

It is with great sorrow that we share news of the passing of our dear friend Don Kalec, who was a founder of the Trust, and served as Chief Preservation Architect for the organization during the restoration of Wright's Home and Studio in Oak Park.

A Taliesin Fellow in Spring Green, Wisconsin from 1965 to 1969, Don was an expert in the field of architectural history.

In 1969 he joined the staff of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and helped develop programs for the Architecture, Interior Architecture and Designed Objects (AIADO) Department, as well as curriculum for the Master of Science degree in Historic Preservation. He was dedicated to the education of future preservationists.

Following his time as Director of Research and Restoration at the Trust, Don continued to support the organization as a Board member from 1975 to 1981, from 1987 to 1992, Chairman of the Board, and volunteer.

Don received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Landmarks Illinois in 2006 and the Wallis Austin Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2007.

We are grateful to him for his lifelong devotion to preservation and wish his family peace and comfort during this difficult time.