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AWARDS

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024
6:00pm**

**Saint Mark's Church in-the-Bowery
131 East 10th Street
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Congratulations Ann!

from the Board and Staff
of the Landmarks Conservancy

**We salute you
and your great work**



**THE NEW YORK
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PROGRAM

**2024 Grassroots Preservation Awards
and Preservation Party**

Welcome

Presentation of Awards

The Cadman Park Conservancy

Friends of the Lower West Side

Metro Area Governors Island Coalition
(M.A.G.I.C.)

Mickey Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award
Ann-Isabel Friedman

Jeffrey Kroessler Student Research Awards
Weijie “Christina” Sun
and
William Dunsmore

Closing Remarks

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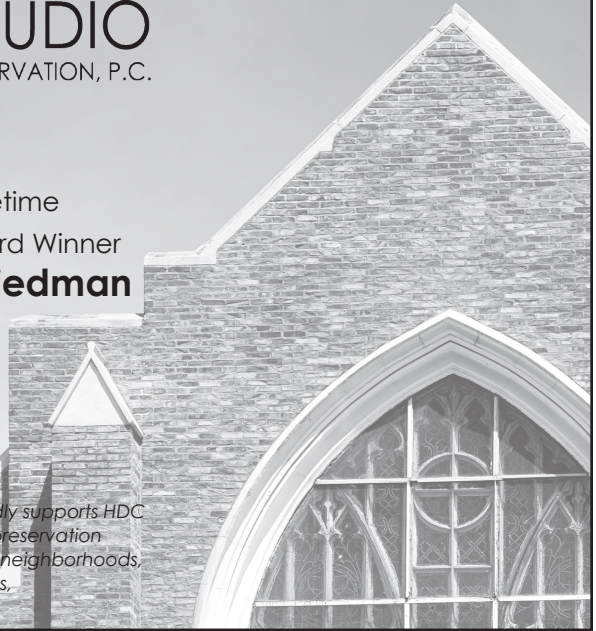
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Mickey Murphy Lifetime
Achievement Award Winner
Ann-Isabel Friedman

and all the
2024 Grassroots
Preservation Awards
honorees

*AYON Studio wholeheartedly supports HDC
in its mission to ensure the preservation
of NYC's significant historic neighborhoods,
buildings and public spaces,
like Trinity Baptist Church.*



Congrats, Ann!
Your commitment to
preservation
and encyclopedic
knowledge of
landmarked sacred sites
is unmatched.
We love you!

