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MEDIA RELEASE

The Frontenac Heritage Foundation (FHF) is hosting its annual **Awards Ceremony** on **Monday, Dec. 12, 2022**, and the event is being held at the Renaissance Event Venue, 285 Queen Street, in the Upper Salon.

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. This year makes forty years of awards.

Kris Hebert, Secretary and head of the Awards Committee states: "The Foundation wants to celebrate the landowners, consultants, and many various tradespeople who undertook major renovations through Covid conditions – complete with labour shortages and supply chain issues. The event is always a highlight, and this year we showcase ten built projects across the region: we feel this is a great way to honour our culture and our built heritage."

The special **Margaret Angus Award** for a lifetime of outstanding trail advocacy and is presented to **Douglas Knapp**, who was instrumental in the creation of the Rideau Trail in 1971 from Kingston to Ottawa. Since then, Doug has advocated across the region for the acquisition of railway rights-of-way to be used for recreational purposes, and in particular has promoted the development of the 104 km. Cataraqui Trail, and the 180 km. multi-use K.&P. Trail (Kingston to Sharbot Lake).

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 an incredible selection of projects, including:

- Kostas Doulas, 39 Brock Street, in the Market Square Heritage District, for the dramatic changes to the Anchor Building which stands facing the Square;

- Bernadette and Gerhard Pratt for a big project of removing all old paint and refreshing their home at 7 George Street with linseed oil paints in the Village of Barriefield Heritage Conservation District;
- Owners Shauna Solomon and Sunil Patel, owners of 222 Johnson Street, located in the Old Sydenham Heritage Conservation District, for a number of careful alterations to their stately limestone home;
- Owners Helen MacIntyre and Niall O’Driscoll for a distinctive lead-covered copper roof for their large limestone home at 53 King Street E., also located in the Old Sydenham Heritage Conservation District;
- The City of Kingston for its role in developing a truly unique living landscape memorial known as Manidoo Ogigitan, (Spirit Garden) at the Lake Ontario Park;
- The redevelopment at the (former) Church of Good Thief, where the Rectory at 15 McDonald Ave. has been redeveloped from one residential unit to include four units; In addition, an Honourable Mention is also being awarded on this designated property for two six-plex units (21 McDonald Ave., and 62 Baiden St.) constructed in a scale which complements both the former church and the Portsmouth Village;
- Owner Elsie Daoust is being honoured for her dedication to completely renovating a tired-looking sandstone house at 2802 Pine Grove Road;
- Owners Leah Walker Fouts and husband Dan Fouts for their dedication to update, repair and repaint their home in Lansdowne at 1113 Prince Street, thereby creating a unique shopping experience in the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Township; and
- Developer CaraCo Development Corporation for renovating the Victoria and Grey Trust bang building at 168 Wellington Street, creating seventeen residential condos along with a new restaurant on the commercial ground floor – aptly named The Heist + Wine Club.

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. The Foundation publishes a booklet with more detailed descriptions of each of the project, listing the many experts involved in these projects. The Awards booklet is posted on the FHF website, at this link: <https://frontenacheritage.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FHF-Awards-Booklet-Final.pdf>

For more information on any of these awards, contact Kris Hebert, Secretary, overseeing the Awards Committee, at 613-770-7459, or Shirley Bailey, President, at 343-363-1901.