



## The East Providence Historical Society

# Gazette

June 2014

Volume XXV No. 7

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

### June

Monday, June 23

6:00 pm

Members' Meeting -  
*Public invited*

Picnic/Elections  
Hunts Mills Park

Newman Church  
in case of rain

### July

Sunday, July 13

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Hunt House Museum  
open

### August

Sunday, August 10

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Hunt House Museum  
open

#### CONTACT US AT:

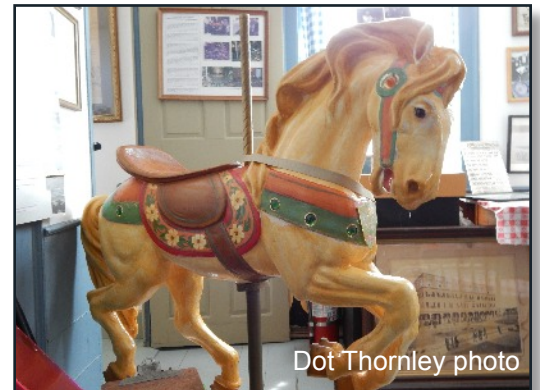
East Providence  
Historical Society  
P.O. Box 4774  
East Providence, RI  
02916-4774  
Tel. (401) 438-1750  
Email: [info@ephist.org](mailto:info@ephist.org)  
Web Site: [ephist.org](http://ephist.org)

## End of Year

by Nancy Moore

At the end of each year, we on the EPHS Board look at the work we accomplished with you, our general members volunteers. Your Board is a very hard working one and it sets a high standard for all it does. We had a lot of fun with Count Rumford and the 140<sup>th</sup> exhibit. This exhibit has now moved into the middle room at Hunt House and although a little cramped, it is still an amazing collection.

The Crescent Park/Carousel exhibit is shaping up well and again, there is so much material! Shrunken heads and a full size horse are just a few of the artifacts to see. Watchemoket Square Day and its spin off general meeting was a huge success with the new space at Tockwotten accommodating our needs very well. Our presentations by members Jeff Howe, Ed Serowik and Seekonk local Dave Horton were really well received and our perennial visits to Weaver were standing room only. With the help of you as docents we were able to be open for all our "2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays" and the attendance has held steady at around thirty visitors each time which is comfortable for everyone. We have enjoyed being asked back to venues around the City and will continue to travel about. If you know of a group that might like to host a meeting, please let us know.



Dot Thornley photo

With success comes the need to keep up the pace. We've attracted a number of new members with talents we haven't assessed yet. We have places on committees and the Board which we need to fill. We will be looking to you all for help in continuing the work we do. Watch for the sign-up sheets at the picnic. We would love to get to know you better by working alongside you!

### The Gazette

Is published monthly by the  
East Providence  
Historical Society

P.O. Box 4774, East Providence, RI  
02916-4774  
Tel. (401) 438-1750  
Web Site: ephist.org

#### OFFICERS

Margaret Dooley	<i>President</i>
Rose Marie Sirenski	<i>1st Vice President</i>
Deborah Ormerod	<i>2nd Vice President</i>
Cheryl Faria	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Pat Henry	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
Dot Thornley	<i>Treasurer</i>
Nancy Moore	<i>Immediate Past President</i>

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bob Tewksbury	<i>Buildings</i>
Jeffrey Faria	<i>Grounds</i>
Miriam Kenney	<i>Membership</i>
Karen Panzarella	<i>Museum</i>
Deborah Ormerod	<i>Curator</i>
Reinhard Wohlgemuth	<i>Newsletter</i>
Nancy Moore	<i>Preservation</i>
Nancy Moore	<i>Programs</i>
Nancy Moore	<i>Publicity</i>
Reinhard Wohlgemuth	<i>Webmaster</i>

## Proposed Bylaw Change

As you have been reading in the GAZETTE, there has been a proposed change to the bylaw regarding dues. Article III, Section 2 will now read:

**“Dues will be collected once a year. Payment of dues will be on or before July 1.”**

This would replace the original bylaw where dues were expected on the anniversary date of membership. This change makes the collection of dues more structured and better for budgeting purposes. Dues that are collected now - July 1, would expire on July 1, 2015.

