



# Yankee Quill

## Awards Luncheon

March 29, 2025

The Portland Regency Hotel, Portland, ME

12 p.m. Luncheon and Awards Presentation

The Academy of New England Journalists, founded by Sigma Delta Chi in 1960, honors extraordinary newspaper men and women for their lifetime of achievement and distinction in New England journalism. Please join us as we pay tribute to this year's Yankee Quill Award winners for their exceptional contributions to their communities and our industry.

### This year's honorees



**Mike Bello** receives the award for his unwavering commitment to quality journalism and his lasting impact on colleagues and the newsroom. Mike's nearly 50-year career has shaped the lives of countless journalists, from budding reporters to Pulitzer Prize winners. Starting at just 14, he built an impressive career in radio, TV, and print journalism, earning accolades such as a Pulitzer Prize for his work on the Globe's coverage of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. Mike has not only excelled in breaking news situations, but also nurtured the careers of many, providing mentorship and guidance with compassion, integrity, and respect. Known for his steady leadership, Mike's career spans both major national stories and local coverage.



**Randy Capitani**, is honored for his wide contributions to journalism. He is the co-publisher of the Deerfield Valley News in Southern Vermont, and has spent more than 30 years serving his community and the newspaper industry. As a versatile editor, reporter, photographer, and graphic designer, Randy has become a central figure in the Deerfield Valley, covering local news and sports with passion and dedication. He has served on numerous boards, including the New England Press Association and the Vermont Press Association, and is the long-time president of the Journalism Education Foundation of New England.



**Gloria Negri** was a one-of-a-kind, a groundbreaking woman journalist who arguably was the first to crack the Globe's glass ceiling. She was relentless in her reporting for over 53 years, and was distinctive because she gave a voice to people who are seldom heard in our society. And she left a durable legacy for those in need and for the journalism business itself. Negri, who died in 2017 at 91, gave almost half of her estate — a bequest of \$1 million — to Globe Santa, which has given holiday packages to more than 3 million children of all backgrounds. The New England First Amendment Coalition received a bequest of \$818,125, for journalism training.. The Tom Winship Journalism Fund at Northeastern University, received \$50,000, and the Scituate Library Foundation received \$157,192.



**Jacqueline Smith**, receives the prestigious Yankee Quill Award for her profound impact on journalism, and her steadfast advocacy for press rights. With a career spanning more than four decades, Jacky began as a small-town stringer at the *Hartford Courant* before covering education and defense at *The Day* of New London, and then rose through the ranks at Hearst Connecticut Media. She is currently serving as the ombudsman for Stars and Stripes, where she defends the First Amendment and advocates for press freedom within the military. Throughout her career, she has earned multiple awards and inspired countless students through her teaching.



**Henry and Benjamin Lindsey Pothier**, historical figures. The Whalemens' Shipping List and Merchants' Transcript, founded in 1843 by Henry Lindsey of New Bedford, was a vital weekly newspaper that tracked the American whaling industry. It provided detailed reports on whaling vessels, their voyages, and commercial updates, covering port towns from New Bedford to New York City and beyond. Henry's brother, Benjamin, took over after Henry's death in 1853, continuing the publication until 1889. It served as an indispensable resource for whalers, ship owners, merchants, and the families of those at sea.

# YANKEE QUILL AWARDS LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, March 29, 2025

The Portland Regency Hotel, 20 Milk St., Portland, ME 04101

YANKEE QUILL RESERVATIONS

**\$89** per person  
*Reserved tables available*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you be bringing a guest? Yes  No  Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

How many in your party? \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending

Enclosed

Yankee Quill Luncheon Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$89 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We will reserve a table for parties of 6 or more for the Yankee Quill Dinner.



**Please make reservations by March 14, 2025**

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