-Seth, Sophie & Julian



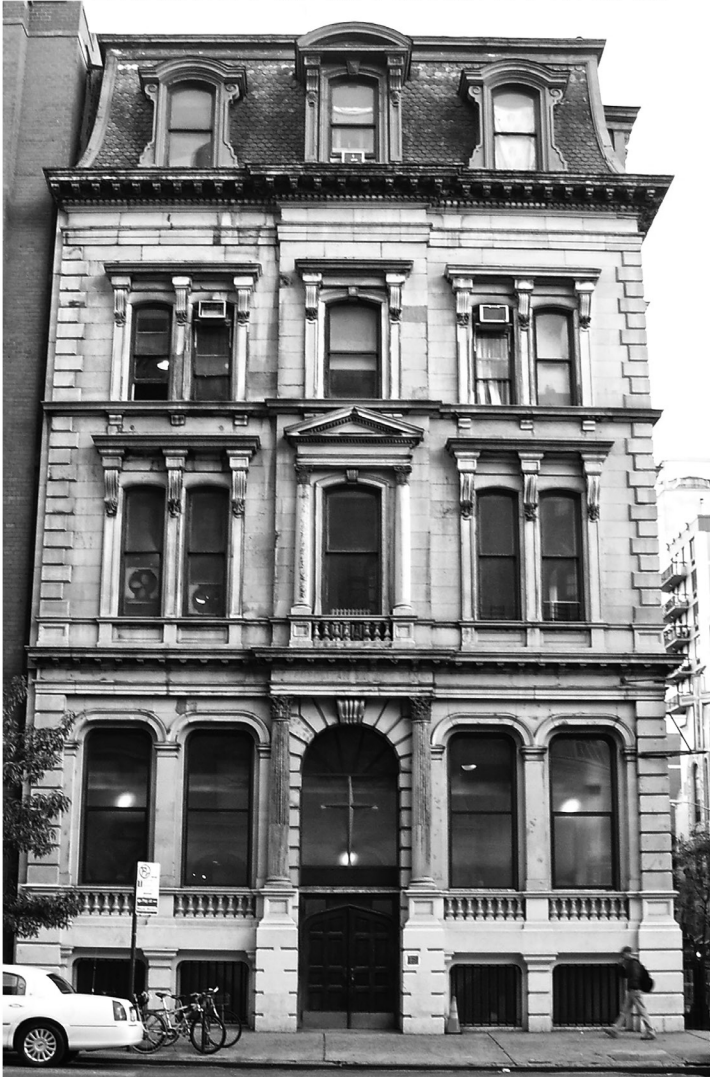
Grassroots Preservation Awards

Successful historic preservation efforts in New York City require collaboration among many parties, including the public, government agencies and private sector entities. Without popular support, even the most well-intentioned and farsighted public policy cannot be implemented, and without governmental guidance even the most organized and well-funded private efforts are doomed to fail.

With these awards, the Historic Districts Council (HDC) seeks to recognize, honor and encourage public participation in the preservation process. These are the individuals and organizations that, with their time, effort and support, move the preservation collaboration forward. By working with, encouraging and cajoling public decision-makers, these grassroots preservationists form the foundation of all our work. In 2000, HDC gave the first annual Grassroots Preservation Awards to recognize such outstanding efforts.

In addition, the awards include a special category, *The Mickey Murphy Award*. The Mickey Murphy Award is a lifetime-achievement recognition that honors the late Mary Ellen (Mickey) Murphy, a longtime passionate preservationist and HDC board member.

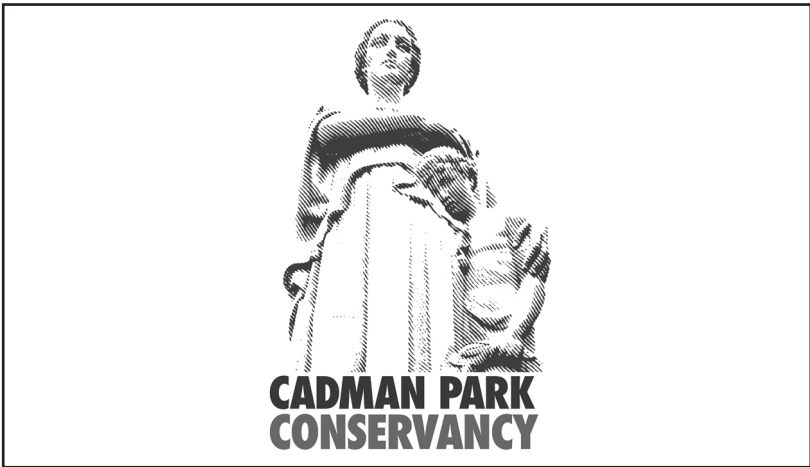
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Friedman for her Mickey Murphy
Lifetime Achievement Award!



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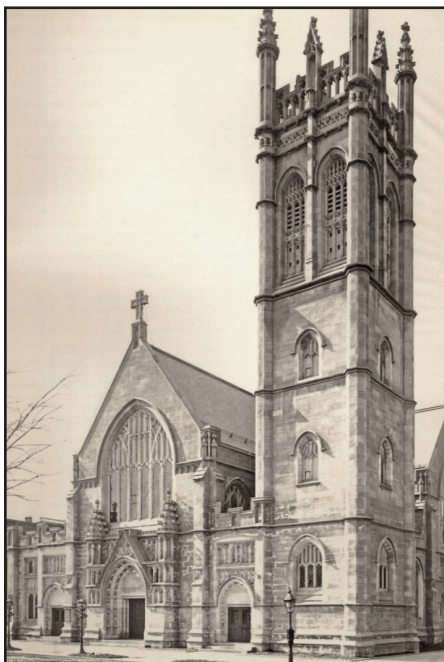
The Cadman Park Conservancy is an all-volunteer community-based non-profit dedicated to Cadman Plaza Park at the intersection of several historic Brooklyn neighborhoods. Partnering with the New York City Parks Department, the Conservancy has led a multi-year public engagement, planning, and fundraising initiative resulting in the revitalization of numerous spaces. Renovation and restoration projects have included the Cadman Plaza Park Oval Reconstruction, an underground watering system for planted beds, a new synthetic turf replacement for the athletic field, and the creation of the Juneteenth Grove, which was designated on June 19, 2020. The Conservancy has also undertaken a robust series of programming with many cultural organizations, including walking tours, dance performances, and movie screenings.



