



NES HONORS DEBORAH AND CHARLES ROYCE



*Townsend Honorees
Deborah and Charles Royce.*

On Friday, November 8, the Society honored Deborah and Charles Royce at the 208th Annual Dinner Dance at the Metropolitan Club. More than 200 guests joined in the evening's festivities, making this the best-attended Dinner Dance since our bi-centennial in 2005. Contributions and revenue from ticket sales, program advertisements and the Silent Auction increased significantly from previous years.

Proceeds from the Dance support the NES Scholarship Program. NES Scholars Niamh Sheehan, recipient of the 2012 Neis Family Scholarship, and Alexandra Garcia were in attendance. Both are sophomores at Brown University, class of 2016. Niamh and Alexandra spoke about their course work, community service, and the positive impact that their NES Scholarships have had on their college experiences.



*NES Scholars Niamh Sheehan
and Alexandra Garcia*



Guests also heard from Deborah and Chuck Royce as they graciously accepted their Townsend awards, bestowed for their significant philanthropic and preservation work. The awards presentation included a video of the Avon Theatre Film Center (*left*), a 1939 landmark in Stamford, CT, that Deborah and Chuck co-founded and restored in 2003. The Theatre was the first project that they worked on together. They spoke about the importance of creating a sense of community through this and their other restoration work.

Deborah and Chuck are actively involved in the restoration of numerous buildings and "Main Street" revitalization projects in New York and Rhode Island, including The Ocean House in Watch Hill, RI and The Weekapaug Inn in Westerly, RI. Currently, they are hard at work on Avondale Farm, a pre-

revolutionary war farmhouse in Westerly, where they plan to live with their family, dogs, and chickens.

Jay Sherwood was honored with the J.P. Morgan Award for his outstanding service to the Society. Named for the noted financier, art collector and philanthropist who was the Society's 26th President, the J.P. Morgan Award is presented annually to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service and devotion to the New England Society.

Jay was recognized for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Society as First Vice President, the 2013 Scholarship Committee Chair, and a long-time Scholarship Committee member. Jay's dedication to the Society's philanthropic mission and scholars, and his steadfast stewardship of our ongoing scholarship fundraising initiative, merit high praise.

Dancing to the music of the Alex Donner Orchestra continued late into the evening. A terrific evening was had by all thanks to co-chairs Mary Latimer-Chung, Harry Chung, and Hilda and Arnold Neis. Many thanks to all who supported the event through Silent Auction donations and purchases, general donations, program advertisements and ticket purchases. The date for the 2014 Dinner Dance will be announced shortly.



*Dinner Dance Co-Chairs Arnold and Hilda Neis, Townsend Honorees
Chuck and Deborah Royce, JP Morgan Award Recipient Jay
Sherwood, President Anne Hall Elser, and Dinner Dance
Co-Chairs Harry Chung and Mary Latimer-Chung.*

*See the enclosed insert for additional photos
from the 208th Annual Dinner Dance!*

NES CONCLUDES YEAR-LONG CENTRAL PARK MONUMENT PROGRAM



Conservation Technicians at work on The Pilgrim.

The Society is proud to announce the successful conclusion of the Central Park Monument Program, an important effort that helped to preserve and protect the statues and monuments in Central Park, including *The Pilgrim* statue donated by NES in 1885.

In October 2012, the NES Board of Directors authorized a year-long partnership with the Central Park Conservancy in support of their Monument Conservation Technician Program. Through the

partnership, NES funded students studying historic preservation, who faced a highly competitive application process to be accepted in the Conservancy's 2013 program. The students, known as Conservation Technicians, received education and practical training in the preservation of Park statues.

Fundraising to support the Central Park Monument Program began in late 2012, and a cocktail reception was held in February 2013 to raise awareness about the initiative. Throughout the spring and summer work continued, culminating in a *Breakfast with the Pilgrim* in Central Park in July. The Central Park Conservancy hosted this event to thank NES for its support and to celebrate a relationship that predates the Park's opening.



