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Media Release – Heritage Conservation Awards for 2020

Founded in 1972, the Frontenac Heritage Foundation is an incorporated, non-profit organization created to promote the preservation of buildings that contribute to the heritage of Kingston, Frontenac County, Loyalist Township, Gananoque, and Leeds and Thousand Islands Township.

Since 1982, the Frontenac Heritage Foundation (FHF) has been actively encouraging the preservation and retention of our local built structures by providing heritage conservation awards to owners, designers and builders of many significant buildings/structures and some lesser-known projects within the boundaries of our large geographic area.

Each year, with the assistance of interested FHF members, the Awards Committee reviews nominations for restorations and repairs to heritage sites with the intent of identifying those that it considers deserving of recognition. “Certificates of Commendation” are prepared and presented to the property owners or initiators who are primarily responsible for the concept, implementation, and financing of the conservation effort. “Certificates of Appreciation” are presented to those designers, consultants, and builders, tradespeople who have applied their time and skills in conserving the selected buildings and structures.

Shirley Bailey, President, states: “Since we could not hold the usual social event during the pandemic, the board of the Foundation decided to do something different, first reducing the number of awards that were given out, and then secondly, hiring a videographer to film each event.” These videos are now posted on the Foundation’s Youtube channel (easily found on Youtube under the name of Frontenac Heritage Foundation).

The two award winners for 2020 are:

Carynne and Stephen Arnold, owners of the heritage protected Aiken House at 4255 Bath Road, Kingston. Located near the westerly limit of the City of Kingston near Homeward Avenue and Bath Road, the property has a one-and-a-half storey limestone farmhouse built prior to 1860, and was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 2017.

The Arnolds received the Certificate of Commendation, and Certificates of Appreciation were given to a number of tradespeople involved in the extensive renovations: Mac Gervan and Glen Fast of Mac Gervan and Associates Ltd., for the design of two dormers in the wing of the house, William Deguire, of Full House Roofing and Restorations, for installation of charcoal grey metal roof, Zachary Armstrong, Armstrong

Construction for his carpentry on the new dormers, Frank Ottenhof, Stone Mills Masonry for the stone patio and Student Works Painting.

Here is the link to the video: <https://youtu.be/dyXF5EPuXxU>

Konstantinos (Gus) Panageotopoulos, owner of the Davy House, at 370 Academy Street, in Bath Ontario, Loyalist Township. The Davy House, built by 1819, and designated by Loyalist Township in 2018, is a one-and-a-half storey centre block house, with two balancing set back wings.

Gus received the Certificate of Commendation, and David White, of D. J. White Restorations received the Certificate of Appreciation for the fine woodwork undertaken over several years, including many storm windows, a door with side lights and multiple window surrounds, all carried out with great care and attention.

Here is the link to the video: <https://youtu.be/dG-SEvFBrs4>

Kristine Hebert, Secretary, says “We hope people enjoy these videos, and congratulations to these winners. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate in person sometime in the coming year.”

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