This bylaw change will be voted on at the picnic on June 23.



- ☆ Mona Breault
- ☆ Marilyn Green
- ☆ Pat Henry
- ☆ Miriam Kenny
- ☆ Nancy Moore
- ☆ Rose Marie Sirenski
- ☆ Dotty Thornley

Your treats for the May meeting were greatly appreciated by all.

### Picnic Phone Number



If you plan to make reservations for the picnic please do not call the Hunt House but use **(401) 434-0071**. This number is for picnic reservations only!

### The East Providence Historical Society

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.

Please make check payable to:

**East Providence Historical Society**

and mail membership form to

**East Providence Historical Society**

**P.O. Box 4774**

**East Providence, RI 02916-4774**



#### Membership Form

- New  
 Renewal/Change

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 Individual

\$25 Family/Business

\$150 Life

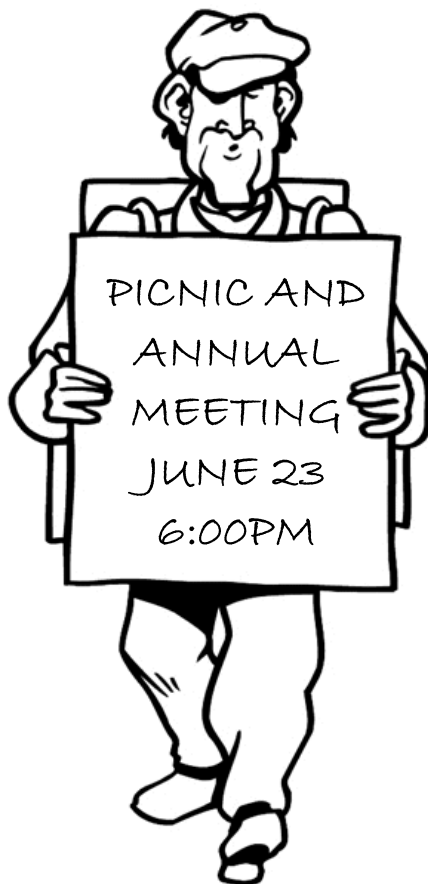
## Additional Memorial Donations

### In Memory of Edna Anness:

- Nancy L. James
- Michael & April Terry

### In Memory of Virginia Berwick:

- Paul Carey
- Matt & Tina Kent
- Gordon & Wendy Hubbard
- Elaine Brass
- Muriel E. Harper
- Carolyn Lake
- Betty Jane Nelson
- Nancy L. James
- Nancy P. Batty
- Woods Heating Service



## Farmers' Market

Good news for you veggie lovers out there! Weaver library will hold a Farmers' Market on eight Thursdays this summer starting July 10 4:00 - 7:00pm. See you there!

## Docents Needed for Crescent Park Exhibit

Were you a regular at the Park? Do you have stories to share? Do you have a Sunday afternoon to be with others who loved the Park also? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we need you as a docent on "2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays" this summer. The Hunt House is open from 1:00 - 3:30pm and the people who drop by are interested and interesting. Even if you can only come once this summer, we'd love to have you join us.

Please call Karen Panzarella to volunteer (434-5118).

## Errata

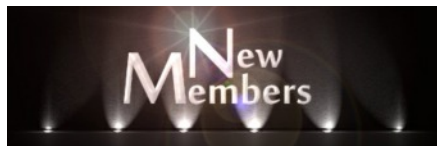
June article error: It was mistakenly written that Pat cares for Mary McMahan. She does a wonderful job caring for Mary McManus, our oldest living Rumford employee who celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday last month. Happy Birthday Mary - see you at the picnic!

**You will receive no call for the picnic reservations or for side salads/biscuits this year.**

**The picnic organizers will buy everything and we will raise the price to \$5 members/\$8 non-members. You must call 434-0071 to let us know that you are coming so we can plan on how much food to buy.**

**There will be tables available but no chairs; bring your own chairs or a blanket to sit.**

**Newman church will be the location in case of rain.**



We welcome our newest member:

Deanne K. (Candy) Weaver



Jewelie, the full size carousel horse on display at Hunt House.

