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OHS Awards Committee Recognizes Almonte, ON Resident Fran Kronstal for Outstanding Commitment to Heritage Conservation

The Ontario Historical Society's Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2022-23 Heritage Conservation Award to Fran Kronstal, owner of 58-60 Mill Street in Almonte, Ontario for her excellent work in preserving and restoring this property. This award recognizes a not-for-profit organization, individual, or government agency in Ontario for their efforts in restoring or conserving a piece of Ontario Heritage.

58-60 Mill Street is located within Almonte's Heritage Conservation District. Built in 1902, this property holds the unique distinction of being located on a corner triangle lot, and with Kronstal's work in restoration, is once again a stunning feature of the historic downtown strip. Kronstal's dedication to keeping the distinctive windows and decorative features of this heritage building help to highlight the rich architectural history of the building and surrounding area. This restoration is not simply a faithful reproduction of what was, but also a clever redevelopment within the context of the modern town.

It is encouraging to see a local citizen take on the task of preserving a downtown landmark. The OHS Honours and Awards Committee congratulates Fran Kronstal.



56-60 Mill Street in the 1970s



58-60 Mill St is within Almonte's Heritage Conservation District and has helped set a standard for responsible and sustainable restoration.



56-60 Mill Street after its restoration in 2022

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