



The Landmark  
Society of Western  
New York

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## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Martin and Sheila Wolfish

The Landmark Society honors Martin and Sheila Wolfish with our Special Achievement Award for their outstanding contribution to historic preservation, the documentation of cobblestone buildings in the United States and Canada.

Beginning in the 1980s, Toronto pediatrician Martin Wolfish and his wife Sheila began to explore and subsequently record examples of one of North America's most distinctive building types, cobblestone architecture. Visits to western New York and the Cobblestone Society in Orleans County lead them to the Landmark Society, where they discovered the unique photo inventory of New York State cobblestone buildings completed by Rochester engineer, Robert Roudabush twenty years earlier.

Using the Roudabush survey list as their guide, they proceeded to revisit all of the buildings included in the Roudabush study. In addition, they photographed buildings omitted in the former project and noted any buildings that had been demolished. Comprising cobblestone buildings in New York, the Great Lakes states and southern Ontario, this inventory, completed over ten years time, required hundreds of hours and thousands of travel miles.

The monunental project, whose nine volumes of photographs were donated to the Landmark Society, has been recognized by the Cobblestone Society, the Preservation League of New York State, and the State Historic Preservation Office as an unparalleled source of information about cobblestone architecture.

The Landmark Society honors Martin and Sheila Wolfish for their unstinting commitment of time and talent to the documentation of cobblestone architecture in North America.

*Awarded November 29, 2001 by the Landmark Society of Western New York.*

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