## New Exhibit: Crescent Park on the Ten Mile

The team of Ed Serowik, Karen Panzarella and Nancy Moore has put together a truly memorable Crescent Park exhibit at the John Hunt House. As we worked, Ed would look at the old photos and exclaim, “Oh I’ve got one of those at the house” or “Wow, I forgot I have that too. I’ll bring that over next week.” So who knows what he will unearth by the end of the summer! We have been introduced to the lovely full size horse named “Jewelie” and she will be available for photo ops for your family. There are games for the children with carousel tickets as prizes and the Clam Shell chance game for adults. There are refreshments of course and this is a time for you to go one on one with Eddie, trading memories of the Park. Ed will be with us for all the open houses and we know you won’t want to miss this exhibit. If you’d like to write down some of your fondest memories and bring them with you, we’ll be looking to publish those in the up-coming Gazettes.

Story from Ed Serowik: “One day, after the park closed in the 60’s, while I was painting the horse which came to be featured on this Smithsonian cover, a woman from the Smithsonian, Barbara Fahs Chase arrived to take



Becky Ellis photo

### Julie and Jewelie

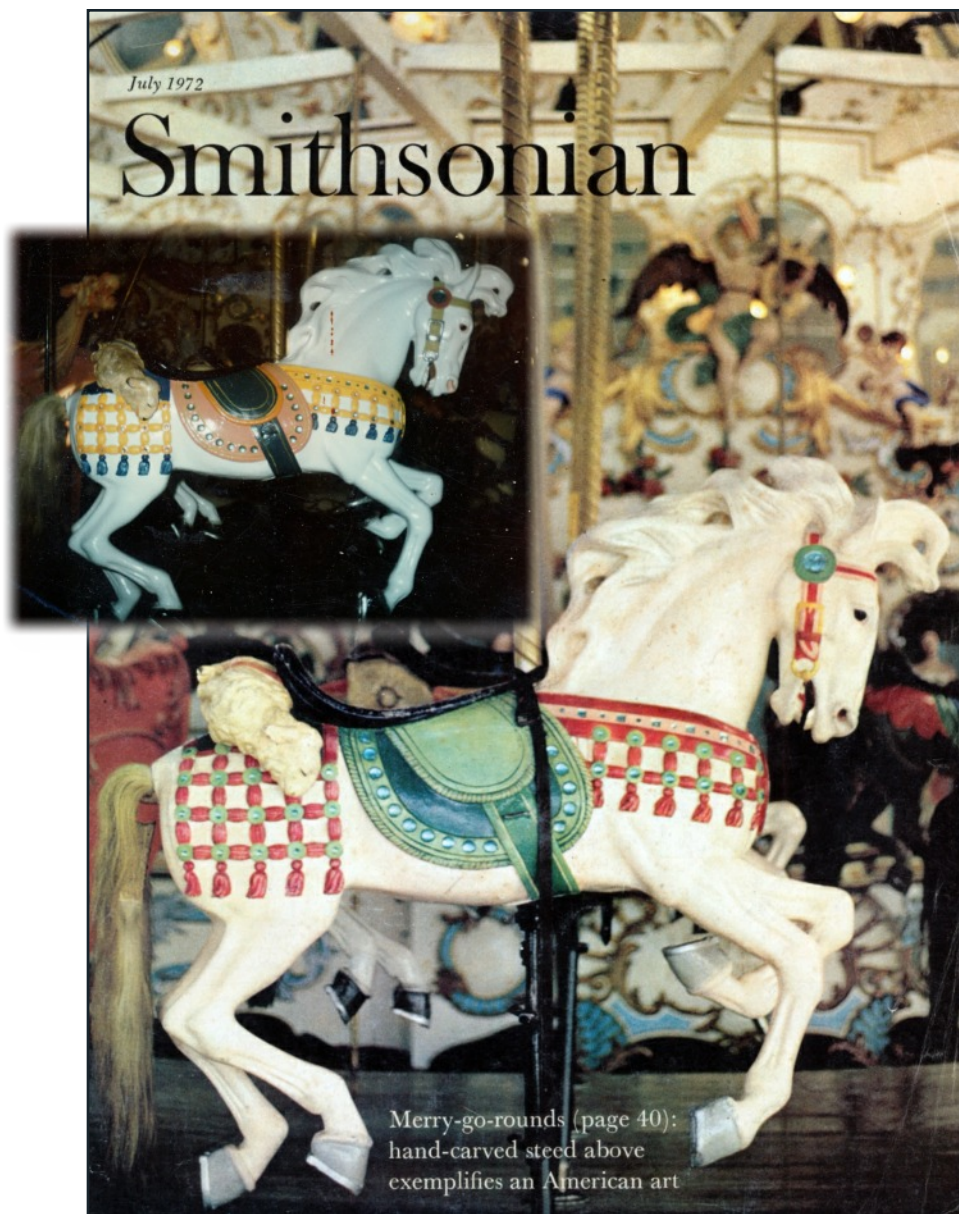
Preston and Julie visited the museum on June 8, 2014 and used the opportunity to have their picture taken with Jewelie, the carousel horse.

