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Greenwich Historical Society Annual Landmarks Program to Honor Unique Properties will feature Celebrated Preservation Architect

Architect's Preservation Projects Span Grand Central Terminal, Empire State Building and Morgan Library & Museum

Cos Cob, CT, March 2, 2016 – The Greenwich Historical Society's annual Landmark Recognition Program reception, which honors distinctive properties that reflect Greenwich's unique architectural heritage, will host a keynote presentation by Frank J. Prial, Jr., AIA, one of America's foremost architects in the preservation movement. The reception will be held April 17, 2016 at the Greenwich Country Club.

An associate partner with the noted firm of Beyer Blinder Belle Architects, Mr. Prial has contributed to and led many of the firm's most celebrated projects, most notably Grand Central Terminal for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Empire State Building lobby for Empire State Realty Trust, The Morgan Library & Museum and the Baltimore Basilica. He is currently leading the restoration and revitalization of Yale University's historic Memorial Hall and Commons in celebration of Yale's bicentennial.

Mr. Prial's keynote, *Fundamentals for Successful Restorations*, will focus largely on the Grand Central Terminal restoration focusing on its revitalization and significance as a public space.

Distinctive Properties to be Plaqued at Landmarks Reception

In keeping with the tradition established at the onset of the Landmarks Program in 1987, five properties will be presented with a plaque to commemorate their value in preserving Greenwich's rich architectural heritage. Properties span the Mill in Glenville, a magnificent Round Hill estate originally commissioned by J.P. Morgan for his daughter, a classic Khakum

Wood mansion, and two Riverside homes, including a charming stone and brick Tudor and a gracious Victorian.

“It’s an honor to have one of America’s foremost architects in preservation share his insights at our annual event,” says Robin Kencel, chairman of this year’s Landmark Recognition Program. “Mr. Prial’s stewardship and commitment to the preservation of significant historical and cultural landmarks will be an inspiration for maintaining our unique and cherished heritage here in Greenwich.”

Elegant Reception at Greenwich Country Club

The Landmark Recognition Program reception takes place at the Greenwich Country Club, Sunday, April 17 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Champagne, wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$75 per person; \$250 for Patron level; \$500 for Benefactor level. Advance reservations are required. Reserve at: 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 inspire the public to connect personally with Greenwich’s past through the recognition of architecturally noteworthy structures and to encourage preservation. Nearly 300 homes, commercial buildings and sites have been recognized with plaques since the program’s inception. Each property is professionally researched, documented and preserved in the Historical Society’s Library & Archive. Over the years, these documents have been popular with homeowners, researchers and scholars, as well as architects, builders and real estate professionals.

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