Breakfast registration desk with welcome sign for NES members.

Conservancy President Doug Blonsky warmly welcomed NES members and praised NES for renewing its historic relationship with Central Park, which now welcomes 40 million visitors annually. Mr. Blonsky stressed the importance of NES's support. The Park received a major gift from John Paulson, but the gift is restricted for endowment and infrastructure projects. Ongoing programs such as beautification and monument preservation are specifically excluded.

At the breakfast, which was served under a tent, several students spoke. Then, on a cherry-picker truck, they went to work on *The Pilgrim* demonstrating cleaning and preservation techniques. It was so exciting to see *The Pilgrim* cleaned, buffed and polished.

As an organization, we should be very proud of our contribution and the Society's legacy in Central Park. Our sincere gratitude is extended to all those who contributed to the Central Park Monument Program throughout the past year. Special thanks to the Central Park Monument Committee, whose diligent efforts brought the partnership and the Central Park Monument Program to fruition.



Conservancy President Doug Blonsky, Program Director Matt Reiley and the 2013 Technicians.



NES members and guests breakfasting atop Pilgrim Hill.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

☞ **John Block** ☞

Associate Member

Proposed by Denise Ortell; Seconded by Rod O'Connell

☞ **Patrick Folan and William Biondolino** ☞

Ancestry, Education, Residence

Proposed: Rick Perkins; Seconded: Judy Bliss

☞ **Meryl Goodfader** ☞

Ancestry, Residence

Proposed: J. Scott Glascock; Seconded: Judy Bliss

☞ **Deborah Spaeder McWilliams** ☞

Education, Residence

Proposed: Michael Lynch; Seconded: Carol Degener Lynch

☞ **Margaret Miller** ☞

Legacy Member

Granddaughter of Joan Tripp

☞ **Coverly and Homer Rees** ☞

Ancestry, Education, Residence

Proposed: Michael Kovner; Seconded: Anne Hall Elser

☞ **Lauren Silberman** ☞

Education

Proposed: Stephen Storen; Seconded: Melissa Zack

☞ **Kathleen Verderosa** ☞

Associate Member

Proposed: Michele Randall; Seconded: Sam Hill

**BENEFACTORS AND PATRONS PARTY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 ∞ THE EXPLORERS CLUB**



Dinner Dance Committee Members Lucy Kirk, Harry Chung, Mary Latimer-Chung, Jane Pflug, Arnold Hayward Neis, Sara Hunter Hudson, Hilda Neis and Jan Whitman Ogden; Jean Doyen de Montaignou, Marian Burke, and Michael Kovner; Charles Royce, President Anne Hall Elser, Deborah Royce and Jay Sherwood



Alan Frese and Gail Gaston; Rod O'Connell, Nancy Sakas and Doran Mullen; Colleen and Tom Hills; Robin Hickey, Oksana Tikhonova and Judy Bliss.

**ANNUAL PILGRIM STATUE LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 ∞ CENTRAL PARK & ORSAY RESTAURANT**



Liz Apgar, Polly Lyman, Anne Hall Elser, Judy Bliss, Scott Glascock, Margert-Ann Harley, Louis Milgrim and Jennifer Mitchell gather at *The Pilgrim*; Author Harlow Giles Unger addresses NES members and guests at Orsay; Judy Bliss and Lee Ballinger; Scott Glascock and Richard Johnson; Anne Hall Elser and Robin Hickey.

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NES GIFTS AVAILABLE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Society has many items that would make terrific holiday gifts, and all purchases support NES and our Scholarship Program. Contact the Office for more information.

Standard Chair: Solid maple hardwood, featuring the NES seal. Made by Standard Chair of Gardner. \$395 for members, shipping and personalization extra. *Chairs are made to order and production time is approximately 4 weeks.*



Picture Frame: 5"x7" vertical frame in brushed silver with laser engraved NES seal. \$35 for members.



Tumblers: Set of 4 drinking glasses with NES seal. \$35 for members.

