



**New Bedford
Preservation Society**

P. O. Box 1618, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02741

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Dear AASLH Award of Merit Committee,

Spinner Publications *A Picture History of New Bedford: Volume Two ~ 1924-1980* is an exceptional triumph for our community, documenting New Bedford's local history, in particular its depiction of the city's rich heritage of historic landmarks. We encourage your committee to honor Spinner for its achievement with the Award of Merit.

New Bedford Preservation Society's mission is to heighten awareness, provide education and guidance and promote sensitive restoration and preservation of New Bedford's fine historic structures and the neighborhoods in which they are located.

Spinner's beautifully illustrated *Picture History of New Bedford: Volume Two* validates the importance of this mission by revealing through photographs of historic buildings, landmarks and homes the vast number of important historic structures that have been lost from year to year. *Volume Two's* archival photographs of grand historic homes and establishments as well as its photographs of destruction from urban renewal dramatically document how numerous fine historic structures, homes and neighborhoods have been lost and can never be recovered once the wrecking ball has done its damage.

A Picture History of New Bedford Volume Two has helped New Bedford Preservation Society further its cause by educating readers about the importance of preserving the beauty of the city's heritage. The book is an inspiration to current and future generations of readers to thoughtfully protect the city's incredible historic landmarks. We strongly support Spinner's nomination for your prestigious award.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Fuller
President