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Preservation Massachusetts Awards Dinner Honored 30 Projects for 30th Anniversary: introduced Mayor Menino Legacy Award

On **Wednesday May 6**, Preservation Massachusetts (PM) hosted the **Annual Paul E. Tsongas Awards Dinner** and honored **30 preservation projects across the Commonwealth with over 480 guests in attendance**. The event was held at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in downtown Boston and featured the introduction of the newly created Mayor Thomas M. Menino Legacy Award, celebrating projects that are transformative and embrace the community. **Mrs. Angela Menino** presented the first award to the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building in Roxbury's Dudley Square. "Take pride in the places that you live and work", she told the audience as the Mayor's legacy and dedication to the city was remembered. Another special guest, **Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash**, gave a keynote address, touching on how our Gateway Cities are critical for our cultural preservation and economic development of our state.

This year was the final piece of Producing Preservation a three-year thematic program that honored the people behind the scenes who make historic preservation projects happen. PM pulled back the curtain to show how "they" all work together as collaborative teams, restoring numerous historic properties all across our state, catalyzing investment and revitalizing neighborhoods. In 2013 PM honored the experts who pull the projects together in its earliest stages with "Behind the Scenes", from the developers who take on the properties to the legal, consulting and financial work to make it feasible to the architects who give form to the vision. In 2014 PM broke ground with "Lights, Camera, Action" and the construction companies, property management, engineering and restoration specialists who physically rehabilitate the buildings. This year PM celebrated the culmination of many years of hard work, investment, vision and collaboration: the completed and restored building with "**And the Award Goes To**".

"We were delighted to honor so many wonderful and important projects on the 30th anniversary of Preservation Massachusetts," states Jim Igoe, president of Preservation Massachusetts. "So often, it is the restoration of an abandoned or underutilized building that turns a neighborhood around. Historic preservation is more than just retention of community character; it is often times the catalyst, both emotionally and economically, that starts a positive domino effect in its surrounding area. It was a true honor to highlight 30 such projects and their incredibly talented and dedicated teams."

The honorees received the **Paul E. Tsongas Award**, Preservation Massachusetts' highest honor. Named in honor of the late Senator, it recognizes those who have played an extraordinary role in preserving in promoting the preservation of our Commonwealth's past for the benefit of the future.

The evening's event also celebrated the 30th anniversary of Preservation Massachusetts.

The 2015 Paul E. Tsongas Award Recipients:

The Burnham Building
(Filene's)
Boston - Downtown

Station Lofts
Brockton

**The Rice Silk Mill
Apartments**
Pittsfield

**Charles H. Dill Building,
Hostelling International**
Boston- Downtown

**St. Mary's Hall at Boston
College**
Chestnut Hill

**The Coddington Building
Renovation**
Quincy

**Fort Andrews
Improvements on
Peddocks Island**
Boston Harbor
**North Bennet Street
School**
Boston- North End

**Ames Privilege
Apartments**
Holyoke
**Chestnut Park
Apartments**
Holyoke

**The Lynn & Boston
Electric Railroad
Company Car Barn**
Salem

Outing Park
Springfield

Lovejoy Wharf (Converse
Headquarters)
Boston – North end

**The Holyoke Public
Library**
Holyoke

Waltham Watch Factory
Waltham

Calvin Swallow Residence
Boston- South End

110 Canal Street
Lowell

**Cape Ann Museum
Renovation**
Gloucester

All Saints Church
Boston - Dorchester

**Lowell Community Health
Center**
Lowell

**Brooks Hall at the College
of the Holy Cross**
Worcester

**The Alvah Kittredge
House**
Boston- Roxbury

The Oscar Romero House
New Bedford

Voke Lofts
Worcester

Washington Park
Boston - Roxbury

Ames Shovel Works
North Easton

**Simpkins School
Residences**
Yarmouth

Wayne at Blue Hill
Boston – Roxbury and
Dorchester

The Howard Building
Pittsfield

The Thomas M. Menino Legacy Award

PM introduced its newest honorary award, the Thomas M. Menino Legacy Award at the 2015 Paul E. Tsongas Awards Dinner. This award is intended for projects that are transformative, catalytic, embrace the community, create partnerships and revitalize the best of the past to make something good for the future.

The inaugural Menino Legacy Award was presented to the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building by **Mrs. Angela Menino** and Mrs. Bolling. Tom Leahy and Maureen Anderson accepted the award on behalf of the City of Boston. The restoration of Dudley Square's historic Ferdinand Building is a watershed moment for the neighborhood. The restoration of the historic gem of a building is an architectural accomplishment and the movement of the School Department ensures a vital use. There

was also a focus on bringing community businesses and residents into the building, which makes that emotional link that is so critical for place making. The Bolling Municipal Building exemplifies what Mayor Menino represented to the preservation community and beyond.

The honorees were celebrated on Wednesday, May 6 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston with a reception and dinner. Please contact Preservation Massachusetts at 617-723-3383 or visit www.preservationmass.org.

The 2016 Paul E. Tsongas Awards Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza.

About Preservation Massachusetts' Preservation Awards Dinner

The Annual Paul E. Tsongas Awards Dinner is Preservation Massachusetts' largest fundraiser and is continually considered the premier preservation event of the year. The Paul E. Tsongas Awards Dinner recognizes and celebrates the efforts and accomplishments of those individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to preserving the Commonwealth's historic resources. Nearly **500 attendees** from the preservation, development, business, banking, tax credit, architecture, construction, and other communities will be in attendance.

Founded in 1985, Preservation Massachusetts is the statewide non-profit advocacy organization that actively promotes the preservation of historic buildings and landscapes as a positive force for economic development and the retention of community character. Preservation Massachusetts is a private advocacy and education non-profit, based in Boston and serving all of Massachusetts.

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