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ELEVEN CHEERS FOR THE RHODY AWARDS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

A family of craftsmen who specialize in historic masonry repair, a Providence diner saved from the scrapheap, a monumental Coventry mill rehabbed for apartments, and a restored Newport lighthouse that brightens up Narragansett Bay are among the people, places, and projects that will be honored at the sixth annual Rhode Island Preservation Celebration. The event will take place at the Aldrich Mansion in Warwick from 4:00 to 7:00pm on Sunday, September 28.

The Rhody Awards, chosen by Preserve Rhode Island (PRI) and the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) from nominations by the public, honor individuals, organizations, and projects for their contributions to the preservation of Rhode Island's historic places.

The 2014 awards include:

- **Antoinette F. Downing Volunteer Service Award** to Fred T. Faria of Scituate who as a homeowner, grant-writer, advocate, volunteer, and local watchdog has dedicated himself to preserving historic Hope Village.
- **Frederick C. Williamson Professional Leadership Award** to Carol Ann Nelson, AIA recognizing her critical role in the care and stewardship of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence's irreplaceable historic buildings.
- **Stephen J. Tyson Sr. Artisan Award** to East Coast Masonry & Restoration, Inc. of Johnston, a family firm of craftsmen who have completed outstanding masonry restoration projects at some of the state's most significant historic structures, including the Rhode Island State House and Newport Colony House.

- **Stewardship Award** to The Diocese of Providence for protecting and preserving the majestic Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (1878-89), culminating with an important restoration project on the building's 125th anniversary.
- **Project Award** to Brady Sullivan Properties and Starr Development Partners LLC for converting the monumental Anthony Mill (1872-74) in Coventry into 122 apartments.
- **Project Award** to Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation for the comprehensive preservation project that ensures that the historic Rose Island Lighthouse (1870) will continue to shine bright as an enduring symbol of Newport's nautical heritage.
- **Project Award** to Andrew Mitrelis for restoring the endangered Captain Joseph Tillinghast House (1767) and preserving a remnant of Providence's colonial past.
- **Project Award** to S. Jon Özbek for the inspired effort to save, relocate, and restore Poirier's Diner (1947) as a favorite neighborhood hub on Providence's West Side.
- **Project Award** to 113 Westminster St. Associates for the innovative redevelopment of The Arcade (1828), creating 48 micro-apartments and 17 stores in the heart of Downtown Providence.
- **Project Award** to ASH NYC and Clay Rockefeller for the historically sensitive and oh-so-stylish rehabilitation of The Dean Hotel (1913) in Downtown Providence.
- **Project Award** to the City of Warwick for the restoration of Warwick City Hall (1892-94), including its iconic clock tower.

The event will also include a special recognition of W^m McKenzie (Mack) Woodward, who is retiring after serving 38 years as Principal Architectural Historian at the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission.

The Rhode Island Preservation Celebration and Rhody Awards event is open to the public. Tickets cost \$30 before September 24 or \$35 at the door. To buy a ticket or request more information, call (401)272-5101 or visit www.preserveri.org.

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<p>Special Recognition</p> <p>W^m McKenzie (Mack) Woodward of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission</p>	