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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

The Frontenac Heritage Foundation (FHF) is hosting its annual **Awards Ceremony** on **Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.** This will be a virtual event held via Zoom.

The Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization protecting built heritage across the Kingston region, was incorporated in 1972. Since 1982, the Foundation has encouraged the preservation and retention of the region's building stock by providing heritage conservation awards to owners, designers and tradespeople. Many significant buildings and some lesser known projects in the broader Kingston region have been recognized in this way.

Kris Hebert, Secretary and head of the Awards Committee states: "The Foundation wants to celebrate the special landowners, consultants, and tradespeople who renovated their buildings in 2020, a year when Covid presented many challenges to getting this work done. This annual event is a highlight for the Foundation and is a way that we believe brings attention to and honours our built heritage."

The very special **Margaret Angus Award** for a lifetime of outstanding achievement in support of built heritage will be presented to **Craig Sims, Heritage Consultant.**

**Certificates of Commendation** are given to property owners who are responsible for visualizing and financing the conservation effort. This year, Certificates of Commendation will be presented to three municipalities for work done before and through the pandemic, including the Town of Gananoque, for the addition to its Town Hall, to the City of Kingston for the work done on the two cupolas on the Frontenac County Courthouse, and the Township of South Frontenac, which set up a Municipal Heritage Committee and continued to advocate for heritage protection through the pandemic.

Other individual properties will be celebrated as well, with the following Certificates of Commendation being awarded:

- Frontenac Club Inc., owners Sean Billing, Gregg Rosen, and Martin Skolnick receiving for the renovations of the Frontenac Club in the Old Sydenham Heritage District;
- RAW Factory Inc. owner of the Bailey Broom Factory, for the reconstruction of an 1894-1909 building at Rideau and Cataraqui Streets;
- Owners Abby Lincoln and Mac Gervan for the renovations of 89 Mowat Avenue, (Portsmouth Village);
- Owner Zoe Zanovsky receives the award for the stonework and re-painting of the façade on 44 Princess St., Kingston's much beloved Pan Chancho Bakery;
- Owner Cyndi Forrest receives the award for extensive window restoration at 217-219 Main Street, a house that dates to 1874 located in the Barriefield Heritage District), and
- An Honourable Mention to the Chris Omelon, owner of 266 Rideau Street who has renovated a house which has no heritage protections, located in the proposed North King's Town Secondary Plan area.

**Certificates of Appreciation** are given to the many excellent architects, contractors, heritage consultants, designers and tradespeople who applied their time and skills on these selected projects. See the attachment for details.

It was originally hoped that this event would be an in-person event where awards will be distributed, and photos taken. Thanks to the Omicron variant, plans have changed.

The Foundation publishes an annual booklet with details which will be posted later this week on the FHF website.

For more information on any of these awards, contact Kris Hebert, Secretary, in charge of the Awards Committee, at 613-770-7459, or Shirley Bailey, President, at 343-363-1901. If you wish to receive the zoom link for the event, email [contact@frontenacheritage.ca](mailto:contact@frontenacheritage.ca)

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