Congratulations to the 2024 Grassroots awardees!

**Doreen Gallo, Ann Friedman, &
Joe Svehlak: you are the beacons
of NYC preservation. Thank you
for all of the work you do.**

♥ **Kelly Carroll**



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*Congratulations to
Ann Friedman
and all of the
HDC Grassroots
Award Honorees!*

Currently, the Conservancy is spearheading efforts to restore and reopen the historic Brooklyn War Memorial, long closed to the public. The 1951 memorial was designed by the firm of Eggers & Higgins with sculpture by Charles Keck and is dedicated to the more than 300,000 heroic men and women of the borough of Brooklyn who served in World War II. Panels on the auditorium walls list the 11,500 names of Brooklynites who served and died in that war. This past year the Conservancy helped complete ADA access to the memorial including elevators, ramps, and bathroom capital projects, with an eye toward reopening the space

Congratulations to the Cadman Park Conservancy on receiving the 2024 Grassroots Preservation Award. With the Brooklyn Parks Department as your partner, and volunteers of all ages from across Brooklyn, you will surely keep on growing!

~Susan Hopper

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The Historic Districts Council

**the recipients of this year's
Grassroots Preservation Awards**

&

**our friend & colleague Ann-Isabel Friedman
for her well-deserved
Mickey Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award**



Friends of the Lower West Side (FLWS) is a grassroots coalition of community advocates and historians dedicated to celebrating the history of this Lower Manhattan neighborhood through commemoration and preservation. The organization has pushed for the formal preservation of significant sites including the successful landmark designation of St. George Syrian Melkite Church at 103 Washington Street and the continued fight for recognition of the Downtown Community House at 105-107 Washington Street, and one of the last remaining tenements in the area at 109 Washington Street.

In conjunction with the Washington Street Historical Society, FLWS has also helped to preserve the memory of place through the installation of commemorative plaques in Elizabeth Berger Park for the Syrians who

Congratulations to
all of the awardees.

John Bacon

lived on the Lower West Side in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, as well as gathering oral histories of current and past residents of the neighborhood. FLWS also helped the Parks Department install correct signage at the entrance to the Park commemorating the history of the neighborhood.



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Metro Area Governors Island Coalition

(M.A.G.I.C.) was co-founded in November 2020 by long-time Governors Island devotees and lower Manhattan residents Roger Manning and Allie Ryan to advocate for maintaining the incredibly unique green open space quality of Governors Island, used by nearly a million New Yorkers each year.

Through advocacy and legal action with a broad coalition of environmental and civic leaders and groups, M.A.G.I.C. has worked to oppose plans that will compromise the irreplaceable historic character and undermine the evolution of Governors Island as a unique natural and built environment, a green urban refuge for people and wildlife – a public space meant for the enjoyment of all.

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*Congratulations to our colleague
Ann-Isabel Friedman,
recipient of the Mickey Murphy Lifetime
Achievement Award,
and other recipients of the 2024
HDC Grassroots Awards!*



*Accessible ramp and portico restoration at St. Mark's Church
in-the-Bowery, 2017.*



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SINCE 1975

Actions the group has taken include fighting the 2021 rezoning, testifying regularly on proposed changes within the historic district, and speaking out against overdevelopment and privatization of much of the island. The Coalition has also created an alternative visualization of what could be possible on the southern portion of the island that avoids the highrise, high-density Manhattanization of that unique open space.



