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CITY SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR BLAKELY AWARDS

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (February, 2017) The City of Bainbridge Island is seeking nominations for the 2017 Blakely Awards, recognizing individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to historic preservation on Bainbridge Island.

Nominations for the Blakely Awards must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 14. Forms and guidelines can be found on the City's website, <http://bit.ly/BlakelyAwards>, Winners will be announced in May.

There are two nomination categories: Project of Excellence and Preservation Leader. Project of Excellence awards recognize an outstanding historic preservation/restoration project of significant value to the community. Preservation Leader awards are given to an individual or organization that has demonstrated community leadership in promoting historic preservation.

In past years the Project of Excellence was awarded to Joe and Beth Claseman for the preservation of the 1867 McRedmond Cabin, originally built in 1867. Previous Project of Excellence winners include the Yeomalt Cabin restoration (2011), restoration of an early log home in the Wing Point neighborhood (2012), Hey Day Farm (2013) and the Lovell House and the Captain's House (2014).

The 2015 Preservation Leader Award recognized the Fort Ward Youth Advisory Committee including: students Aila Ikuse, Kate Merifield, Mark Dettman and Erik Appleberry and their advisor Sarah Lee, for their work to restore the 1910 Fort Ward Bakery Building. Previous Preservation Leader Award winners include Steve Romein and Ty Cramer for preserving the character of Lynwood Center and also promoting the preservation of farmlands in the Old Mill road neighborhood (2011), Jeff and Jocelyn Waite, owners of Pegasus and Harbor Public House (2012), and Howard Block and CeAnn Parker, owners of Bay Hay & Feed (2013). Dr. Frank Kitamoto was recognized posthumously (2014) for his outstanding contributions to the history and legacy of Japanese-Americans on Bainbridge Island.

For more information on the nomination process please contact [Heather Wright](#), Senior Planner at 206.780.3754.

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