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HISTORIC PRESERVATION *Awards*

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Friday, September 11, 2020
6:00 pm

PRESENTERS

Mark R. Thompson, Executive Director
Newport Restoration Foundation

Lynn Underwood Ceglie, Awards Jury Member
Newport City Council, 2nd Ward Councilor

Alyssa Lozupone, Director of Preservation
Newport Restoration Foundation

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

BankNewport for restoring and rehabilitating 10 Washington Square

International Tennis Hall of Fame for restoring the historic frieze on the Newport Casino

Peter and Sue Metzger for restoring and rehabilitating Edgar House “Sunnyside”

Since its inception 14 years ago, the Doris Duke Historic Preservation Awards program has raised over $600,000 dollars to support historic preservation in Newport. This signature celebration recognizes members of our community who have embodied Doris Duke's vision of protecting Newport's architectural heritage and who have made significant contributions to the preservation and restoration of structures and landscapes.

Funds raised through the Doris Duke Historic Preservation Awards will support important NRF preservation initiatives and activities such as advancing our work in studying climate change resilience in Newport, creating engaging community programs and events, and preserving and stewarding our historic museums and centuries-old properties.

The Awards celebration is a joint program of the Newport Restoration Foundation and the City of Newport. Recipients were chosen by a jury composed of representatives from the Newport Restoration Foundation, the City of Newport, and individuals involved in historic preservation at the local and state levels.

To see a list of past recipients and to learn how to nominate a preservation project in the future, visit www.newportrestoration.org/ddpa

The Newport Restoration Foundation promotes and invests in the architectural heritage of the Newport community, the traditional building trades, and Doris Duke's fine and decorative arts collections, for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of all.

BankNewport

10 Washington Square (1930), Newport, RI

Awarded to BankNewport; recognized for the rehabilitation of a 90-year-old bank in Newport's Washington Square. The structure was built between 1929 and 1930 and was designed with the intent to blend in seamlessly with its neighbors and the character of the square. When the building was recently evaluated for a new HVAC system, it was decided that the entire space should be rehabilitated.

BankNewport determined that maintaining the branch's historical integrity while balancing modern amenities was of the utmost importance. Highlights of the rehabilitation included mechanical and electrical updates, HVAC system replacement, exterior masonry restoration, and recreations of some of the building's original artistry by local artisans such as hand-painted gold-leaf lettering on the exterior, ornate interior ceiling details, and the lobby's decorative plaster. They also made several technical updates to enhance the banking and ATM experience.

Ultimately, the building was carefully rehabilitated and restored in order to continue serving the exact purpose it was built for decades ago - as a community bank.

Project Contributors:

Construction Management Team: Farrar and Associates, Inc.

Bay State Restoration, Ltd.

DBVW Architects

DiPrete Engineering

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BankNewport

Top (before) image: The exterior of 10 Washington Square before renovation

Bottom (after) image: In 2020, the project was completed. Among the many improvements, local artisans were retained to restore and recreate some of the building's original features.

International Tennis Hall of Fame

Frieze Restoration (1879-81), Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI

Awarded to the International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHOF); recognized for the restoration of a lost portion of historic fabric unique to the Newport Casino located on Bellevue Avenue. ITHOF is dedicated to the preservation and stewardship of the Newport Casino, which is where the museum resides.

During the 20th century, the Newport Casino's decorative "frieze," or a horizontal board of sculpted or painted decoration, was replaced. Fortunately, many of the original frieze medallions were salvaged and stored at the museum. Due to their significant level of deterioration, the original medallions were not able to be reinstalled. Instead, 38 new circular and semicircular ornate medallions were hand carved to match the original size, motif, and carving techniques using historic photos and drawings.

This project not only restored the historic frieze, it restored a portion of Newport's past for all who pass through Newport's downtown.

Project Contributors:

Architect: DBVW Architects

Contractor: Behan Bros, Inc.

Woodworking: Stephen Plaud Custom Woodturning

Project funded by Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

International Tennis Hall of Fame

Top (before) image: North gable before restoration

Bottom (after) image: Completed in November 2019, the project involved the removal of non-historic components of the building and replacing them with new wood frieze boards.

Sue and Peter Metzger

Edgar House “Sunnyside” (1885), Old Beach Road, Newport, RI

Awarded to Sue and Peter Metzger; recognized for rehabilitating and restoring an early example of brick colonial revival architecture. The house was built by the renowned architectural firm of McKim, Mead, & White between the years 1884 and 1886.

In 2018, the house was purchased by Sue and Peter Metzger as a two-family home in need of preservation.

Exterior restorations included repairing 20 wood columns, masonry, steps, and walkways. The 13 third floor dormers were all repaired and the roof was replaced. Inside, systems were upgraded, bathrooms were renovated, and a large-scale ceiling mural was also restored. In addition, the house was painted and the wood was refinished. After extensive work, Sunnyside is once again a stately one-family home.

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Sousa Ironworks

Sure Power

Sue and Peter Metzger - Edgar House "Sunnyside"

Top (before) image: The exterior of Edgar House "Sunnyside" before restoration.

Bottom (after) image: The projected was completed in February 2020, with extensive improvements made to both the interior and exterior in an effort to sustain the existing form and integrity of the original home.

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