

The National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) has announced fourteen recipients of its annual NRHS Heritage Grants Program. The 2016 grants total \$35,000 and are awarded to organizations such as historical societies, museums, and NRHS Chapters.

This year's grants were awarded to the following recipients:

\$1,500 to the **Thompson Historical Society, Inc.** in Thompson, CT for archival supplies to be used to preserve and make available to the public 6000 photographs and 2000 artifacts which comprise the Frank Ramsdell Railroad Collection, a collection which spans the period from 1830 to 1954.

\$3,000 to the **Inland Empire Railway Historical Society** in Reardan, WA (Inland Empire Chapter) towards the construction of a new library room to house a forty-year collection of books, documents, maps, and photos, which collection will be part of a new Inland Northwest Rail Museum presently nearing completion.

\$5,000 to the **Colorado Railroad Museum Historical Foundation, Inc.** in Golden, CO (Intermountain Chapter) for the labor costs of elevating and leveling one-half mile of narrow gauge track damaged by winter moisture, which track repair will make possible the resumption of train rides at the museum.

\$1,250 to the **Wilmington Railroad Museum Foundation, Inc.** in Wilmington, NC for preservation and display of an uncommon Railway Express Agency jack-bed cart used to receive caskets of World War 2 casualties and transfer other bulky items.

\$1,500 to the **Friends of the New York Transit Museum** in Brooklyn, NY to restore 23 seat cushions and a seat back cushion on five early 20<sup>th</sup> century New York City subway and elevated rail cars to their original appearance and condition.

\$2,000 to **Save the Northfield Depot** in Northfield, MN to recreate and replace missing roof brackets for the roof of a Milwaukee Road Depot built in 1888.

\$4,000 to the **New Mexico Steam Locomotive and Railroad Historical Society** in Albuquerque, NM for the cost of modern (non-asbestos) boiler insulation materials for ATSF steam locomotive #2926.

\$5,000 to the **Southeastern Railway Museum, Inc.** in Duluth, GA towards the restoration of the sides of Western Union Tool Car #3558, built in 1929, which was used for maintenance by Western Union of its telegraph lines across the nation.

\$250 to the **Hamlet Historic Depot, Inc.** for rewiring and updating internal and external running lights on a Seaboard diesel locomotive and a Seaboard wooden caboose located next to active railroad tracks and part of a three building complex.

\$4,000 to the **Oklahoma Railway Museum Ltd** in Oklahoma City, OK (Central Oklahoma Chapter) for costs of materials to be used in the restoration of a unique MKT inspection car #1045.

\$1,500 to the **Minnesota Transportation Museum, Inc.** in St. Paul, MN towards the floor restoration of Great Northern Railway car #1084, the “Twin Ports”, a buffet-parlor-observation car formerly used on GN’s Twin Ports Line.

\$3,000 to the **New England Electric Railway Historical Society, Inc.** in Kennebunkport, ME to purchase materials for portions of the exterior restoration of interurban car, the “Narcissus”, the last surviving car from the Portland-Lewiston interurban line and the car which carried President Teddy Roosevelt in 1912.

\$1,000 to the **Slaton Railroad Heritage Association, Inc.** in Slaton, TX for the exterior restoration of a wooden caboose which sits in front of a restored and operating Harvey House.

\$2,000 to the **Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society** in Baltimore, MD to purchase shelves and acid free archival supplies to house a collection of B & O photos and paper files in a new building to be owned by the Society in Eldersburg, MD.