

FORT LA PRÉSENTATION ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER HONORS DEDICATED SUPPORTERS

OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, September 22, 2011-- The Fort La Présentation Association is presenting a hat-trick of awards at its annual fundraising and awards dinner at the Gran-View Restaurant Friday, October 28.

Marijean Remington, chair of the association's fundraising committee, and Horst Dresler and Daniel Roy, long-time participants and advocates of Founder's Day Weekend, are the three honorees.

Ms. Remington will be presented the Persis Yates Boyesen Award for her outstanding contribution toward the historically accurate reconstruction and ongoing presence of Fort de la Présentation.

Mr. Dresler from Vermont and Mr. Roy from Quebec are to receive the David L. Dickinson Award for their outstanding commitment of time and effort dedicated to Fort de la Présentation.

"We are honoring these people for their enthusiastic, long-term faithfulness to the Fort de la Presentation project," said Barbara O'Keefe, President of the Fort Association. "Without the dedication of Ms. Remington, Mr. Dresler and Mr. Roy we would not have had Lighthouse Point cleaned of petroleum contamination nor witnessed the growing success of Founder's Day Weekend."

Ms. Remington is the President, CEO and majority owner of Canton-based Atlantic Testing Laboratories (ATL). More than 10 years ago, the state was able to ensure the remediation the Fort Association's Lighthouse Point property thanks to ATL accurately tracing the spread of the subsurface pollution. Since her earliest involvement, Ms. Remington has been a keen supporter of the fort project.

Mr. Dresler and Mr. Roy are French and Indian War re-enactors who have brought their troops year after year to the Fort Association's July re-enactment and colonial trade fair. Although Mr. Dressler often commands the English forces, squaring off against the French commanded by Mr. Roy, their shared physical and moral support has contributed significantly to the development of Founder's Day Weekend.

"The Fort Association annual dinner is our major fundraising event with a silent auction and prize draws of goods and services donated by local businesses and individuals who back our efforts," said Mrs. O'Keefe. "The dinner also celebrates the commitment of every member of the Fort La Presentation Association for the success and progress of our activities: the Fort de la Presentation project; Founder's Day Weekend; the War of 1812 Symposium; and Living History Day."

Social Hour, at the Gran-View on Rte 37, is at 6 pm with dinner at 7pm. The tickets at \$35 per person are the same price as last year. They are available from the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce and members of the Fort Association board of directors.

The menu is a historic cornucopia: Molly's Corn Chowder; Amherst's Salad with Pouchot's Dinner Rolls; Lorimier's Sirloin Tournadours or Oswegatchie Baked Stuffed Chicken or Forsyth's Cracker Crumb Haddock or Seven Fire's Vegetarian Dish; Tecumseh's Acorn Squash; Macdonnell's Red Skinned Potatoes with Parsley Butter; Laura's Coffee or Tea; and Dolley's Apple Crisp.