

Alexander Macomb Historical Award

Individual



Year Award Given: 2004 - The first year this award was given
Awarded to: Donald W. Green - Clinton Township, Macomb, MI
Nominated by: Macomb County Historical Commissioners
Presented Where: **New Macomb County Building Lobby**
Presented By: Macomb County Historical Commissioners

Don was awarded this honor because he has been a long-time Macomb County historian and community activist. His accomplishments are vast in the area of preserving Macomb's history, but also include in-depth involvement in furthering Macomb's business, community and natural resources as well. To name just a few of his accomplishments:

- Don expended countless hours coordinating the recreation, installation and rededication of Parrot Civil War Cannons that now sit in front of the Macomb County Building in Downtown Mt. Clemens.
- Founded the Clinton-Kalamazoo Society: a historical group that has documented and promoted the history of the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal which once ran through Macomb County. Because of Don's vast knowledge of the canal, he is considered a foremost authority and is often consulted on the subject.
- Served as an active member of Macomb County's business community. Don owned and operated GW Green and Sons - a prominent jewelry store founded by his father. At one time, his business had numerous locations throughout the county, with the main store being located in Downtown Mt. Clemens.
- Because Don is considered an authority on Macomb County history, he was selected and served as a founding member of the Macomb County Historical Commissioners.
- Don served on the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Board of Trustees for numerous years, during which time he was significantly involved in the design, construction, dedication and promotion of the library's three branch locations. In 2003, when the main branch of the library opened at the corner of Canal and Romeo Plank Roads, Don was honored with a research room at the library being named in his honor - Donald W. Green Local History Room – used for research and preservation of local history. Don continues to serve as Trustee Emeritus for the CMPL Board of Trustees today (2016).
- Along with others, Don played an active role in the development of Tomlinson Arboretum, a 24-acre parcel of land located across the street from the Clinton Township Civic Center Park and Historic Village. This lovely location was developed through grants and donations and features a walking / bike path that winds through hundreds of native trees and plants that were cultivated in the space.
- Has been a member of the Greater Clinton Township Historical Society since its inception and has been involved in many of their activities including the development of the township's historic village.

Information Resources:

Former Macomb County Historical Commissioners Karl Mark Pall / June 2015,
Donald W. Green and Raymond G. Glime / Aug 2015