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## Historic Preservation Conference

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### Protecting Cultural Landscape Features through Conservation Design

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Media, PA and President of  
Greener Prospects,  
Narragansett Pier, RI

Introduction by  
Scott Wolf, Executive  
Director, Grow Smart  
Rhode Island

Randall Arendt is one of the country's foremost experts on the preservation of historic places through "smart" land-use planning that conserves the natural and built environment. As a scholar, planner, and author, Mr. Arendt advocates on behalf of fragile cultural and natural

resources in the face of destructive development. A recent transplant to Narragansett, Mr. Arendt brings the knowledge of a distinguished professional career and the personal insights of a local resident to his presentation at our conference in South County.

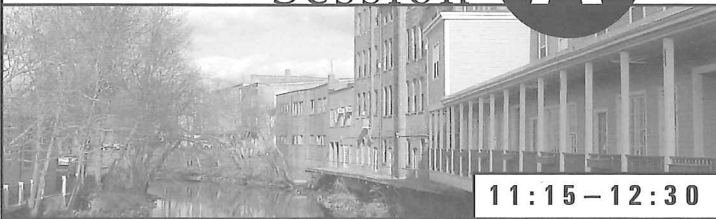
The keynote address is sponsored by Grow Smart Rhode Island, with funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

### Conference Agenda

8:30-9:15	9:15-10:45	BREAK	11:15-12:30	LUNCH	2:00-3:15	BREAK	3:45-5:00	5:00-6:00
Newport Artillery Company Cannon Salute The Westerly Band RI Militia Color Guard	Welcoming Remarks Keynote Address 2002 State Preservation Awards at the Westerly Armory		Session <b>A</b> Consult guide for locations		Session <b>B</b> Consult guide for locations		Session <b>C</b> Consult guide for locations	Closing Reception at the Westerly Public Library

# Session

# A



11:15 – 12:30

## **A1 No Small Plans: Greenspace Protection and Land Planning in South County and Aquidneck Island**

**SITE** Town Hall Council Chambers, 45 Broad St.

Trudy Coxe, *CEO, The Preservation Society of Newport County*

Peter Flinker, *ASLA, AICP, Principal, Dodson Associates Ltd.*

Jeff Nield, *South County Watersheds Coordinator, RI-DEM*

Kelly Woodward, *Coordinator, Aquidneck Island Planning Commission*

This session will showcase innovative regional planning projects in two areas battling sprawl. South County's nine towns recently collaborated on an inventory of their natural, cultural/historical, and recreational resources that resulted in a Greenspace Protection Strategy for the region. Aquidneck Island's three communities are working with Naval Station Newport to develop a West Side master plan. With an underused railroad corridor, industrial and Navy property, and ten miles of coastline, the island's west side provides a unique opportunity to plan for the future and address island-wide issues.

## **A2 What's Up Out Back**

**SITE** Christ Church Parish Hall, 7 Elm St.

Roberta Randall, *Preservation Architect, RIHP&HC*

Charlotte Taylor, *Archaeologist, RIHP&HC*

Virginia Williams, *"The Outhouse Lady"*

Described by *Yankee Magazine* as the "Ansel Adams of Outhouses," Williams has been photographing and collecting the lore of outhouses for over 20 years. Following her talk, panelists will discuss outhouse archaeology and privy preservation. Look into holes filled with household garbage to find a rich record of past activities, and learn how to restore your lovely latrine.

## **A3 The Interpretation and Preservation of Archaeological Landscapes**

**SITE** Granite Theatre, 1 Granite St.

James C. Garman, *Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Archaeology, Salve Regina University*

Richard E. Greenwood, *Ph.D., Project Review Coordinator, RIHP&HC*

Paul A. Robinson, *Ph.D., Principal Archaeologist, RIHP&HC*

Archaeological investigations take us beneath the present-day landscape to see how land was used and space apportioned in the past. Learn about recent excavations at the colonial-era Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House in Newport; the 19th-century mill village of Ashton in Lincoln; and South Kingstown's Tefft farmstead, which was settled in the 17th century and worked continuously by one family well into the 19th century.

## **A4 Paying for Preservation Projects: Tax Credits and Financial Incentives**

**SITE** Westerly Public Library Conference Room, 44 Broad St.

Sharon Allison, *Grants and Loans Coordinator, RIHP&HC*

Virginia Hesse, *Principal Historical Architect, RIHP&HC*

Geoffrey Marchant, *Director, Community Development Consortium*

Fixing up your historic building? Consider the menu of financial incentives for historic preservation—state tax credits for residential rehab, state and federal tax credits for commercial rehab, easements, loans, and community development block grants. Hear about the recent changes at the State House that can make your preservation project more affordable.

