

**Category: Restoration**

**Brian Lewandowski & Sherry Campbell  
33 Lake Avenue  
Lancaster, New York**

Despite extensive, unsympathetic renovations committed against the house that Brian Lewandowski and Sherry Campbell purchased in 1995 as a fixer-upper and their first home, the two recognized the property as having been built in Queen Anne style.

Revealing that style on the exterior was the house's distinctive asymmetrical character. On the interior, many handsome architectural features, though deteriorated, were mostly intact, including four original sets of pocket doors, curved interior walls, hardwood floors, a center staircase with turned spindles, and a beautiful tiled fireplace.

Doing most of the work themselves, the owners have completed restoration of this once almost unrecognizable classic Queen

Anne Victorian residence back to its original grandeur. They removed the green aluminum siding and restored original clapboards and shingles, recycling the aluminum siding to defray the cost of a fabulous "Painted Lady" color scheme.

Original window trim and porch railings were reproduced and damaged features were carefully repaired. When the exact appearance of original profiles or missing elements could not be determined, available clues combined with research enabled them to locate historically appropriate replacements, all in keeping with Secretary of the Interior Standards.

Brian and Sherry have inspired others by opening their home during a community historic homes hour and



connecting with others taking on similar projects. In addition, to permanently protect their home from inappropriate changes by future owners, in January 2009 they succeeded in having 33 Lake Avenue designated the Village of Lancaster's first Local Historic Landmark.

For their special gift to the community of careful restoration of their 1906 Queen Anne Victorian house—a style not common in the Village of Lancaster—Preservation Buffalo Niagara is pleased to salute Brian Lewandowski and Sherry Campbell.