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Old Saybrook Historical Society
350 Main Street
Old Saybrook, CT

Dear Members of the Old Saybrook Historical Society,

It is with immense gratitude and humility that I want to thank you for presenting me with the President's Award for Historic Preservation. It is an incredible honor to have received this specially created award and for it to have come from my peers and constituents. To be recognized by the esteemed Old Saybrook Historical Society is truly a highlight in my career. Your acknowledgment of my efforts in preserving, restoring, and honoring the rich history of Old Saybrook and Saybrook Point touched my heart and honors my family as well.

The kind words expressed by Carl Fortuna, Norm Needleman, Holly Cheesman, Devin Carney, Erin McBride, Jane Montanero, Marie McFarlin, Wayne Harms, and all those in attendance at the ceremony were greatly appreciated. Their commendations and citations serve as a reminder of the importance of our collective mission to safeguard our heritage for generations to come.

The ceremony was a truly memorable occasion, made even more special by the presence of esteemed community leaders, representatives, and fellow preservation enthusiasts. It was particularly moving to receive the framed 1871 Connecticut Valley Railroad spike, a poignant symbol of our shared commitment to preserving the past while embracing the future. It was also such a pleasure to meet Brett Martin; the young man that researched the book on the history of the Zanni family.

It humbles me to be chosen for the President's Award for Historic Preservation. Please know that my dedication to preserving the history and heritage of Old Saybrook will continue with the same fervor and dedication that you so graciously recognized through this award.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for this meaningful recognition. It is an honor that I will always cherish.

With warmest regards,

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