## **A5 Woodwork to Wallpaper: Preserving Your Own House**

**SITE** Westerly Public Library Auditorium, 44 Broad St.

Charles Jeffers Moore, *Conservator, The Preservation Society of Newport County*

Pieter Roos, *Executive Director, The Newport Restoration Foundation*

John R. Tschirch, *Architectural Historian, The Preservation Society of Newport County*

Every homeowner is a preservationist! This session offers a comprehensive checklist of issues to be addressed when preserving a historic building. Historic houses in Newport serve as case studies for identifying character-defining features, woodwork finishes, wallpapers, paint colors, and survey methods for electrical, plumbing, and heating systems.

## **A6 Rhode Island History and Preservation: Who's Who?**

**SITE** Chorus of Westerly, 119 High St.

Melissa Bingmann, *Education Director, Rhode Island Historical Society*

Albert T. Klyberg, *Director of Museum and Program, Heritage Harbor Museum*

Wendy Nicholas, *Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation Northeast Regional Office*

Edward F. Sanderson, *Executive Director, RIHP&HC*

Mary Thacher, *Historian, Town of Stonington and Archivist, Stonington Historical Society Library*

Marjorie Weeden, *President, Historical Association of Hopkinton*

Philo F. Willetts Jr., *President, Westerly Historical Society*

Janet Zwolinski, *Executive Director, Preserve Rhode Island*

Is my Bradford Road house on the National Register? How do I preserve my local burial ground? If you have a history or preservation question, turn to these organizations for the answer. Get acquainted with some of the local, state, and national organizations who work to preserve Rhode Island history.

## **A7 Downtown Westerly and Pawcatuck Walking Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Armory, corner of Dixon St. and Railroad Ave.

Blanche Higgins, *AICP, Statewide Planning Program*

Peter Lewiss, *Representative (Westerly), R.I. General Assembly and Vice Chairman, R.I. State Council on the Arts*

Downtown Westerly and Pawcatuck have it all—library, parks, post office, local newspaper, train station, places of worship, commercial buildings, river, street life. Learn about their shared history and the latest downtown improvement projects.

## **A8 Wilcox Park Walking Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Armory, corner of Dixon St. and Railroad Ave.

Alan Peck, *Manager, Wilcox Park*  
David Sayles, *Trustee, Memorial and Library Association of Westerly*

Take a ramble in wonderful Wilcox Park, designed in 1899 by landscape architect Warren Manning. Learn about the historic design, specimen trees, public sculpture, and new master plan.

*Tour offered again at C6.*

## **A9 Westerly-Pawcatuck Riverwalk: Walking Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Armory, corner of Dixon St. and Railroad Ave.

Sharon Ahern, *Westerly-Pawcatuck Downtown Manager*

Westerly (RI) and Pawcatuck (CT) are embarking on a dramatic project to develop a linear park along the Pawcatuck River. Visit this work-in-progress and view its many unique historic, commercial, and recreational resources.

## **A10 River Bend Cemetery Bus Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Armory, corner of Dixon St. and Railroad Ave.

Isaac Smith, *Granite industry historian*

Wm. McKenzie Woodward, *Architectural Historian, RIHP&HC*

Picturesque River Bend Cemetery is a garden cemetery founded on the Pawcatuck in 1852. Learn about 19th-century landscape design, and see the fruits of the Westerly granite industry. Discover the artistry, methods, and technology of stone carving, and visit the graves of local cutters, carvers, quarry managers, and sculptors.



2:00 – 3:15

### **B1 From GPS to GIS: Expanding Technologies and Historic Resources**

**SITE** Westerly Public Library Conference Room, 44 Broad St.  
Will Burdick, *Archaeologist, PAL*  
Ben Ford, *Archaeologist, PAL*  
Mary Kate Harrington,  
*Director of Preservation Services,  
Providence Preservation Society*  
Stephen A. Olausen,  
*Executive Director, PAL*

How can computer-aided design, databases, and mapping systems help you with your preservation project? These cutting-edge technologies can be used to locate, identify, and document historic buildings and sites. This informative session will provide you with a broad overview of computer programs available to the 21st-century preservationist.

### **B2 Historic Landscapes of Rhode Island**

**SITE** Granite Theatre,  
1 Granite St.  
Wm. McKenzie Woodward,  
*Architectural Historian, RIHP&HC*  
From formal gardens to vernacular streetscapes, from working farmsteads to public parks, Rhode Island's remarkable collection of landscapes represents 350 years of innovation and evolution. Documented in a recently published survey, they portray widely varying attitudes towards land use. This overview lecture will sample the state's landscapes, their creation, and issues surrounding their preservation.

