

# PRESERVING HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND OPEN SPACE IN RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITIES

Saturday, April 11, 1992

All conference sessions will take place at the First Baptist Church in Wickford, 34-44 Main Street. Parking available adjacent to the Church.

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:30-9:15 AM REGISTRATION, COFFEE, EXHIBITS
- 9:15-9:45 AM WELCOMING REMARKS  
Mary Packard Turkel, President, RI Alliance of Historic District Commissions  
Florence Johnson, President, North Kingstown Town Council  
Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director, RI Historical Preservation Commission
- 9:45-10:15 AM TOWNSCAPES AND LANDSCAPES  
Chester H. Liebs, Founder and Director,  
University of Vermont Historic Preservation Program  
Nationally recognized as a preservation educator and author, Chester Liebs has entertained and challenged audiences throughout the country with his articulation of preservation and design issues. He will illustrate for us the influence of open land on town development over the years, the contribution which open land makes to community character today, and the state-of-the-art planning approaches being used to protect Vermont's historic open space for the future.
- 10:15-10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITS
- 10:30-12 NOON FORGING PARTNERSHIPS TO ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS  
Moderator: Edward F. Sanderson  
Panel: Marilyn Cohen, Town Planner, North Kingstown  
Catherine A. Cressy, Citizens for The Preservation of Shannock Village  
Keith H. Lang, State Director, RI Field Office, The Nature Conservancy  
Chester Liebs  
James R. Pepper, Executive Director, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission  
Designing pocket parks for historic districts . . . using natural corridors to link and showcase mill towns. . . limiting highway expansion in early villages. . . this panel discussion will provide everyone involved in preservation with new insights about when and how historic preservation and land conservation interests can work together to achieve common goals.
- 12:00-12:15 PM Immediately following the morning session, the RI Alliance will hold its Annual Business Meeting/Election of Officers. All Alliance members are invited to attend.
- 12:00-1:30 PM LUNCHEON (*Prepared by Wickford Gourmet*)  
Guest Speaker: Sally J. Spadaro, Executive Director, Scenic Rhode Island  
Growth is inevitable . . . but ugliness is not. Find out how groups and organizations can shape their community's character by halting unsightly billboards and development sprawl and initiating local beautification projects.
- 1:45-3:45 PM WORKSHOPS AND TOURS  
Choose from an array of technical workshops for historic property owners, procedural workshops for HDC members, informational workshops on education and planning, and tours of the Wickford area. See next page for schedule and descriptions.
- 4:00-5:00 PM OPEN HOUSE IN THE WICKFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT  
The owners of three 18th century residences invite you to visit their homes for light refreshments.

# AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS AND TOURS

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:45-2:30 PM

### \* Judging Proposals: A Mock Historic District Commission Meeting

Patrick Kirby II, RI Alliance of Historic District Commissions, Moderator

We urge all historic district commissioners to attend this session. Observe the use of mandated HDC procedures and compare notes about decision-making criteria with HDC members from throughout the state.

### \* Introducing the 1991 Transportation Act

Charles M. Hawkins, Staff Assistant to Senator John H. Chafee for Transportation Issues  
Kenneth F. Payne, Federal Projects Coordinator, Office of Senator Claiborne Pell  
Sally J. Spadaro, Scenic Rhode Island

Town planners and representative of preservation/environmental groups can take advantage of this session to familiarize themselves with the 1991 Intermodal Service Transportation and Efficiency Act's provisions for enhancement of historic and scenic resources.

### \* Brushing Up Your Painting Skills

Harry Adler, Adler's Hardware  
Clark Schoettle, Executive Director  
Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund

Review correct exterior prepping and painting techniques, including lead paint safety procedures, with two experts. Participants are encouraged to bring photographs of their paint problems for discussion.

### \* Shedding Some Light on Windows

Martha L. Werenfels, AIA  
Irving Haynes & Associates

Evaluate with a restoration architect the pros and cons of repairing or replacing existing windows in older buildings. Find out what windows are appropriate to the style of your building.

### \* Walking Tour of Historic Wickford

Explore the streets and lanes of Wickford with local preservationists who will explain the town's development and highlight its fine 18th century architecture, including a visit to the Old Narragansett Church.

### \* Tour to Smith's Castle

Climb aboard a shuttle bus for a visit to the Richard Smith House (1678, circa 1736) and the archaeological search for the site of Smith's 1640 trading post.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Beginning at 2:45 pm

### \* Creating a Defensible HDC Record

Alison Holm, Esq., Yesser, Jessup + Green

Receive an attorney's advice about the procedure, language, and recording practices your HDC should follow in order to establish an accurate and legally defensible record.

