HISTORIC PRESERVATION Awards

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Friday, September 10, 2021 6:00 pm

PRESENTERS

Alyssa Lozupone, Director of Preservation Newport Restoration Foundation

Helen Johnson, Awards Jury Member Preservation Planner, City of Newport

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr. Hendrik and Mrs. Siobhan Kits van Heyningen for the exterior restoration of Henrietta Lieber House

St. John's Church for the exterior preservation and restoration of the Church's roof and masonry

Since its inception 15 years ago, the Doris Duke Historic Preservation Awards have raised over \$650,000 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 from the Doris Duke Historic
Preservation Awards 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 project 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.

Henrietta Lieber House (1882)

Rhode Island Avenue, Newport, RI

Awarded to Mr. Hendrik and Mrs. Siobhan Kits van Heyningen for their exterior restoration of the late-19th century Shingle Style/Queen Anne house in the Kay-Catherine-Old Beach National Register Historic District. This house, built in 1882, was originally designed by Newport architect Dudley Newton.

The home had been in the Kits van Heyningen family since the mid-1960s, but had fallen into disrepair for years after being abandoned following the passing of Hendrik's grandparents. When Hendrik and Siobhan assumed ownership, they researched and reproduced the character-defining details of the house, restoring the exterior to its original, historic appearance.

Highlights of the project included restoring the second-floor balcony on the front elevation (extended in the 1970s) back to its original size, matching custom mahogany trim to replace rotted and damaged pieces, and recreating missing balusters, railings, and corbels on the porch to match their original design. Single pane, historic-replica sashes for four windows were also fabricated to recreate the original 30-over-1 style. After extensive work and care, this restoration contributes to the preservation of the Kay-Catherine-Old Beach historic district and its late-19th century architecture for many more generations to enjoy.

Project Contributors:

Mark Fontaine: Architectural Designer

Wagner Gonçalves (BW Construction): Exterior Siding & Trim,

Porch & Balcony

Bill Letoile (New Outlook Historic Window Restoration), Historic

Sash Restoration

FabrisioRocha (FabrisioPainting), Exterior Painting

Paul Evans (Schnepel Woodworking): Historic Sash Fabrication

Dave Randall: Copper Roofs

Miller Metals: Railing Fabrication and Installation

New England Shutter Mills: Shutter Fabrication and Installation

Henrietta Lieber House (1882)





 $Top\ (before)\ image:\ The\ exterior\ of\ the\ Henrietta\ Lieber\ House$ before\ renovation

Bottom (after) image: In December 2020, the project was completed. Among the many improvements, the project included restoring the second-floor balcony on the front elevation and recreating missing elements to match their original design.

St. John's Exterior Restoration (1894)

Poplar Street, Newport, RI

St. John's Church is being recognized for the preservation of a historic church located in the Point Neighborhood. The structure was originally built in 1894, when Sarah Titus Zabriskie heard of a young church founded by Peter Quire, an African American, named St. John's that was in financial straits. Zabriskie donated \$100,000 toward the building of the Zabriskie Memorial Church for St. John's in memory of her late mother, Sarah Jane Zabriskie.

The interior wall surfaces at St. John's Church were damaged from decades of water intrusion. In 2019, the root causes of the deterioration, leaking roofs and gutters, were addressed with a roof repair utilizing both historic and new roof tiles, snow guards, gutters, and flashing. However, the next area of concern was the masonry walls, which were deteriorating, especially at the mortar joints. A repointing process removed and replaced deteriorated mortar, restoring the visual and physical integrity of the masonry.

From the color and texture of mortar to the tools used in the repair, the masonry work is both physically and visually appropriate. Through their steadfast commitment to honoring the history of the building, St. John's continues to carry on the legacies of Peter Quire and Sarah Titus Zabriskie's to this day.

Project Contributors:

NewPort Architecture, LLC, Architect

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St. John's Exterior Restoration





 $Top\ (before)\ image: Front\ entrance\ before\ restoration$

Bottom (after) image: Also completed in December 2020, the project involved a repointing process that removed and replaced deteriorated mortar.

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