

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD 2002

JIM FRANZ

Heritage Sault Ste. Marie submitted the nomination of Jim Franz, an individual who has given a lifetime of support to local heritage and history. The Historic Sites Board and the Sault Ste. Marie Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee for the City of Sault Ste. Marie supported the nomination.

Jim Franz is probably the most overlooked preservationist within the heritage conservation community in Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Franz has served on the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee from its inception, on the Sault Ste. Marie Historic Sites Board from 1979, served and worked on the Board of Heritage Sault Ste. Marie from its inception throughout the conversion of 10 Kensington Terrace from a semi-derelict shell to condominiums, and to this day is a Board Member.

The prime benefits to the culture of this community from Jim's extensive knowledge have been increased knowledge of local history, increased awareness of our architectural heritage, and an increased appreciation of the lifestyle of the early industrial age of the Sault.

Mr. Franz has produced (and starred in) an excellent documentary entitled "F. H. Clergue, Entrepreneur", provided information for a second on the construction of Clergue's Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Edison Sault Generating Station. Jim is a tremendous resource for early city photographs (and can often name the people featured). If help in any area is requested, it is given promptly and without fail. Jim always volunteers and participates in conferences, heritage displays and forums. We are extremely late in recognizing the hard work and effort expended by Jim Franz in the cause of heritage conservation.