**The DUMBO Neighborhood Alliance
congratulates the Cadman Park Conservancy
for their Grassroots Award recognition. DNA
thanks the Historic Districts Council for their
continued leadership in historic preservation**

Mickey Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award



For more than 20 years **Ann-Isabel Friedman** has directed the Sacred Sites Program at The New York Landmarks Conservancy, an indispensable source of financial support, technical assistance, and educational programming for hundreds of religious spaces across New York State. Since the program's founding in 1986, nearly 1,700 grants totaling over \$13.8 million have been distributed to more than 850 religious institutions statewide, helping fund over \$760 million in repair and restoration projects.

Ann-Isabel is well known to many of these congregations and organizational bodies, as she helps guide them through the complex processes of caring for their physical homes. Whether getting listed on the National Register of Historic Places (a prerequisite for funding support) or finding preservation professionals

to lend their expertise, she is always available to offer her wealth of knowledge from the many successful projects she has helped lead. Ann-Isabel joined the Conservancy in 2001, initiating a city-wide survey of historic religious properties in 2004 to better identify countless examples of important structures across New York.

Before joining the Conservancy, she was a staff person and briefly, an acting deputy director of the Preservation Department at the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission for seven years, bracketing an extended maternity leave in Hong Kong. She co-chaired the Boerum Hill Association's Historic District Committee from 2016-2018, and holds an M.S. in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania and an A.B. in American Studies from Cornell University.

Jeffrey Kroessler Student Research Award



The Historic Districts Council is proud to announce the first recipients of this award:

Weijie “Christina” Sun, “Invisible History” of the Chinese Americans’ “Economic Lifelines”: Spatial Interpretations of the Pillar Industries of the Chinese American Community in Manhattan’s Chinatown, 1930s - 1980s”

William Dunsmore, “A Winter Temperature in the Summer Time”: Preserving Nineteenth-Century Lagerkellers and German-American Heritage.”

The *Jeffrey Kroessler Student Research Award*, is an annual juried award highlighting original graduate-level research on topics relevant to historic preservation in New York City. This research award provides emerging preservationists an opportunity to gain public recognition by showcasing their research that is beneficial to the advancement of the historic preservation community.

We would like to say a special thank you to the jurors Laura Heim, Diana Budds, and Thomas Rinaldi for volunteering their time and expertise and to everyone who has donated to the fund. If you would like to learn more about the award or Jeffrey, see a list of all the donors, or would like to donate please go to our website hdc.org.

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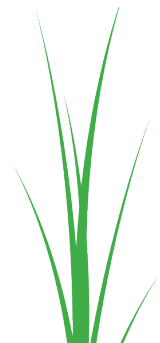
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Weijie “Christina” Sun is a recent graduate from Columbia University. Her research interests focus on the built environment, cultural studies and preservation efforts of underrepresented communities, with an emphasis on the narratives of the socio-spatial interactions. Christina holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Urban Design and Planning from Southeast University, China, and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Columbia University.





William Dunsmore is an archaeologist who has worked on projects in the American Southwest, the Pacific Northwest, the New York Metropolitan Area, New England, and the Cycladic Islands of Greece. He obtained his master's degree from Bard Graduate Center, where he studied the rise of lager beer in the nineteenth century and its impacts on the German American Community in New York City and throughout the United States. William's research interests are varied and include historical, industrial, documentary, landscape, and contemporary archaeology, Ancestral Puebloan and Mogollon ceramics, Southwest earthen architecture, and ancient and historic beer production.

A history of activism

A focus on the future



**Congratulations
to the 2024
Historic Districts Council's
Grassroots Awardees!**

**The Cadman Park Conservancy
Friends of the Lower West Side
Metro Area Governor's Island Coalition**

We are grateful for your work!

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**Congratulations
Ann-Isabel Friedman**
in Honor of
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Green-Wood thanks
THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL
*for its commitment to the
preservation of New York City's
historic neighborhoods*
**& CONGRATULATES ALL OF THE
2024 GRASSROOTS AWARD HONOREES**



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ABOUT THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

The Historic Districts Council (HDC) is the citywide advocate for New York's designated historic districts and individual landmarks and for neighborhoods and buildings meriting preservation. HDC is dedicated to defending the integrity of the New York City Landmarks Law and to furthering the preservation ethic. This mission is accomplished through ongoing programs of hands-on assistance to more than 500 local community and neighborhood groups and through public-policy initiatives, publications, educational outreach and sponsorship of community events.

