



The Association for Preservation Technology International  
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## **Arthur J. Femenella Sr. Award for Distinguished Mentorship Call for Nominations**

**Submission Deadline: May 31, 2026**

APT seeks nominations for the 2026 Arthur J. Femenella Sr. Award for Distinguished Mentorship. Art Femenella Sr., a leader in historic window and stained glass restoration for over fifty years, had an impactful presence in APT and the preservation community and passed away in 2022. Art was a mentor to everyone he encountered, and he freely shared his time and expertise to train colleagues and younger professionals. To honor Art's legacy, and to honor the mentorship that APT considers so important in the development of our students, emerging professionals, and all members, APT developed this award to recognize outstanding mentorship in the preservation field.

The Femenella Award is given every three years, and is presented at the awards ceremony during the APT annual conference. This year, the awards event will be held on Wednesday, 28 October 2026, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The award recipient will receive complimentary base conference registration as well as a ticket to the closing event. The recipient will also be presented with a stained-glass plaque, designed and fabricated by Femenella & Associates, Inc.

A jury, comprised of one APT College of Fellows member, one member of the APT Board of Directors, one APT member-at-large, and one APT Emerging Professional, appointed by the Partnerships & Outreach Committee, will evaluate all nominations and select the recipient of the Femenella Award.

### **Nomination Criteria and Process:**

- Candidates shall be nominated by an APT International member in good standing.
- Nomination letters shall be a minimum of 250 words, and shall be signed by a minimum of five (5) professionals, not all of whom need to be APT members, preferably from different phases and/or workplaces in the nominee's career.
- Nomination letters shall describe longstanding mentorship of multiple individuals and the impact the nominee has had on those individuals' careers in preservation.
- Nominees need not be members of APT, but they should work in a preservation-related field and/or support or collaborate with APT members.
- Nominees may not currently be serving on the APT Board of Directors. There are no prohibitions on the nomination of a past member of the APT Board.
- Nomination letters should be submitted electronically as a single PDF no later than close of business on 31 May 2026, and should be addressed to the 2026 Femenella Award jury chair at [rjhotes@jkoa.net](mailto:rjhotes@jkoa.net).

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