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## **Greenwich Historical Society Receives Nonprofit Leadership Award**

*Cos Cob, CT*, May 28, 2015—The Greenwich Historical Society was the 2015 recipient of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce’s Nonprofit Leadership Award at the Chamber’s annual recognition program on April 30. The honor is given each year to a nonprofit organization or an individual in Greenwich that has made a significant difference in the betterment of the community. “We are thrilled to announce the selection of the Historical Society as this year’s winner,” said Chamber President Marcia O’Kane. “The Chamber holds this annual event to honor heroes who have significantly enhanced the town’s overall quality of life, and this year we had many quality nominations. Once we considered its immediate and ongoing impact on the community and the importance of preserving town history, the Historical Society immediately rose to the top. The timing was perfect, since we are all very proud of the events that will honor Greenwich’s 375th anniversary and the Historical Society’s ongoing education and preservation programs.”

Upon receipt of the award, Davidde Strackbein, chairman of the Historical Society board, noted “We are elated and very proud to receive the honor, which the Greenwich Chamber has bestowed upon our 84-year-old local Historical Society. It means a great deal to us to receive such recognition from a broad spectrum of successful Greenwich businesses, because it represents a respected seal of approval and endorsement of our organization and its mission to collect, preserve and disseminate the history of our town.”

Founded in 1931, the Greenwich Historical Society has a long and productive record of contributing to the cultural vitality of Greenwich. As the only organization in town dedicated to serving as a bridge from the town’s past to its future, it engages people of all ages in thinking about how historical events shape their lives—as citizens of our community and world. In addition to its mission to educate and

preserve, the Historical Society is the steward of Bush-Holley House, Greenwich's only National Historic Landmark and significant as the cradle of American Impressionism.

The Society's campus also includes the historic archives of Greenwich; the Vanderbilt Education Center; the Storehouse Gallery, which features rotating art and history exhibitions; and the recently acquired Toby's Tavern.



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Caption: Greenwich Historical Society Executive Director Debra Mecky is presented with the 2015 Nonprofit Leadership Award by last year's recipient Chris Franco.