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St. Francis Inn is Celebrating 30th Anniversary + St. Augustine's 450th Birthday

St. Augustine, FL - Joe and Margaret Finnegan are celebrating their 30th anniversary as the owners/stewards of the Historic St. Francis Inn – “the oldest Inn in America’s Oldest City” (circa 1791).

Owned by more than 20 families during its 224 years of historical prominence, the Finnegan’s are proud to be part of the Inn’s lineage and notable pedigree. Stories about the inn’s role throughout the ages are intertwined throughout the celebration this year for St. Augustine’s 450th Anniversary.

The Inn embodies the rich history and culture of the nation’s oldest city and visitors are invited to delve into the stories that comprise its colorful past. It wasn’t until 1948 when the home/inn became the St. Francis Inn. It had many names and an ancestry of being more than an Inn ~ including a residence for one of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings’ close friends during the 20th Century and Van Wycks Brooks, a Pulitzer Prize winning novelist in the 19th Century.

To celebrate the Inn’s 30th Anniversary and the City’s 450th Birthday, the Finnegan’s are giving their guests a \$30 commemorative GIFT from August 16 through October 8, 2015...in the form of a rate reduction each night toward any accommodation at the St. Francis Inn. (This can be used with all other St. Francis Inn promotions).

Awards have been bestowed upon the St. Francis Inn for many years and as a featured bed & breakfast in National Geographic Traveler’s World. The Finnegans are honored to be recognized. “Our guests have known for many years that they were staying in a very special inn and location on Spanish Colonial St. George Street. We’re proud that this highly respected publication recognizes our significant place in history too”.

“By including St. Augustine on its list of must see places, National Geographic’s editors praised the St. Francis Inn and other St. Augustine attractions and sites for maintaining the genuine “old Florida” culture, charm and authentic history,” said Richard Goldman, Executive Director of St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and The Beaches Visitors and Convention Bureau.

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The Finnegan's in 1985 with a gifted painting by
Acclaimed artist Scott Young ~ of the legendary St. Francis Inn

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