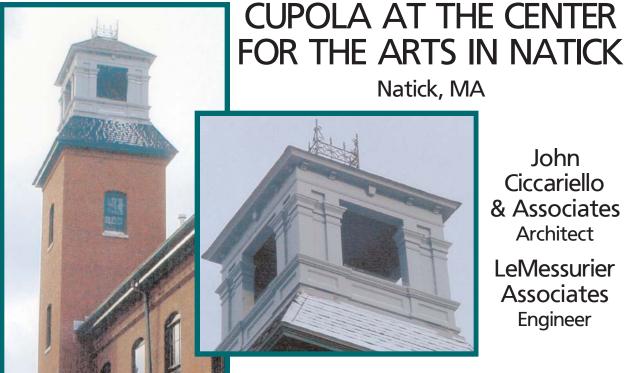
## 2005 EXCELLENCE IN HOT-DIP GALVANIZING CIVIC CONTRIBUTION



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After 115 years of service, the Natick Central Fire Station would have succumbed to the wrecking ball were it not for the perseverance of some Natick citizens that envisioned turning the building into a permanent arts center.

Through the effort of thousands of volunteers, sponsors, and contributors, the Center for the Arts in Natick was refurbished and opened in 2003 with a state-of-the art lighting and sound system to accommodate its patrons. The finishing touch on the new center was the restoration of its historic cupola in 2004. The structural engineer and architect on the project were familiar with galvanizing and wanted only the best means of corrosion protection for the cupola's miscellaneous steel and railings. Ultimately, a duplex system of paint over galvanizing was chosen, and all materials were graciously donated by the galvanizer.

