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HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION HONORS ARCHITECT GLENN MASON FOR PRESERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS

Historic Hawaii Foundation has named architect Glenn Mason, AIA, the recipient of the **Frank Haines Award** for historic preservation. The award honors lifetime achievement, dedication and devotion to the field of historic preservation.

Mason is president of Mason Architects, Inc., known for its work to preserve historic buildings and sites. Among the many notable preservation and interpretive projects that the firm has undertaken are Hawaiian Hall (Bishop Museum), Kaumakapili Church, Iolani Palace and grounds, Lunalilo Tomb, Kalahikiola Church, Hulihee Palace in Kailua-Kona, and Davies Hall at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Mason was born and raised in Hawaii. He received a M. Arch. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1974 and then returned to Honolulu, where he has worked for 39 years in the preservation of historic buildings and new construction. He is a past president of AIA Honolulu (1991) and the AIA Hawai'i State Council (1996-7).

Kiersten Faulkner, executive director for Historic Hawaii Foundation, noted that, "Glenn Mason and his firm have truly been key to the preservation of many of Hawaii's most important historic sites and buildings. He understands the challenges of preserving fragile sites and has consistently implemented creative solutions in tackling even the most difficult projects."

In receiving the award Mason commented, "I'm honored and flattered to receive this distinguished award. I always loved the special places and buildings in Hawaii and I am gratified to be able to work to preserve them. The honor, though, also goes to my colleagues at Mason Architects and to many other dedicated preservationists who make sure that we take care of our heritage."

The Haines Award was established in 2009 and is named for master architect Frank Haines, FAIA. It is presented to an individual who has demonstrated sustained and outstanding achievements in the area of preserving the significant historic and cultural places of Hawaii. The Haines award will be presented at Historic Hawaii Foundation's annual awards event, May 30 at the Pomaikai Ballroom at Dole Cannery. For more information see www.historichawaii.org or call (808) 523-2900.

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About Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) is a statewide non-profit organization that encourages the preservation of historic buildings, sites, communities and objects relating to the history of Hawai'i. Founded in 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has become the driving force behind historic preservation in the state through its core programs of developing a community ethic or historic preservation, supporting responsible legislation, and providing technical assistance to make preservation accessible. More information is on the HHF website: www.historichawaii.org.