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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Weston Historical Society Installs Sculpture Garden Featuring
Art by the late Daniel E. Offutt, III

WESTON, CT - The Weston Historical Society has recently installed the Daniel E. Offutt, III Sculpture Garden at the Coley Homestead located at 104 Weston Road. The sculpture garden has been funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust and features five sculptures created by the late Weston philanthropist, Daniel E. Offutt, III.

The five whimsical sculptures were created by Offutt at his Weston studio and were displayed at his former home on Kettle Creek Road in Weston. Constructed out of recycled metal, the sculptures speak to Offutt's creativity and ingenuity. A sixth sculpture, featuring a colorful rendition of an antique train engine, was presented to the historical society in 2019 by the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust. It is mounted on the

outside of the Coley Barn and highlights the feeling of a rural landscape which the Coley Homestead preserves.

Dick Orenstein, Trustee of the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust, remembers his friend, “Daniel would have described himself as a ‘farmer,’ but he was much more than that. Those who knew him would remember him as a tennis player, traveler, sailor, metal sculptor, wood worker, fixer of anything, collector of everything, lover of projects, stock market investor and a good friend.”

Leigh Meccay, president of the historical society, said, “We hope that the community enjoys visiting the Weston Historical Society property and appreciates the creativity of Dan Offutt as demonstrated through his imaginative sculptures.”

The public is invited to view the Daniel E. Offutt, III Sculpture Garden and the Society’s award-winning outdoor signage that provides an historic interpretation of the Coley Homestead. The grounds are open seven days a week, from dawn until dusk. Leashed dogs are allowed on the property. The public is asked to abide by CDC social distancing guidelines when visiting the property.

The Weston Historical Society would like to thank its annual sponsors, Fairfield County Bank and KMS Partners at Compass,

and its benefactor, the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust. The Weston Historical Society is 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is generously supported by people like you. For more information and to donate, please contact the Weston Historical Society at info@westonhistoricalsociety.org, 203-226-1804 or visit www.westonhistoricalsociety.org.

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Image Caption: One of the five whimsical sculptures recently donated to the Weston Historical Society by the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust for the new Daniel E. Offutt, III Sculpture Garden at the Coley Homestead, 104 Weston Road. The sculptures were created by the late Daniel E. Offutt, III at his Weston studio and were displayed at his former home on Kettle Creek Road in Weston. The public is invited to view the Daniel E. Offutt, III Sculpture Garden. The grounds are open every day from dawn until dusk.

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