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**MEET THE RHODYS:
PRESENTING THE 2016 RHODY AWARDS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

A master craftsman of architectural sheet metal, long-time preservationists from East Providence and Newport, a community museum in a Bristol carriage barn, a historic bridge that became a public park—these are among the people, places, and projects that will be honored at the eighth annual Rhode Island Preservation Celebration. The event will take place at Rosecliff in Newport from 4:00 to 6:30pm on Sunday, October 16.

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 2016 awards include:

- **Antoinette F. Downing Volunteer Service Award** to David J. Kelleher of East Providence who has educated everyone from second graders to city council members about the historic places of East Providence
- **Frederick C. Williamson Professional Leadership Award** to Robert P. Foley of Newport recognizing his many contributions to the historic preservation movement in the City by the Sea
- **Stephen J. Tyson, Sr. Artisan Award** to Andrew J. Panciotti, Sr. of Providence, a master architectural sheet metal mechanic who not only excels at his trade but also mentors fellow workers and students

- **Homeowner Award** to Dylan Peacock and Miki G. Kicić, first-time homeowners who undertook the hands-on restoration of the Cook-Cohen House (1911) in Providence’s Elmwood neighborhood
- **Project Award** to Valley Affordable Housing for an ambitious project of rehab and new construction in Cumberland’s historic Ashton Village, a planned community built in the 1860s for mill workers
- **Project Award** to the Bristol Art Museum for the thoughtful adaptive reuse of the Linden Place Carriage Barn (ca. 1866) for galleries, artists’ studios, and public classrooms
- **Project Award** to Lila Delman Real Estate who bought a fixer-upper, the historic Earle Warehouse (ca. 1784), and rehabbed it for its new Providence office
- **Project Award** to the TAI-O Real Estate Group for completing the residential conversion of a sprawling mill complex in Central Falls with the rehabilitation of historic Elizabeth Webbing
- **Project Award** to Providence Revolving Fund, Lori Quinn, and Dave Stem for preserving a key block of Washington Street by rehabilitating the endangered George C. Arnold Building (1923)
- **Project Award** to The Arc of Blackstone Valley for rehabbing the Heaton & Cowing Mill (1832, 1926) in Providence to provide comfortable apartments for homeless or nearly-homeless veterans
- **Project Award** to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for converting the endangered Washington Bridge (1928-30) into the Washington Bridge Linear Park, a new open space in a historic place that links the communities of East Providence and Providence

The Rhode Island Preservation Celebration and Rhody Awards event is open to the public. Tickets cost \$40 before October 12 or \$45 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>Project Awards Ashton Village, Cumberland Bristol Art Museum Earle Warehouse, Providence Elizabeth Webbing, Central Falls George C. Arnold Building, Providence Heaton & Cowing Mill, Providence Washington Bridge Linear Park, East Providence-Providence</p>	

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