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# Historic preservation awards for R.I. announced



THE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY is set to receive an Historic Preservation Project Award from Preserve Rhode Island and the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission for redeveloping the Georgian Revival-style To Kalon Club (1911) in Pawtucket as its headquarters. COURTESY R.I. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION

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**PROVIDENCE –** Preserve Rhode Island and the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission have selected 14 individuals, organizations and projects to receive 2013 Rhody Awards for Historic Preservation.

The awards honor contributions to the preservation of Rhode Island's historic places. This year's award recipients, chosen from public nominations, include a North Kingstown resident with an encyclopedic knowledge of local history, an eight-sided house rehabilitated for two Providence families, and a crowd-funded mobile app that allows virtual visitors to explore historic Newport.

The awards will be presented at the fifth annual Rhode Island Preservation Celebration, to be held at the Weekapaug Inn in Westerly from 4 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29.

The event will include special recognition of Sharon Allison, who served as grants administrator at the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission for more than 30 years.

The Rhode Island Preservation Celebration is open to the public and features local beverages, appetizers, a silent auction and a raffle. Tickets cost \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door.

To buy a ticket or request more information, call (401) 272-5101 or visit [www.preserveri.org](http://www.preserveri.org).

2013 Rhody Awards recipients:

- *Antoinette F. Downing Volunteer Service Award*, to **G. Timothy Cranston** of North Kingstown for his efforts to research, interpret and share local history.
- *Frederick C. Williamson Professional Leadership Award*, to **John R. Tschirch** of Bristol in recognition of his career interpreting the social and architectural evolution of historic sites for the Preservation Society of Newport County.
- *John H. Chafee Public Service Award*, to **Michael Rubin** and **Gregory S. Schultz** of the Attorney General's office, and to **Michael P. Lewis**, director of the R.I. Department of Transportation, for lending services and support to protect a 900-year-old Indian village in Narragansett from destruction.
- *Education Award*, to the **Newport Historical Society** for the development of Explore Historic Newport, a mobile app presenting historic images, audio clips and compelling stories of Newport.
- *Stewardship Award*, awarded to the **town of Narragansett** for protecting and preserving historic neighborhoods, landmark buildings, endangered open space and local character.

Receiving *Historic Preservation Project Awards* will be:

- **The Greene Company**, for restoring the Cranberry Processing Barn in Coventry and preserving a piece of Rhode Island's agricultural heritage.
- **The Providence Revolving Fund**, for rehabilitating the Miles B. Lawson Octagon House (ca. 1855) in Providence's Elmwood neighborhood.
- **Brady Sullivan Properties** and **Starr Development Partners LLC**, for converting the historic Pocasset Mill in Johnston into 92 market-rate apartments.
- **The Public Archaeology Laboratory**, for redeveloping the Georgian Revival-style To Kalon Club (1911) in Pawtucket as its headquarters.
- **The Saunderstown Free Library Association**, for the effort to restore and expand the Willett Free Library (1904) in North Kingstown.
- **Lang Wheeler**, for renovating the Weekapaug Inn (1939) in Westerly to serve 21st-century clientele without sacrificing its historic character.