### **B3 Preservation in Action: Old Town Hall**

**SITE** Meet on front steps of (current) Town Hall, 45 Broad St.  
Dennis L. Algieri, *Senior Vice President of the Washington Trust Company and Rhode Island Senate Minority Leader*  
Mark Doescher, Jr. and Carmela Luzzi, *students, Westerly High School*  
Robert Driscoll, *Keeper of the Clock*  
William R. Haase,  
*Planner, Town of Westerly*  
Albert T. Klyberg,  
*Director of Museum and Program, Heritage Harbor Museum*

Anthony Lementowicz,  
*Social Studies Teacher,  
Westerly High School*

Paul Pawlowski, *ASLA,  
Landscape Architect and Planner*  
Daniel Snyder Jr., Ph.D.,  
*Executive Director, Newport  
Historical Society*

Anne Utter, *Commissioner,  
RIHP&HC and Member,  
Westerly-Pawcatuck Joint  
Development Task Force*  
Sarah Zurier, *Special Projects,  
RIHP&HC*

Visit Westerly's Old Town Hall (1872) and learn about ongoing efforts to develop a program for the stabilization, repair, and reuse of the building. Then join the lively discussion to share your ideas, experiences, and strategies to help preserve this local landmark.

### **B4 What Makes A Village?**

**SITE** Christ Church Parish Hall,  
7 Elm St.

Marilyn Cohen, *Planning  
and Development Director,  
Town of North Kingstown*  
Blanche Higgins, *AICP,  
RI Statewide Planning Program*  
Diane Williamson, *Principal  
Planner, Town of Bristol*

Join the panel in exploring the mix of physical and social elements that define our villages and towns. Then discuss how to apply planning, zoning, and design strategies to protect those elements and to maintain village and town character.

### **B5 Documenting and Preserving Historic Cemeteries**

**SITE** Westerly Public Library Auditorium, 44 Broad St.

Jim Fannin, *Senior Associate,  
Fannin-Lehner Preservation  
Consultants*  
Minxie Fannin, *Managing  
Principal, Fannin-Lehner  
Preservation Consultants*  
Lorraine Tarket-Arruda,  
*co-author, Hopkinton, Rhode Island  
Historical Cemeteries*

Learn about the effort to catalog all of the gravemarkers in Hopkinton's 79 cemeteries. Then hear from a team of conservators who documented and restored gravestones in several burial grounds in South County.

### **B6 From Steam Engines to Fishing Line – Factory Villages on the Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers Bus Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Armory,  
corner of Dixon St. and  
Railroad Ave.

Ned Connors, *Research Director,  
Grow Smart Rhode Island*

Richard E. Greenwood, Ph.D.,  
*Project Review, RIHP&HC*

Lori Urso, *Executive Director,  
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed  
Association*

The Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers have fostered industrial activity for centuries, beginning with colonial ironworks and expanding in the 19th century to include a variety of textile mills, line and twine mills, and machine shops. This tour will visit a number of the villages that grew up around these industries and consider some of the preservation challenges they face today.

*This is a 3-hour tour.*

### **B7 Sands of Gold – Westerly Sea and Shore Bus Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Armory,  
corner of Dixon St. and  
Railroad Ave.

Robert O. Jones,  
*Architectural Historian, RIHP&HC*  
Seaside recreation has shaped Rhode Island's coastal development, and few places illustrate this theme better than Westerly. This tour features Watch Hill, one of the premier historic summer resorts in the northeast. Witness how summer visitors transformed our scenic shores in the 1800s and 1900s.

*This is a 3-hour tour.*

### **B8 Narragansett Indian Reservation Bus Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Armory,  
corner of Dixon St. and  
Railroad Ave.

John Brown, *Narragansett Indian  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer*

Paul A. Robinson, Ph.D., *Principal  
Archaeologist, RIHP&HC*

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Narragansett Tribe's reservation contains many ancient historical sites and landscape features, including the August Meeting Grounds, the Indian Church, family farmsteads, and ponds and trails that are important to the Tribe's history, traditions, and culture. Hear first hand about Native American preservation issues in Rhode Island today.

*This is a 3-hour tour.*

### **B9 Hopkinton City, Country, and Camp Bus Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Armory,  
corner of Dixon St. and  
Railroad Ave.

Glenn Bradfield,  
*Chair, Hopkinton Historic  
District Commission*

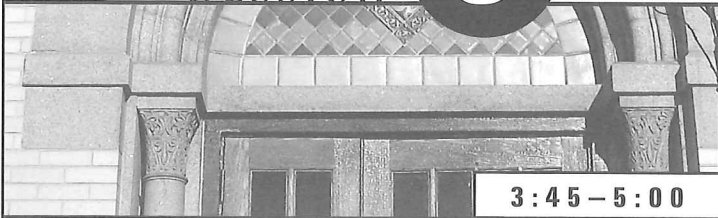
Nina Rooks Cast,  
*Vice Chair, Hopkinton  
Conservation Commission*

Jeffrey D. Emidy,  
*Architectural Historian, PAL*

Villages and forests, farms and fields—Hopkinton treasures its historic places. Walk through Hopkinton City, a village protected by the Historic District Commission. Take a trip to Camp Yawgoog, which has been continuously used and maintained by the Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America since 1916. Visit rural properties under review by the Conservation Commission, and learn how to promote smart growth while protecting natural resources.

