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MARTIN HOUSE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARY ROBERTS TO RECEIVE IMAGINE GREATER BUFFALO AWARD

*IN CELEBRATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2011 NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC
PRESERVATION CONFERENCE*

IMAGINE Buffalo lecture series host Dennis Galucki will present the 2021 Imagine Greater Buffalo award to Mary Roberts, the Executive Director of Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House, on Tuesday, October 12 during the 12:30 p.m. Library System hosted IMAGINE Buffalo virtual public program. The award is presented annually to a deserving individual who exemplifies the goals and values supporting lifelong learning in the Western New York region. Past awardees have included Congressman Brian Higgins, retired President & CEO of Western New York Public Broadcasting Don Boswell and preservation advocate and former elected official Joan Bozer.

Mary Roberts has led the Martin House since 2006, having joined the organization in 1998. Her expertise has guided the restoration for the non-profit organization that stewards the property. Long regarded as architect Frank Lloyd Wright's finest work, the Martin House, located on Jewett Parkway in Buffalo, had suffered serious decline for decades before its restoration. Today it is viewed as a premier heritage destination within New York State's network of historic sites and a "must see" visit by national and international architecture and Frank Lloyd Wright fans.

The IMAGINE Buffalo series of free weekly public lectures is dedicating the month of October to recognizing the tenth anniversary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference that took place in Buffalo. Currently in a virtual Zoom format, speakers include:
Tuesday, October 12 - Mary Roberts, Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House
Tuesday, October 19 - Ed Healy and Mike Even, Visit Buffalo Niagara
Tuesday, October 26 - Catherine Schweitzer and Robert Skerker, co-chairs of the 2011 National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference. For login details click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4rp8kdvk>.

Since 2009, over 400 IMAGINE Buffalo library lectures have been presented by the Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature (C-SAAHN). Founded by community volunteer and advocate Dennis Galucki as a digital enterprise and network linking volunteers and lifelong learning communities, the award winning program offers a variety of speakers on topics including architecture, local heritage, community projects and current issues. See more information about the IMAGINE series here: <http://imagine lifelong learning.com/>. For past programs click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ajhwff2w>. For information about the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, call 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org. ###