

## R.I. heritage panel to give 11 awards

PROVIDENCE — The state Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission will present 11 preservation awards as part of its annual Historic Preservation Conference Saturday at 9 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The award winners are:

Volunteer service award: Deming Sherman, a Providence lawyer, for his pro-bono work on issues of historic preservation, smart growth and public spaces.

Professional leadership award: Cornelis de Boer, a Providence architect, for his expertise in restoring many of the state's most significant historic properties and his dedication to the highest historic preservation standards.

Public service award: Grow Smart Rhode Island, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, for its advocacy of sustainable development with an emphasis on revitalizing historic properties and preserving open space.

Advocacy award: West Broadway Neighborhood Association for its 25 years of working to promote historic preservation, improve public infrastructure and enhance the quality of life on Providence's west side.

Stewardship awards: The Champlin Foundations for its longstanding commitment to preserve the state's historic places by supporting capital improvements, and the Newport Restoration Foundation for 40 years of preserving Newport's 18th-century neighborhoods and interpreting Aquidneck Island's historic places.

Project awards:

- Belvoir Properties for the restoration of Rosedale Apartments, in Cranston.
- Candace and David Keith for rescuing Indian Spring, a Newport mansion designed by Richard Morris Hunt.
- AS220 for rehabilitation of Providence's Dreyfus Hotel.
- Church of the Assumption, in South Providence, for restoration of its building.
- Several mill building rehabilitation projects: Berkander Building and Monohasset Mill, both in Providence; Slatersville Mill, in North Smithfield, and Royal Mills, in West Warwick.

The awards ceremony is part of the daylong conference, which is open to the public at \$40 a person. For more information, visit [www.preservation.ri.gov/conference](http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference) or call (401) 732-1009.