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Celebrate 25 Years of Landmark Recognition with the Greenwich Historical Society

Cos Cob, CT, April 3, 2013—The Greenwich Historical Society will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its program of recognizing Greenwich Landmark houses with a reception at the Belle Haven Club on April 28 (from 5:00 to 7:00 pm). Marking the occasion, the Historical Society will present a plaque to the Belle Haven Club as a Greenwich landmark site for over a century. Five other structures will also receive plaques to mark their value to Greenwich's heritage.

The Greenwich program of Landmark Recognition was established in 1987 (originally as "Signs of the Times") under the leadership of Claire Vanderbilt, former Historical Society board chair and tireless advocate for preservation of the town's history. The initiative responded to the rapid disappearance of historic buildings—both private and commercial—through fire, deterioration and demolition, and their replacement with new structures during the building boom that began in Greenwich in the 1960s.

"The Landmark Recognition Program is intended to draw attention to the many structures that tie Greenwich with its past, to conduct research about historic buildings and safeguard the relevant documents in the society's archives, and to instill pride in ownership of those landmarks and encourage their preservation," says Jack Morris, who chairs the program committee. About the event, he notes, "We believe that a quarter of a century of gathering historical information on 283 local landmark structures and sites deserves a lively celebration."

A further feature of the celebration will be a talk by Samuel G. White, FAIA, entitled (with tongue in cheek), "*Stanford White Designed Your House, and George Washington Slept There*" --*The Rise of Colonial Revival in America*. In his remarks, Samuel White will invoke his great-grandfather, architect Stanford White, who (as a partner in the legendary architectural firm McKim, Mead & White) is credited with launching the Colonial Revival movement as well as designing celebrated structures such as the original Madison Square Garden, New York's University Club and the Boston Public Library and numerous signature residential properties for well-heeled society clients throughout the eastern seaboard. Samuel White, a partner in Platt Byard Dovell White Architects, oversees a New York City practice focusing on designs that introduce new interventions to historic settings. He was a consultant on the 2002 restoration of the Belle Haven Club.

The Greenwich Landmark Recognition 25th Anniversary celebration is generously supported by Northern Trust, David Ogilvy & Associates: Exclusive Affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate, and Horseneck Wines and Liquors. Moffly Media's *Greenwich Magazine* is the official media sponsor. Champagne, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Ticket prices begin at \$75 per person for supporters (\$250 for patrons and \$500 for benefactors) and are available online at www.greenwichhistory.org or by phone at 203-869-6899, Ext. 10. If you would like to learn more about Greenwich Landmark Recognition, please contact Jack Morris at 203-637-2143 (or at jack@morrislj.com).

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Greenwich Landmark Recognition 25th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, April 28, 2013, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
The Belle Haven Club, 100 Harbor Drive, Greenwich, CT
Supporter tickets: \$75 per person; patron tickets: \$250 per person; benefactor tickets: \$500 per person.
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