

FEATURING
THE RHODY AWARDS



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Introducing *The Rhody Awards*

Tonight we recognize many people for their outstanding work in stewardship, home restoration, historic tax credit projects, public works projects, and preservation projects. Four Rhody Awards pay tribute to individuals who exemplify Rhode Island's commitment to historic preservation. They are the highest honors we bestow. The Antoinette F. Downing Volunteer Service Award honors Rhode Island's founding Commission Chairman. The Frederick C. Williamson Professional Leadership Award honors our long-term State Historic Preservation Officer. The John H. Chafee Public Service Award honors Rhode Island governor, United States Senator, and friend of historic preservation and the natural environment. The Stephen J. Tyson, Sr. Artisan Award honors a master preservation carpenter who carefully restored hundreds of Rhode Island's historic landmarks.

Cheers to each Rhody Award winner for their dedication and passion to preserve our heritage, enhance our communities, and care for the historic structures that make us feel at home. So let's mingle, applaud and have a great time! America's smallest state has a lot to cheer for!

Historic Rehab Tax Credit Projects

Four recent rehabilitation projects represent the positive impact of the Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credit program on Rhode Island's economic development.

Rumford Center, East Providence

Established in 1856, Rumford Chemical Works put its neighborhood on the map. A century and a half later, PK Rumford and Prellwitz Chilinski Associates completed a \$50 million housing and commercial redevelopment project. Rumford Center renews the important role of the complex in its neighborhood and city.

Aquidneck Mill, Newport

One of the earliest industrial facilities on the Newport waterfront, Aquidneck Mill (1831) had fallen into neglect. The International Yacht Restoration School acquired the mill and worked with Newport Collaborative Architects and Farrar & Associates on a \$9.4 million project to restore it for program areas, library, and commercial space.

Greystone Lofts, North Providence

North Providence's Greystone Mill produced textiles from the 1910s to the 1970s. Developer Urban Smart Growth (USG), architects from Annino Incorporated, and Metric Construction created 150 residential units in the facility at a total cost of \$40 million. The completed project demonstrates the versatility and enduring quality of historic mill buildings.

Hampton Inn and Suites, Providence

Providence's Old Colony Bank building projected tradition and confidence when it opened in 1927. Developer First Bristol spent \$20 million to convert the building into a 110-room Hampton Inn and Suites. Newport Collaborative and Stonestreet Construction preserved significant interior spaces and created a compatible addition for a challenging downtown site.