



## City of Lewiston Press Statement April 27, 2022

**Opportunity Lives Here** rings true once again in Lewiston, as Jules Patry, owner of Davinci's Eatery, is the 2022 recipient of a Maine Preservation's Honor Award for the transformation of the Scruton Block. Since 1998, annual Maine Preservation Honor Awards celebrate excellence in historic preservation, focusing on the transformative rehabilitation of historic buildings and the people who make those projects possible.

Misty Parker, Assistant Director of Economic & Community Development, notes, ***"Lewiston is fortunate to have passionate small developers like Jules Patry committed to the growth and vibrancy of our community."***

Patry purchased the former Marcotte Furniture store at 197 Lisbon Street in 2017 and utilized the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program to redevelop the site. Patry says, ***"I'm from Lewiston, and when the opportunity to buy the Scruton Block came, I took it. Many people played a significant role in the project. We faced challenges in buying, but I believed in Lewiston and wanted to develop here."***

The City of Lewiston provided Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars to complete sidewalk improvements, add additional egress towards the rear of the building, and enhance stormwater management on site. In addition, Mr. Patry returned the historic character to the building's facade and first-floor commercial space while creating three stories of 12 much-desired market-rate apartments.

The project is highlighted in Maine Preservation's 2022 awards video at [www.lewistonmaine.gov/patryaward](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/patryaward)

Parker adds, ***"Transformation of the Scruton Block did not only revitalize an underutilized historic building; it also ignited new opportunities downtown for more redevelopment."*** Patry spearheaded the move to list the Lewiston Commercial Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places by partnering with local businesses alongside Lisbon and Main Streets to unlock the benefits of a historic district.

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