New NES Scarves: 100% silk, 35"x35" scarf. Original, hand-painted design by Marisol Deluna New York. Scarves are in production and their scheduled delivery date is 12/10/13. \$125 for members.



NES Ties: 100% silk by Vineyard Vines and made in the USA. Available in burgundy and navy. \$75 for members.

The New England Society wishes you and yours a wonderful holiday season!

**208TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
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Arnold & Hilda Neis, Chuck & Deborah Royce, Jay Sherwood, Anne Hall Elser, Harry Chung & Mary Latimer-Chung; Homer & Coverly Rees, Michael Kovner & Jean Doyen de Montaignou; Ernst Rothe, Judy Bliss, Bill Manger & Stephen Storen.



Stuart & Karen Bevan; Chuck & Deborah Royce; Christine Loomis & Tony Tichenor, Susan Sterling & Michael Beddard.

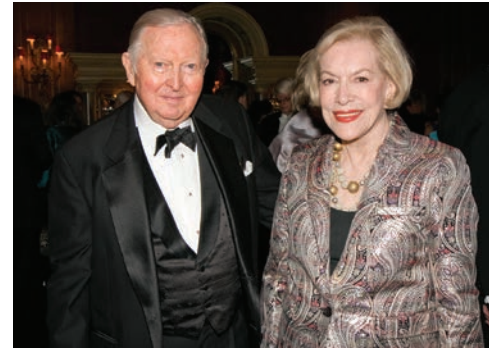


Bill & Connie Greenspan; Tom & Nancy Farrell, Tad Ogden & Jane Pflug; Nancy Sakas, Denise Ortell, Phil Sievers & Sky Underwood.



Arnold Neis, Tom Hills, Stuart Baker & Doran Mullen; Celine Stahl, Bob Ashton, Lucy Kirk & John Kilbourne; Floyd & Barbara McKinnon, Nancy & Jim Barton, & Dorie Klissas.

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President Anne Hall Elser, Townsend Award Recipients Deborah & Chuck Royce; a guest, Liane McAllister, Patricia Weeks & Ron Romaine; Rev. John C. Smith & Zita Davisson.



Erica & Lark Mason; Scott Glascock & Ann Vellis; Anne Teasdale & Stuart Baker; the Veteran Corps of Artillery Field Music leads the Procession of Honored Guests.



Dean Bakes, Amy D'Agostino, Jason Ordini & Bess Ames; Lucy Puig & Jose Pincay-Delgado; Rick Perkins & Saralie Slonsky.



Alan Frese & Sheila Camera Kotur; Guests bid in the Silent Auction; Susan Carr-Pickett & C. Stephen Hedberg.

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Cocktail hour in the Great Hall; President Anne Hall Elser & JP Morgan Award Recipient Jay Sherwood; William Forster & Linda Hart.



Na Qu & Frank Arlinghaus; Sunny Hayward & Richard Johnson; Jessica McShane & Alexandra Porter; Jim & Nancy Barton.



Hilda & Arnold Neis; Michael & Carol Lynch; Melinda Thomsen, Melissa Zack & Terrence Smart; Andrea Rousseaux & Trip Dorkey.



Jane Pflug, Alex Donner & Jan Whitman Ogden; Chuck Royce, Anne Hall Elser, Deborah Royce, Robin Hickey & Jay Sherwood; Dino Rivera & Michel Witmer.

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Charles & Ginny Pope; Sonya & Rob Neis, & Colleen Hills; Juliana Attwood & Anna Bulkot; Gail Gaston & Frances Gaston.



Gail Warner & Susan Parker; John McDermott & Nancy Sakas; Norman & Robin Nelson; Larry Golding & Cynthia Sheps.



Tom Farrell, Jeannine & David Heath, & Nancy Farrell; Susan Wagner & Gerard Turino; Lore Monnig & Richard Farren;
 Peter Stanley & Merrie Martinson.



Robert & Rita Murray; Nancy Neis & Rob Rubin; Alexandra & Eric Hoyle; Dancing to the Alex Donner Orchestra.