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**S. MACKINTOSH PULSIFER TO RECEIVE FOUNDERS AWARD**

**Katonah, NY – Jan. 18** - Friends of John Jay Homestead will present the Founders Award to long-time Trustee and patron, S. Mackintosh Pulsifer at a black tie dinner on Saturday, April 30, 2011. The Founders Award was established in 2008 by Friends of John Jay Homestead to honor individuals and organizations who, following in the tradition of John Jay, have made extraordinary contributions to our community, state and country. Former recipients of the Founders Award include Lloyd Bedford Cox, Jr. in 2008 and the Bedford Riding Lanes Association in 2009.

The dinner will take place in the ballroom, preceded by cocktails in the period rooms of the historic John Jay Homestead. Proceeds from the event will go towards the creation of interactive exhibits within the new Education and Visitor Center to be located in the restored c.1801 Carriage Barn.

Mackin Pulsifer has been a member of the Friends of John Jay Homestead Board of Directors for 12 years, serving as Treasurer for three years and as Chairman of the Board for the last seven years. He has assisted with critical decisions, volunteered his time at events, and contributed generously. Under his leadership, Friends of John Jay Homestead has grown significantly and the Homestead has been the beneficiary of important new education, restoration and preservation programs.

Mr. Pulsifer has also served other causes in the Bedford area, including long time participation as a Trustee of the Rippowam-Cisqua School, Bedford Riding Lanes Association, Mianus River Gorge Preserve, Beaver Dam Sanctuary and Westchester Land Trust. The depth of his support for the community, especially in regard to open space preservation, makes him a deserving choice for honoree of the Founders Award.

Ticket prices for the Founders Dinner are \$500 per person for a Silver Friend, which includes a listing in the program; \$1000 for a Gold Friend, with listing in the invitation and the program; and \$2500 for a Platinum Friend, with listing in the invitation, program and an advertisement in the Dinner Journal. Gold Tables for 10 at \$10,000 each and Platinum Tables at \$25,000 each are also available.

John Jay Homestead State Historic Site is one of only a few historic homes in this country once owned by a Founding Father, and open to the public. Friends of John Jay Homestead is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1977 by local residents. It is New York State's day-to-day partner in providing volunteer assistance and critical funding for the preservation, restoration and interpretation of John Jay Homestead State Historic Site, and for its educational programs.

Reservations for the Founders Dinner should be made early, as the seating is limited. John Jay Homestead State Historic Site is located at 400 Jay Street in Katonah, NY. For more information or to purchase tickets or a Dinner Journal advertisement, call (914) 232-8119 or e-mail [friends@johnjayhomestead.org](mailto:friends@johnjayhomestead.org).