*(This mini-workshop will end at 3:10 pm, allowing time for a tour.)*

### \* Understanding the Americans With Disabilities Act

Don Faxon, Senior Historical Architect  
RI Historical Preservation Commission

If you manage public buildings, review proposals for historic districts, or are considering handicap facilities in your own home, here is an opportunity to learn about the new federal handicap access regulations and their implications for historic buildings.

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### \* Bringing Educational Programs to Your Community

Kenneth J. Filarski, FAIA, AICP  
Filarski/Architecture • Planning • Research

Preview exciting educational presentations on design and preservation, including a brand new program on the 200th anniversary of the White House. These programs are offered free of charge to organizations and schools by the American Institute of Architects.

### \* Starting at The Top: Roofs and Gutters

Lombard John Pozzi, AIA, Restoration Architect

Find out about evaluating the condition of roofs and gutters, selecting the most appropriate approaches for repair/replacement work, and using appropriate materials. Dormers and skylights will also be discussed.

### \* Walking Tour of Historic Wickford

See description at left. Tour offered at 2:45 pm and again at 3:15 pm.

### \* Tour to Smith's Castle

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## REGISTRATION

Due to limited seating, advance registration is required. Registration will close when seating capacity is reached, and no later than April 4.

Cost: \$10.00\*

Please use a separate registration form for each person. Mail registration form(s) together with a check payable to RI Alliance of Historic District Commissions, to:

Historic Preservation Conference  
RI Historical Preservation Commission  
The Old State House  
150 Benefit Street  
Providence, RI 02903

\*Fee covers lunch/open house costs. If you do not plan to eat lunch or to attend the open houses, you may attend the conference free of charge. Please note that a registration form must still be sent in by April 4.

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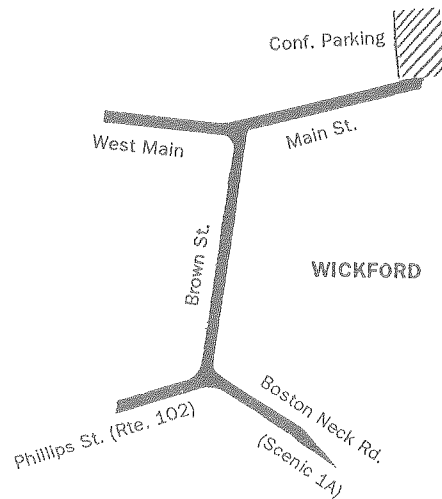
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## DIRECTIONS TO CONFERENCE

From Points North: I-95 South to Rt. 4 (exit 9); Rt. 4 South to Rt. 102; follow Rt. 102 South to intersection with Rt. 1; continue straight; enter Wickford via Phillips St. and follow map below. Or: Rt. 1 South to Rt. 1A; left onto Rt. 1a; enter Wickford via West Main St. and follow map below.

From Points South and West: I-95 North to Rt. 102 (exit 5); Rt. 102 South for 10 miles to intersection with Rt. 1; continue straight; enter Wickford via Phillips St. and follow map below. Or: Rt. 1 North to Rt. 102; right onto Rt. 102; enter Wickford via Phillips St. and follow map below.

From Newport and Points East: Rt. 138 West over Newport and Jamestown Bridges; right onto Rt. 1A North; continue 3 miles; enter Wickford via Boston Neck Rd. and follow map below.



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Daytime Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

### Afternoon Workshop/Tour Selection

#### FIRST CONCURRENT SERIES

1:45-2:30 pm (check one)

- Mock HDC Meeting       Highway Act  
 Painting Skills           Windows  
 Walking Tour               Smith's Castle

#### SECOND CONCURRENT SERIES

2:45-3:30 pm or 2:45-3:10 pm & 3:15-4:00 pm  
(check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Roofs & Gutters      | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Smith's Castle |
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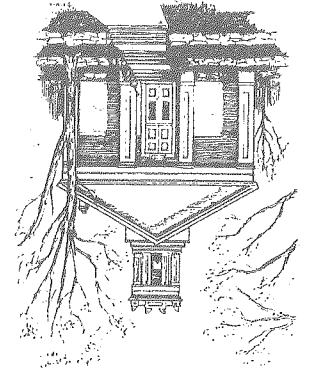
If you have a physical handicap, please check the appropriate box below so that we can be ready to accommodate you.

- Wheelchair                       Visually Impaired  
 Deaf/Hearing Impaired       Other (please specify)

#### Share Your Organization's Work

Table space will be available so that non-profit organizations and agencies represented at the conference may share samples of their printed materials and announcements of upcoming events with conference attendees. If you plan to bring materials, please check the appropriate box on the registration form below. (We suggest that you bring 200 copies.)

- I plan to bring printed materials for the organization named on this registration form.



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