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**THE PELL FAMILY AND THE PRATT FAMILY,
LEADERS IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
TO BE HONORED AT PILLAR OF NEW YORK GALA**

ALBANY, NY -- October 28, 2009 – On **November 18, 2009**, the Preservation League will honor two families with proud traditions of stewardship and preservation of New York's irreplaceable buildings and landscapes with its most prestigious tribute, the Pillar of New York Award.

The **Pell Family** will be celebrated for the for their leadership since 1820 in the preservation of Fort Ticonderoga and its surroundings, and the **Pratt Family** for their leadership in the founding and preservation of the Pratt Institute Campus, design excellence, and landscape protection.

Each year the League presents The Pillar of New York Award to those who have demonstrated a keen understanding of the value of New York's historic resources by taking extraordinary actions to protect, preserve, and promote those assets. **The Pillar of New York Gala will be held on November 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton and Empire Rooms of the Waldorf=Astoria in New York.** Tickets start at \$600 for individuals, and tables of 10 are available starting at \$10,000. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Preservation League at 518-462-5658 x11.

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