The core belief of HDC is that the preservation and enhancement of New York City's historic resources – its neighborhoods, buildings, parks and public spaces – are central to the continued success of the city. Founded in 1970 as a coalition of community groups from New York City's designated historic districts, HDC was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1985 and has grown to become the foremost citywide voice for historic preservation. Following its mandate of community-based preservation advocacy, HDC works continuously to broaden and educate the preservation constituency – from producing zoning and architectural surveys of unprotected historic neighborhoods, to meeting with legislators and city officials, to creating educational programs on the techniques and strategies of neighborhood preservation.

HDC's small professional staff is guided by its dedicated Boards of Directors and Advisers, whose members represent more than two dozen neighborhoods and are drawn from the fields of architecture, education, history, marketing, law, design, public relations, journalism and community activism. Their collective expertise aids community groups in their campaigns to preserve the sense of place that characterizes the city's diverse historic neighborhoods. Working with these neighborhood partners, HDC has been instrumental in preserving historic buildings and communities across the five boroughs.

COMMUNITY CO-SPONSORS

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Brooklyn Heights Association
Cadman Park Conservancy
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2023

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2022

Guardians of the Guardian
The Tin Pan Alley American
Popular Music Project
Maria Torres, The Point

2021

Green-Wood Cemetery
East 25th Street Historic District Initiative
Save the Walentyna & Aleksander Janta-Polczynski
House Coalition
Upper Riverside Residents Alliance

2020

Dorrance Brooks Property Owners and Residents Association
St. Marks Independent Block Association
NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project

2019

Elmhurst History and Cemeteries Preservation Society
Save Harlem Now!
Sunset Park Landmarks Committee
The Coalition to Save the former Hans S. Christian Memorial
Kindergarten

2018

Bowery Boys
George Janes
Susan Olsen

2017

Huntley Gill and the
John J. Harvey Fireboat
Michael Hiller
Preserving East New York (PENY)

2016

The Art Deco Society of New York
The Committee to Save the New York Public Library, Citizens
Defending Libraries and the Library Lovers League
New Yorkers for a Human-scale City

2015

Suzanne Spellen
Steven Barrison
People for the Pavilion

2014

Michael Perlman
730 Riverside Drive Tenants Association
First Avenue Estate Coalition
Lola Finkelstein and the Multi-Board Task Force on Midtown
East

2013

Geoffrey Croft
Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project
NYU Faculty Against the Sexton Plan
Robert LaValva, New Amsterdam Market
The Aquinas Honor Society of the
Immaculate Conception School

2012

Theodore Grunewald & the Coalition
to Save Manufacturers Hanover Trust
The Green-Wood Cemetery
Parkway Village Historical Society
West End Preservation Society

2011

Cedar Grove Beach Club
Central Queens Historical Association
Mary Kay Gallagher
Prospect Cemetery Association

2010

Alice and Agate Court Historic District
John Antonides, Hubbard House
Coalition to Save West-Park Presbyterian Church
Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts
Two Bridges Neighborhood Council

2009

American Bank Note Company Printing Plant
David Carnivale
Friends of Gibbons U.G.R.R.
Site and Lamartine Place
Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association

2008

DUMBO Neighborhood Association
Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn
Juniper Park Civic Association
227 Duffield Street Coalition

2007

Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association
Crown Heights North Association
East Village Community Coalition
Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance

2006

Coalition to Preserve the Austin, Nichols & Company Warehouse
Linda Eskenas
Victoria Hofmo
Tottenville Historical Society

2005

Judy Berdy
Peter Levenson, 90 West Street
Kate Ottavino
Landmark West!
Richmond Hill Historical Society
Rosemary Cappozalo, St. George Theater

2004

Brooklyn Heights Association
Douglaston/Little Neck Historical Society
Thomson Meter Building Coalition:
Nicholas Evans-Cato, Susan Tunick, Andrew S. Dolkart
Leo J. Blackman Architects
Mud Lane Society for the Renaissance of Stapleton

