

## Award Presentation for Allen Cochran

Good evening and thank you all for coming. My name is Patty Rogers-Renner and I am here to introduce the Loudoun Preservation Society's Preservationist of the Year, Allen Cochran.

Allen Cochran started Cochran's Stone Masonry and Timber framing in 1992. His focus and goals have always been restoration and preservation in the traditional manner as well as period inspired new construction projects that employ traditional stone masonry techniques to modern construction.

Cochran is using period materials and methods and realizing more and more how beautifully they work...and last!! They burn all of their own lime for mortar and have developed a clay-lime mortar that matches the local original mortars almost perfectly. Cochran's also operates their own sawmill where they utilize a special hewing and antiquing process for their timbers.

Cochran is well known for the workshops and talks he offers every year. He believes "it so important for the homeowner's to get good information. As Allen says" there are many, many "quick fixes" available now but oftentimes the "latest and greatest" is the most destructive.

I am not going to list all the wonderful projects Allen has worked on because he has a Power Point presentation for us that says it all.

So, allow me to present the Preservationist's award to Allen Cochran. Well deserved, Allen!