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Greenwich Historical Society Taps CEO of National Trust for Historic Preservation to Keynote Landmark Recognition Reception April 19

Cos Cob, CT, February 19, 2015—The Greenwich Historical Society's Landmark Recognition Program will honor five distinctive properties that reflect Greenwich's unique architectural heritage at a reception on April 19. Properties include a stunning backcountry estate once home to Joseph Hirshhorn and the fabulous art collection that he donated to the Smithsonian; the former Greenwich Post Office, now home to Restoration Hardware; French Farm, whose past owner was a preservation pioneer in Greenwich; a charming Cos Cob Victorian and the Riverside Avenue Bridge (Connecticut's only cast iron bridge). Each of the properties will be presented with a Greenwich Historical Society plaque for its adherence to design and architectural excellence. The properties join nearly 300 other homes, sites and structures that have been plaqued since the program's inception in 1987.

Leader in America's New Preservation Movement to Speak

Stephanie Meeks, president and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will present the critical connection between older buildings and dynamic cities in the keynote address, titled "The Future of the Past: Re-Conceiving Historic Preservation for the 21st Century."

"It's a privilege to have such a significant leader in America's preservation movement share her perspective and knowledge," says Robin Kencel, chairman of this year's Landmark Recognition Program. "Under Meeks' leadership, the Trust has an ambitious plan to save imperiled places and engage new and younger audiences in the cause--issues that are as relevant to our community in Greenwich as they are to the national picture."

Recipients of this year's plaques will be presented with books that showcase the architectural richness of their properties, written by former Landmark committee chairman Jack Morris and designed by committee member Joel Dawson.

Champagne Reception at Greenwich Country Club

The Landmark Recognition Program reception takes place at the Greenwich Country Club, April 19, from 5 - 7:30 pm. Champagne, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$75 per person; \$250 for Patron level; \$500 for Benefactor level. Proceeds from the event support the Historical Society's mission to preserve and interpret Greenwich history. Advance reservations are required. Visit www.greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899, ext. 10.

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About the Greenwich Landmark Recognition Program

The Landmark Recognition Program was begun in 1987 by the Greenwich Historical Society. Originally known as "Signs of the Times," its purpose is to encourage preservation through the recognition of historic and architecturally significant structures. Each plaqued property is professionally researched and documented, and its records are preserved in the Historical Society's library and archives. Over the years, these materials have proved to be valuable to homeowners, researchers, and scholars, as well as to architects, builders and real estate professionals.