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Old Town Cape presents awards and shares announcements at Annual Dinner February 28, 2014 | Contact: Marla Mills, Executive Director

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. – Old Town Cape held its Annual Dinner on Thursday, February 27 at the Isle Casino Cape Girardeau Event Center. Six awards were presented, recognizing outstanding efforts of individuals to preserve, promote, and revitalize the Old Town Cape district. Two special announcements regarding the 2014 Christmas Ornament and Old Town Cape Scholarship were also made.

Volunteer of the Year

Ross Peterson, Emily Scifers, Jim and Barbara Morgan, Levi Olson, and Jaime Mayfield were all recognized as Volunteers of the Year for their dedication in establishing and maintaining the Cape Riverfront Market. Each of the volunteers have been key players since the market was started in May 2012, incorporating a variety of vendors, demonstrations, entertainment, children's activities, etc. After only one full year of operation, the Cape Riverfront Market received the Top Special Event of the Year Award at the Missouri Main Street Revitalization Conference.

Business Excellence

Jayson Jewelers Ltd. and Ervin's Metalsmiths, owners Jayne and Lloyd Ervin, were awarded the Business Excellence Award. The award recognizes a great business that also demonstrates community involvement and a strong or long term support of downtown. Being a family store, the owners and employees focus on service and integrity among other features they represent with well-educated staff that strives for a friendly, knowledgeable and accommodating atmosphere. Founded in 1984, the business has grown over time and was named as one of Cape Girardeau's favorite jewelry stores by providing something for all tastes and price ranges, including custom designs. The family has long been committed to the work of downtown revitalization. Not only is their business located downtown, they have been active in Old Town Cape, serving on the Board and committees through the years and were previously involved with the Downtown Merchant Association before they merged with Old Town Cape.

Preservation of Heritage

The Board of Regents at Southeast Missouri State University was awarded the Preservation of Heritage Award for the Academic Hall Renovations Project. The Preservation of Heritage award brings special recognition to extraordinary achievements in preserving the heritage of the Old Town Cape Community and is not given annually. The Academic Hall Renovations Project was a \$25 million dollar project that provided a modern up-to-date environment in a historic setting. The project was designed to preserve the rich architectural and cultural heritage of Academic Hall while adapting it to twenty-first century needs.

Judith Ann Crow Residential Historic Rehabilitation

Drs. Bert and Mary Ann Kellerman were awarded the Judith Ann Crow Residential Historic Rehabilitation Award. This award recognizes the rehabilitation of residential buildings in the Old Town Cape district. The Kellermans were recognized for their work to restore the Oliver-Lemming house at 740 North Street. The home,

designed by Jerome Legg, was known as the home of the Missouri Flag. It had undergone numerous changes through the years when the Kellerman's began their restoration process in 2011, completing it in 2013.

John Boardman Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation

Clemco Development LLC, brother and sister R.J. Clements and Cara Naeger, received the John Boardman Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation Award. This award recognizes projects that demonstrate best practice in the preservation of historic commercial structures and that enhance the city's built environment through the successful rehabilitation, restoration or adaptive use of historic properties. Clemco Development LLC were recognized for a project that returned a Broadway building to its original glory and in the process revealed the only remaining downtown commercial building with a stone façade. The rehabilitation of the A.C. Vasterling building at 407 Broadway included qualifying the building to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, allowing the use of historic tax credits for the project. Following the Secretary of Interior Standards for rehabilitation, the project created quality apartments for young and mid-career professionals. The project demonstrates everything Old Town Cape promotes: historic preservation and economic development, people working together to reenergize and revitalize downtown and setting an example of good preservation practice.

Charles L. Huston Visionary

Drs. Bert and Mary Ann Kellerman were honored with the Charles L. Huston Visionary Award. This award recognizes individuals who have provided dedication, commitment, leadership and opportunities to the downtown area. The Kellermans have been involved in historic preservation since 1971 when they purchased and rehabilitated an 1882 house in downtown. Their habilitation of the Klostermann Block building on Spanish Street was the first historic tax credit project in Cape Girardeau. Their recognition included the rehabilitation of the Flag House and establishment of the Kellerman Foundation to aid in historic preservation efforts. Drs. Bert and Mary Ann Kellerman have made significant achievements in preserving the history of our community as well as being early visionaries who have contributed to the long term revitalization of downtown Cape Girardeau.

Old Town Cape Dr. Steven J. Hoffman Historic Preservation Scholarship

With funds raised through its Scholarship Garden, Old Town Cape, in partnership with the University Foundation through their Honoring Tradition-Inspiring Success matching scholarship program, endowed its 2nd scholarship in the amount of \$12,000. The Scholarship was named in honor of Dr. Steven J. Hoffman who has contributed greatly to downtown revitalization, the University's Historic Preservation Program and Old Town Cape.

2014 Christmas Ornament

The 2014 Christmas Ornament will depict a scene from Gone Girl that depicts The Bar and the Common Pleas Courthouse. Ornaments will be for sale with or without a stand at Old Town Cape in late 2014.

2014 Board Officers

Old Town Cape announced its officers for 2014. Incoming President, Lee Schlitt Broadway Prescription Shop Past President, Cory Daniel, Montgomery Bank; First Vice President, Donna Denson, Southeast Missourian; Second Vice President, Tim Ingram, KFVS12 & The Heartland's CW; Secretary, Benny Dorris, Southeast Missouri State University Student; Treasurer, Kent Zickfield, Zickfield's Jewelry & Gifts, and Advisor to the Executive Committee, Dr. Steven Hoffman, Southeast Missouri State University.

New Board members include Dawn Dauer, The Bank of Missouri and Molly Hood, City of Cape Girardeau. Current Board members include Dr. Lisa Bertrand, Southeast Missouri State University and Spanish Street Mercantile; Doc Cain, Port Cape Girardeau; Meg Davis, City Council; Don Greenwood, Local Artist; Mike Hess, Hotshots Sports Bar & Grill; Thomas Higgins, TRH Accounting; Chris Hutson, Hutson's Fine Furniture; Joan Jones, Neighborhood Connections; and Dennis Meyer, Meyer Supply. Outgoing Board members include Casey Brunke, City of Cape Girardeau and Sally Owen, SoutheastHEALTH.

Old Town Cape is a community driven, nonprofit organization that utilizes the Four-Point Main Street Approach™ to preserve, promote, revitalize, and enrich the historic, cultural, and economic landscapes of downtown Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Old Town Is Your Town!