



2020 GEORGE GUNN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RESTORATION NOMINATION FORM

The George Gunn Award is named for George Gunn, AIA, long-time member of the City of Waukesha Landmarks Commission representing the architectural profession. As a member of the Commission, Mr. Gunn had an abiding interest in maintaining the architectural integrity of structures through the processes of accurate historic preservation and/or restoration. To this end, he shared his expertise unselfishly with those engaged in such projects. The George Gunn Award will honor and be presented to those individuals who exhibit the Gunn spirit in preservation/restoration projects involving structures representative of Waukesha's rich architectural history. Typically, this award is given to individual(s) who are working toward or have completed a "top-to-bottom" restoration of a historic building.

Nominations should be submitted to Charlie Griffith in the City of Waukesha Planning Department, 201 Delafield Street, Waukesha, WI 53188. Nominations may also be submitted by e-mail to cgriffith@waukesha-wi.gov.

All nominations are due no later than Monday, March 30, 2020. The Landmarks Commission will review nominations at the April 1, 2020 meeting.

Nominee Karen Frame McDonald

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Please provide a brief explanation of the merits of the project:

We would like to nominate Karen (Frame) McDonald for the 2020 George Gunn Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation/ Restoration. Karen's hard work and dedication has restored the historic home built by Andrew Frame, her great-great-grandfather.

Since purchasing the house in 2017, Karen has preserved stain glass windows, refinished floors and repaired plaster. By removing a firewall built in the 1980s, an original stair railing was exposed. The boiler has been replaced along with two air conditioning systems. All of the electrical has been updated as well as most of the plumbing. Fluorescent lights were removed and the 1920's chandeliers were reinstalled along with sconces. A new kitchen and two bathrooms were added to provide modern conveniences while fitting in beautifully with the style of the house. Cabinets and trim have been recreated.

Last November the fourth story belvedere was recreated using historic photos for reference and was hoisted back up on the roof! The widows walk has also been recreated, providing a place to view the landscaping work that has been done in the yard.

We feel that Karen's top-to-bottom restoration of one of Waukesha's most prominent historic homes exhibits the Gunn spirit and hope that she will be honored with this award.