pictures for the article. We pretty much ignored each other and went our separate ways. Then I got a package in the mail from Barbara with a copy of that July 1972 magazine and an old photo with the original colors of the horse I was painting!”

EPHS has inquired about the whereabouts of Barbara Fahs Chase and her pictorial book on carousels. We’ll keep you posted.



## Which color scheme is correct?



Magazine and photo from Ed Serowik collection

The problem many restoration projects are faced with is the choice of the correct color scheme to keep the object historically as accurate as possible. If photos exist at all they are often only in black and white and not helpful at all. Shown here is the same horse of the Loof carousel at Crescent Park—on the cover of the Smithsonian magazine and a snapshot.

Which one is correct? Come and talk to Ed Serowik on one of the “2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday” open houses at the Hunt House while the exhibit is running.

## Native Plant Highlight

By Jeff Faria, Master Gardener

*This is a column where Jeff introduces us to some of the heritage plants used by the early settlers. Many of them can also be found around the Hunt House today.*

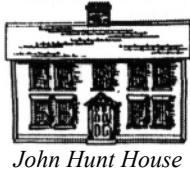
### Lavender

Our plant focus this month is lavender. Lavenders are bushy low shrubs and the branches of older lavenders



are twisted and Woody. Flowers are shades of purple on the 6 to 8 inch stalk in June and July. Lavender is native to Mediterranean shores and most Pilgrims failed at growing lavender.

Its medicinal qualities are as a nerve stimulant and relief for aches, sprains and rheumatism as well as an appetite stimulant. Greeks and Romans used lavender in baths for its perfume and its reputation to relieve fatigue and stiff joints. Lavender is thought to be the herb of love. Additionally it is used to quiet coughs and cure digestive problems. An early American recipe for liniment to cure sciatica contained lavender.



East Providence Historical Society  
P.O. Box 4774  
East Providence, RI 02916

**Non-Profit Organization**  
**U.S. POSTAGE PAID**  
**Providence, RI**  
**Permit #2712**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

---

## Gardening Tips

By Jeff Faria, Master Gardener

June is the month for roses! To keep your roses blooming for as long as possible, they need to be deadheaded when the blooms begin to fade. Cut the stem of the spent bloom back to just above a five leaflet leaf at a point thick enough to support a new cane and flower. Fertilizing your roses during the growing cycle helps them be vibrant and realize maximum growth potential. There are several types of fertilizers, so choose one that is balanced whether organic or inorganic. Liquid fertilizers are fast acting and are suitable for feeding container grown roses as well.

Prune your spring blooming shrubs now that they have completed their bloom cycle. This will help to shape your plant and give it time to set new blooms for next spring.

If you must fertilize your lawn, use a slow release high nitrogen fertilizer.

Keep up with your weeding of vegetables and flowers. Water deeply but infrequently. Most plants need about an inch of water per week. Place empty tuna fish cans in certain areas of your garden to monitor weekly rainfall and watering patterns.



Avoid gardening at midday. The soil and plants need to be left alone at these times. Opt for a siesta instead!

Transplant plants in the evening, when they are at their strongest.