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Jeff Crane Preservation Award Given to Penfield Residents
~Aspenleiter Sewing and Vacuum owners honored for preserving the past~

PENFIELD, N.Y., DECEMBER 21, 2017 – The Penfield Town Board awarded the 2017 Jeffrey S. Crane Preservation Award to Terry and Lindsay Williams, owners of Aspenleiter Sewing and Vacuum, at the December 20 legislative meeting. The Aspenleiters are credited with preserving Penfield’s past in ways that will sustain their property at 2106 Five Mile Road well into the future.

Terry and Lindsay were nominated for this recognition by the Town’s Historic Preservation Board for their rehabilitation of the former Penfield Methodist Church, an 1843 Greek Revival structure. The Aspenlieters have fully restored and painted the building’s exterior and are now restoring the stained glass windows.

“By preserving historic structures, we are able to share the very spaces and environments in which the generations before us lived, worked, or worshiped. Once a piece of history is destroyed, it is lost forever,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “With the assistance of the Historic Preservation Board, Penfield continues to emphasize the importance of preserving buildings of historic significance. Terry and Lindsay Williams embody the purpose of the Jeff Crane Award, which is to honor those who preserve historic structures for generations to come.”
The Historic Preservation Board established the annual 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 significant restoration of Penfield’s original Methodist church at 2106 Five Mile Line Road. (The very same structure the Aspenleiters are continuing to improve.) Together, the Crane brothers restored the bell tower, renovated the building’s interior and exterior, installed parking, and landscaped the grounds. The Cranes 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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