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Jeff Crane Preservation Award Given to Penfield Residents
~Two residents honored for preserving the past~

PENFIELD, N.Y., OCTOBER 17, 2016 – Penfield’s Historic Preservation Board awarded its annual Jeffrey S. Crane Preservation Award to two recipients at its “Penfield Historic Preservation Appreciation Day” on Saturday, October 15. Both recipients are credited with preserving Penfield’s past in ways that will sustain their properties well into the future.

Bridget Marsh is being recognized for overseeing the rehabilitation of a residence at 1750 Penfield Road. The house, c 1890, has been thoughtfully restored to honor its past and reclaim its prominence along Penfield Road.

Malcolm Mark Nulton received the award for his significant restoration of 1759 Penfield Road. Malcolm, a jeweler, will live on site and operate a jewelry store. The property is the former convent for St. Joseph’s church.

“Historic preservation revitalizes neighborhoods, fosters local pride, and maintains community character while managing growth,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “The Penfield community, founded in 1810, has a long tradition of valuing its historic character. The Historic Preservation Board, a group of resident volunteers led by Joan Belgioro, is committed to its work to honor
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and preserve Penfield’s past. The Jeff Crane Award makes preservation of the past a contemporary priority.”

The Town of Penfield’s Historic Preservation Board established the award in 2007 in honor of Jeffrey Crane (1961-2006) to recognize individuals who have cared for Penfield’s past through the preservation of a structure of historic significance. Jeff Crane was the co-owner of Mark’s Pizzeria in Penfield and champion of preserving the historic character of the Four Corners district.

Jeff and his brother Mark were responsible for the significant restoration of Penfield’s original Methodist church, an 1843 Greek Revival structure at 2106 Five Mile Line Road. Together, they restored the bell tower, renovated the building’s interior and exterior, restored stained glass windows, installed parking, and landscaped the grounds. The brothers were also involved in several other restoration projects in the Four Corners before Jeff’s death in 2006. Mark and Jeff Crane were recognized as the first recipients of this award in 2007.

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