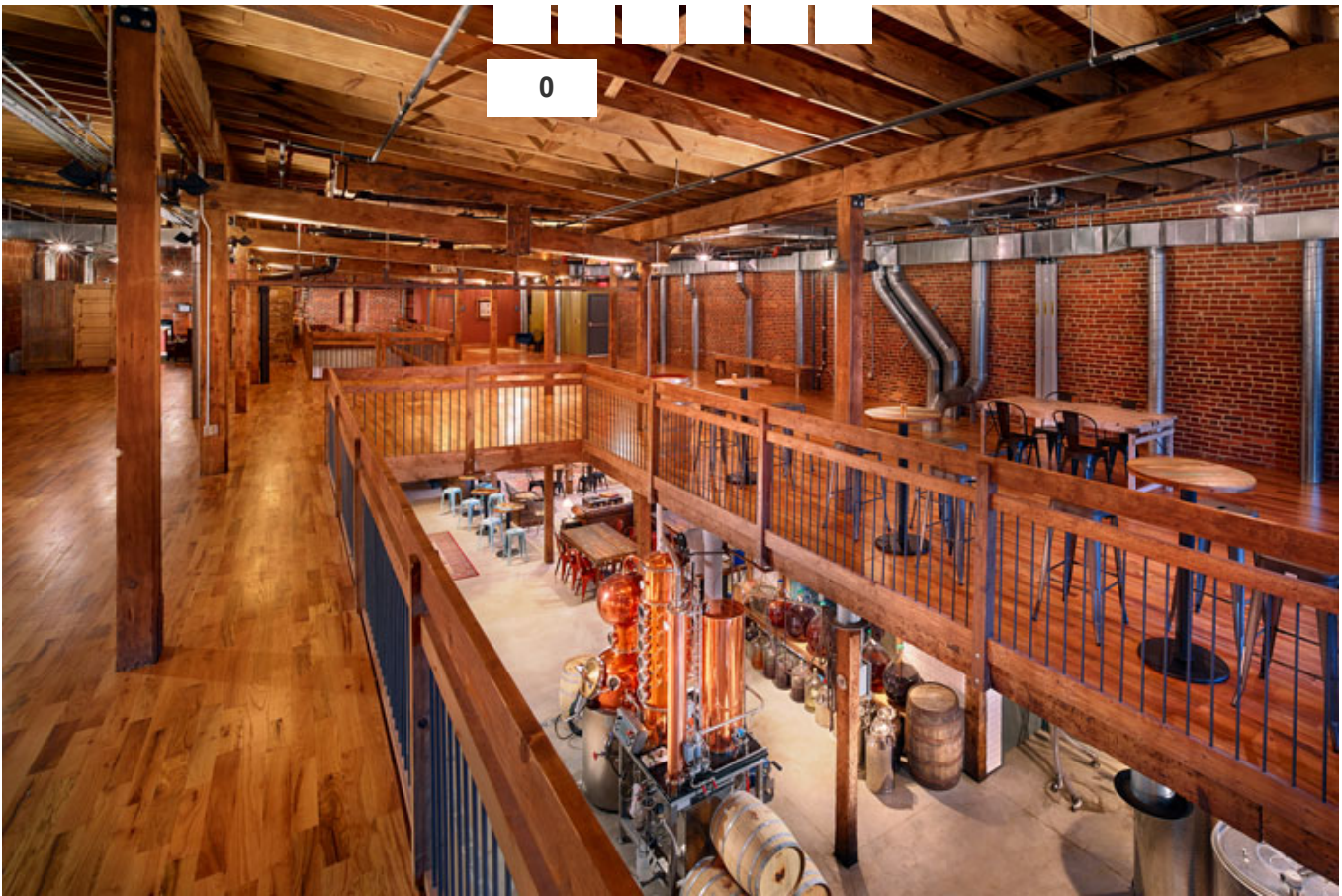


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## From Horse Stable to Hip Distillery: Kingfly Spirits

Kingfly Spirits, a distillery, bar and event space, opened in February in a 19th-century horse stable in the Strip District. Formerly home to Artistry, a furniture and home goods store, the sprawling space (much like the Monarch butterfly it took its name from) underwent a massive, two-year transformation. Peter Margittai of Margittai Architects, whose firm recently was recognized by Preservation Pennsylvania for its rehabilitation of the space, recalls parts of the building's floor were simply wooden slats laid over dirt. During construction, workers found cobblestones that once paved a narrow alley had been incorporated into the building in an earlier expansion, and they also unearthed vintage equestrian gear. Today, the free-flowing space is centered by a gorgeous, 58-gallon copper still and features exposed brick walls and wooden beams. What once was a hayloft is now an event space, and there's a large downstairs bar. Capping off the total metamorphosis are Kingfly's spectacular craft cocktails and spirits.

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