



## The East Providence Historical Society

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Dedicated to Preserving the Heritage and Enjoying the History of Our City

### September

Monday, September 23

7:00pm

Members' Meeting -  
Public invited

"The Rumford"  
Smithsonian Evening

Weaver Memorial  
Library

Saturday, September 28

11:00am - 3:00pm

Smithsonian Magazine  
Free Museum Day

Hunt House Museum

### October

Sunday, October 13

1:00 - 3:30pm

Hunt House Museum  
Open

Saturday, October 19

Watchemoket Square  
Day

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tockwotten Foyer  
500 Waterfront Drive

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## "The Rumford" Smithsonian Evening

Monday - September 23 - 7:00pm at Weaver Library

By Nancy Moore

The year 2014 heralds the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rumford Baking Powder Company, the makers of that little red, white and black can with the magical ingredients to make everyone's birthday cake a delight. The Rumford Company was East Providence's earliest claim to the global corporate world and many people collect Rumford memorabilia. The EPHS is getting a jump on the celebrations with a special Rumford exhibit at Hunt House Museum and an exclusively Rumford Smithsonian evening at the Weaver Library. We have combed through our award-winning archives to find more obscure Rumford artifacts and will be sharing those with the audience. Chris Martin, writer for "Edible Rhody" will also talk about his Rumford research for that magazine's June article. If you have a Rumford treasure you would like to share that evening, please feel free to bring it. And, as always, our Rumford cooks will serve refreshments BEFORE the presentation.



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**Smithsonian  
Magazine National  
Free Museum Day**

**Saturday  
September 28**

Once again, the East Providence Historical Society will participate in Free Museum Day sponsored by Smithsonian Magazine and the Hunt House Museum will be open from 11:00am - 3:00pm. If you miss our Smithsonian meeting at Weaver on Monday, September 23, you can look at all those Rumford artifacts plus a host of others. Challenge yourself to see how quickly you can complete our interactive Rumford quiz - munch on a cookie while you are doing that.

Visit this historic area in its fall splendor: check out the fish ladder, imagine yourself on the famous Loof carrousel at the Hunts Mills Amusement Park site.

**Wanted:  
New Webmaster**

Time flies if you are having fun... Whoever said that was right. I just checked the dates of some of the old files on the website and they go back to 2002! It seems time to retire and get some fresh ideas for our website and some other hands to put it together. Any takers?



This is a position you can fill from home and does not take too much time to keep up-to-date after the site is running. Email Reinhard with questions at reinhardkathy@verizon.net if you are interested to serve the society in this capacity. I will be happy to help you get started.

**The East Providence  
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is dedicated to preserving the heritage and enjoying the history of our city.

**If you are not a member we  
invite you to join now.**

Annual dues are \$15 individual, \$25 family or business, or a Life Membership for \$150.

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- Renewal/Change

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\$15 Individual

\$25 Family/Business

\$150 Life

## EPHS Fall Upcoming Events

### Watchemoket Square Day at Tockwotten

**Saturday , October 19**

By now you have probably discovered Waterfront Drive – you do know that you can go from the Red Bridge (get on at Dexter Road) south to the Square on the new road? EPHS will run **FREE BOAT** tours and presentations from the new Tockwotten facility beginning after the parade, 10:00am to 3:00pm. Boat tours of the waterfront (11:00am and 12:00pm) will be conducted by Planning Director Jeanne Boyle, who is eager to tell you all about the ongoing transformation of this area. Look for further details in your local newspaper. We would suggest that members call 438-1750 to sign up for a place on the boat as space is very limited. Tours will leave from the EP Yacht Club dock.

### Members' Meeting Watchemoket Square History

With Ned Connors

**Monday , October 28**

If you caught Historic Commission Chair Ned Connors' fascinating presentation about the building of 195 last October, you won't want to miss his historical overview of the Watchemoket area this year. EPHS will be welcoming Tockwotten residents to East Providence that evening: please join us there at their new facility. And check out the Watchemoket Square display in the City Hall lobby during October.

This meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the Tockwotten Home.

### Call for Member Volunteers for Smithsonian Day and Watchemoket Square Day!!!!

The membership has been incredibly supportive of all of the fall events (35 of you showed at WS Day last year!) A nucleus of the Board mans these days but we always need more faces to meet and greet and to docent inside and outside the Hunt House. Opportunities for you to help out on Smithsonian Day and WS Day are:

Smithsonian Day: Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am-1:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm Hunt House (in and out)

Watchemoket Square Day: Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-12:00am and 12:00-3:00pm  
Tockwotten foyer

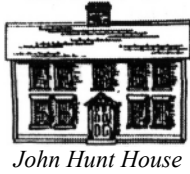
Of course you can come for less or more time or just drop in and lend a hand on the spur of the moment. CONTACT NANCY MOORE: 438-4299 or email [ride8908@ride.ri.net](mailto:ride8908@ride.ri.net)

### EPHS Fall "2nd Sunday" Open Houses John Hunt House Museum

**October 13 – November 10 – December 8 (Special Holiday Open House)**

On view this fall is the special 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary Rumford Baking Powder Company exhibit – did you know that the company won an award at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair? Or that MIT created a "Rumford" model kitchen at the fair to showcase

Count Rumford's work on the "science of nutrition?" Come check this exhibit out and nibble some goodies from a Rumford cookbook. Stroll the grounds of the best kept secret here in East Providence.



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## Gardening Tips

By Jeff Faria, Master Gardener

Bring houseplants back indoors when nighttime temperatures dip into the low 40s. Check your plants for aphids, whiteflies and spider mites before bringing them inside.

Enliven garden prime spots and faded planters with Mum's and asters for nice fall color!

Fall is a great time to divide spring flowering perennials and also rejuvenate sad looking lawns. Fewer weeds will crowd out grasses at this time of year, so your lawn will look better than if you seed it in the spring.

Continue to deadhead your flowers and be prepared to cover them with a sheet or floating row cover to extend their season as temperatures dip below 40° at night. You will be rewarded with an Indian summer show!!! This also works for

tomatoes, peppers and basil which can be burned by cold nighttime temperatures.

We have tried broiling our excess eggplant, summer squash and green beans for freezing and storing during the winter. Prepare a dressing with olive oil, garlic and herbs to dip the sliced vegetables into before laying on a sheet pan and lightly broiling.

Once cooled, place in freezer bags and store in your freezer for "almost fresh" vegetables during the winter.

Tomatoes and raspberries can be frozen, uncooked, by laying them on a sheet pan and placing them in the freezer. Once frozen they can be placed in freezer bags for use during the winter. They will be mushy but will add freshness to your soup or oatmeal!