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**OLD TOWN CAPE
ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS AT ANNUAL DINNER**

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. – Old Town Cape, Inc. held its Annual Dinner on Thursday, February 17 at Dockside in downtown Cape Girardeau.

Four awards were presented, recognizing outstanding efforts of individuals to preserve, promote, and revitalize the Old Town Cape district.

Volunteer of the Year

Cindy Buchheit was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for her leadership and work on the organization's Design Committee, her time spent on projects, and her commitment to learning and helping Old Town Cape fulfill its mission.

Business Excellence

Annie Laurie's Antiques, owner Laurie Everett, was awarded Old Town Cape's Business Excellence Award. It was noted that Annie Laurie's embodies the spirit and soul of downtown. The business is creative and fun and Everett was recognized for her involvement in activities in the Old Town Cape District and her work on improving the area.

Old Town Cape Preservation of Heritage Award

The Preservation of Heritage Award is presented to an organization, private company, individual, or public agency whose contributions demonstrate extraordinary achievements in preserving the heritage of the Old Town Cape community. This is considered a special award as it is not given annually, but given to recognize an outstanding large scale accomplishment. The purpose of the award is to recognize significant achievement and to increase public awareness, appreciation and support for enhancing the vitality of the Old Town Cape district.

The Cathedral of St. Mary's of the Annunciation was recognized for its commitment to the neighborhood through their 140 years of growth. This recognition encompassed all the parish has done over the years from beautifying the neighborhood with flowers and fountains; to saving the architectural and spiritual Old St. Vincent's Church; to ensuring it has the room to grow and remain in the neighborhood for generations to come; to building a school addition that serves as a model of how to build something new that harmonizes and celebrates the old.

Charles L. Hutson Visionary Award

Tim Arbeiter, Director of Redevelopment for the Cape Area Chamber of Commerce, was honored with the Charles L. Hutson Visionary Award. This award recognizes individuals who have provided dedication, commitment, leadership and opportunities to the Downtown area. Arbeiter was honored for his perseverance and ongoing work to improve and revitalize downtown. His work started as Director of Old Town Cape from December 2004 through May 2006 and continues today in his redevelopment work. He was instrumental in the application process and implementation of the DREAM Initiative which brought in over \$2 million dollars to downtown and resulted in the development the Downtown Strategic Plan. He continues to work to move the Downtown Strategic plan forward as part of a development team and he has helped create funding opportunities and collaborations in order to make projects successful. He was identified as a great partner, thinker and bridge builder.

2011 Board Officers

Old Town Cape announced its officers for 2011. Incoming president, Dennis Meyer, Meyer Supply; Past President, Kent Zickfield, Zickfield Jewelers; 1st Vice President, Lisa Bertrand, Southeast Missouri State University and Spanish Street Mercantile; Secretary, Donna Denson, Southeast Missourian; Treasurer, Sally Owen, Southeast Health, and Advisor to the Executive Committee, Dr. Steven Hoffman.

Old Town Cape is a nationally accredited Main Street Program that works to build a downtown community that cherishes its past and is an economically viable district in which the citizens of Cape Girardeau can live, work and play.

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