*This is a 3-hour tour.*

# Session **C**



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## **C1 Public Sculpture and Community**

**SITE** Westerly Public Library Conference Room, 44 Broad St.

Peter Lewiss, *Representative (Westerly), Rhode Island General Assembly and Vice Chairman, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts*

Rob Lorenson, *Sculptor*

Ronald Onorato, Ph.D., *Honors Professor of Art History, University of Rhode Island*

Bob Rizzo, *Director and Curator, Convergence International Arts Festival*

In Westerly, Newport, and Providence, public sculpture is a dynamic part of the landscape. Hear from the curator whose city streets and parks serve as a gallery for new public art each year; talk with the artist and the public official about the process of commissioning new sculpture; and discuss with the professor the cultural and community issues surrounding art in the public realm.

## **C2 Historic District Zoning 101**

**SITE** Westerly Public Library Auditorium, 44 Broad St.

Lisa Bourbonnais, *Assistant Town Planner, Town of East Greenwich*

Lynn Furney, *Associate Planner, City of Cranston*

John Grosvenor, *Architect-Developer, The Newport Collaborative*

Pamela Kennedy, *Deputy Director, RIHP&HC*

What is historic district zoning? How does it work? Is it right for your community? Join a panel of experts for a primer on historic district zoning. Whether you work with historic districts daily or are considering a proposal in your community, this session will answer your questions and invite discussion.

## **C3 Time Travel: Recent Enhancement Projects**

**SITE** Westerly Railroad Station, Railroad Ave.

Dennis L. Algieri, *Senior Vice President of the Washington Trust Company and Rhode Island Senate Minority Leader*

Lori Capaldi, *Chief Real Estate Specialist, RIDOT*

Tom Queenan, *Principal Planner, RIDOT*

Edward F. Sanderson, *Executive Director, RIHP&HC*

Edward Szymanski, *Chief of Office of Environmental Programs, RIDOT*

Rhode Island's railroad stations, rural highways, parks, and bridges are important historic resources, and the Department of Transportation is one of their leading stewards. Join us in the award-winning Westerly Railroad Station for an overview of recent transportation enhancement projects, and preview plans to reuse the Seekonk River's Washington Bridge as a greenway for bicyclists and pedestrians.

## **C4 New Life for Old Town Centers**

**SITE** Christ Church Parish Hall, 7 Elm St.

Sharon Ahern, *Westerly-Pawcatuck Downtown Manager*

Jeffrey Gofton, *Co-President, Main Street Rhode Island*

Lee Whitaker, *Planning Director, Town of East Greenwich*

Janet Zwolinski, *Executive Director, Preserve Rhode Island*

Rhode Island's historic town and village centers embody what New Urbanists strive to create: a mix of commercial, residential, and civic uses at a pedestrian-friendly scale. How do we protect their vitality? Take suggestions back to your own community and learn about future plans for the Main Street Rhode Island program.

## **C5 A Productive Partnership: Affordable Housing and Historic Preservation**

**SITE** Granite Theatre, 1 Granite St.

Brenda Clement, *Executive Director, Housing Network of RI*

Clark Schoettle, *Executive Director, Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund*

Sal Zito, *Executive Director, Community Housing Corporation of Washington County*

Join this panel to learn how developers and preservationists are creatively providing opportunities for low and moderate income Rhode Islanders to purchase, rehabilitate, and reside in historic properties. Panelists will highlight successful projects in Providence and South County.

## **C6 Wilcox Park Walking Tour**

**DEPARTS** Westerly Public Library front steps, 44 Broad St.

Kathryn Taylor, *Executive Director, Memorial and Library Association of Westerly*

Wm. McKenzie Woodward, *Architectural Historian, RIHP&HC*

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**Shuttle Buses** make a circuit among all the downtown locations throughout the day.

**All Bus and Walking Tours**—except C6 Wilcox Park—depart from the Westerly Armory, corner of Dixon St. and Railroad Ave. C6 Wilcox Park departs from the front steps of the Westerly Public Library, 44 Broad St.

**Lunch** is served at the Westerly Armory, corner of Dixon St. and Railroad Ave.

**Closing Reception** is held at the Hoxie Gallery, Westerly Public Library, 44 Broad St. "A Half Century of Westerly Evolution: A Photographic Display Plus" is on exhibit at the gallery.

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