2003

CitiNeighbors Coalition for Historic Carnegie Hill
Josephine E. Jones
Senator Street 300 Block Association
Seaport Community Coalition & Manhattan Community Board 1

2002

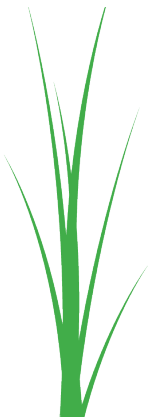
Evelyn and Everett Ortner
Jackson Heights Beautification Group
Murray Hill Neighborhood Association
Save Gansevoort Market Task Force
Linda C. Jones

2001

Daniel Donovan
Paul Graziano
Bill "Reverend Billy" Talen
James Ferreri
Marjorie Decker Johnson

2000

Hamilton Heights/West Harlem
Community Preservation Organization
Elizabeth Ashby
The Coalition to Save P.S. 109
Save the Coogan! Coalition
Michael Gotkin



Friend in High Places Award

Council Member Christopher Marte
District 1, Manhattan; 2023

Council Member Daniel Dromm
25th District, Queens; 2021

Council Member Justin Brannan
43rd District, Brooklyn; 2020

City Council Speaker Corey Johnson
3rd District, Manhattan; 2019

New York State Senator Brad Holyman
27th District; 2018

Assembly Member Richard Gottfried
75th District, Manhattan; 2017

Council Member Ben Kallos
5th District, Manhattan; 2016

Council Member Daniel Garodnick
4th District, Manhattan; 2015

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer; 2014

Council Member Stephen Levin
33rd District, Brooklyn; 2013

Council Member Albert Vann
36th District, Brooklyn; 2012

State Senator Bill Perkins
30th District, Manhattan; 2011

Council Member Rosie Mendez
2nd District, Manhattan; 2010

Council Member Vincent J. Gentile
43rd District, Brooklyn; 2009

Council Member Jessica S. Lappin
5th District, Manhattan; 2008

Assembly Member Deborah Glick
66th District, Manhattan; 2007

Council Member Letitia James
35th District, Brooklyn; 2006

Council Member Tony Avella
19th District, Queens; 2005

State Senator Liz Krueger
26th District, Manhattan; 2004

Council Member Michael McMahon
49th District, Staten Island; 2003

Council Member Dennis Gallagher
30th District, Queens; 2002

State Senator Thomas K. Duane
29th District, Manhattan; 2001

Council Member Jerome X. O'Donovan
49th District, Staten Island; 2000

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BronxNet; 2022
Untapped New York; 2021
Nathan Kensinger; 2020
The Brooklyn Eagle; 2019
6sqft; 2018
Evan Bindelglass; 2017
Jeremiah's Vanishing New York; 2016
Welcome2TheBronx; 2015
The Lo-Down; 2014
Tribeca Trib; 2013
DNAinfo; 2012
The Architect's Newspaper; 2011
Nicholas Hirshon, New York Daily News; 2010
AM New York; 2009
Brownstoner.com; 2008
Curbed.com; 2007
CityLand; 2006
Riverdale Press; 2005
The Staten Island Advance; 2004
The Villager and Albert Amateau; 2003
The City section, The New York Times; 2002
James Niccoloro; 2001
Jim O'Grady, The New York Times; 2000

Mickey Murphy Award

Penelope Bateau; 2022

Judy Stanton; 2021

Peter Bray; 2020

Karen Ansis; 2018

Beverly Moss Spatt; 2016

Teri Slater; 2015

Susan Henshaw Jones; 2012

Bronson Binger & Ann Walker Gaffney; 2011

Joyce Mendelsohn; 2010

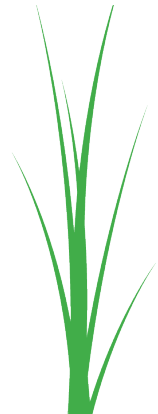
Chan Graham; 2007

Doris Diether; 2005

Stanley Cogan; 2004

Barnett Shepherd; 2003

Evelyn Strouse; 2002





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