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Last week on behalf of the Cobblestone Society, I had the privilege of accepting a Tender Loving Care Award from the Landmark Society of Western New York. The award was given at the annual meeting of the Landmark Society which was held at the First Universalist Church in Rochester on Dec. 1. There were only two such awards given this year. It follows:



The  
Landmark Society  
of Western New York

## TENDER LOVING CARE AWARD

The Cobblestone Society  
Childs

The Landmark Society honors the Cobblestone Society for its long-term commitment to the documentation and preservation of a regional architectural achievement.


Cobblestone masonry, small glacially polished cobblestones often set in a bed of mortar marked by a raised bead, is a vernacular building technique that is a local specialty, found primarily within a seventy-five mile radius of Rochester.

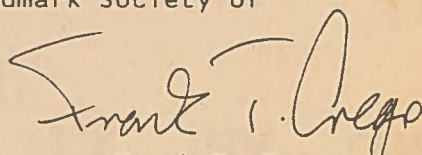
The Cobblestone Society has been concerned with the history of this technique since its formation in 1960. At that time, the 1834 cobblestone Universalist Church in Childs, Orleans County, had been vacant since 1895 and was threatened with demolition. The Society acquired the church and later a cobblestone home and school also located at the Childs crossroads. In subsequent years, other frame buildings, including a recently acquired harness shop, have been preserved by the Society to demonstrate the way of life of a small, rural hamlet.

The Society also sponsors tours and workshops to further raise public consciousness of the cobblestone building technique. A small museum and resource center in the ground floor of the church provides preservation and restoration information for cobblestone building owners and researchers. The Society's archives includes documentation on each of the nearly 800 cobblestone structures built between 1825 and 1860.

With this Tender Loving Care Award, we honor the Cobblestone Society, a relatively small group of dedicated individuals, for their hands-on preservation of cobblestone buildings and for educating the public to the importance of this rare regional type of building fabric

Awarded on December 1, 1988, by the Landmark Society of Western New York.

  
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