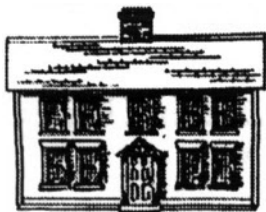


THE EAST PROVIDENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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President's letter

Nancy Moore, President



For me, this is the formal beginning of a term as leader of this group and I'm looking forward to our time together. Kris Rose has done such a

wonderful job as president these past two years. We thank her for being point person for the picnics, the alarm calls in the dead of night and for all the little details that come with the job.

We have a round of programs for the remainder of 2009 which should have something for everyone. Society member, George Donovan, filmed a timeless piece about the East Bay Bike Path in 1990 and it is amazing that we're only presenting it now. George will be available for comments and questions. In October, Reinhard Wohlgemuth, society web master, will take us to Europe for the first of two presentations about his early days in Germany. Pat Henry and Mona Breault have promised our very own Oktoberfest! In November, Chip Bishop will speak about his great, great, great, great

grandfather, Phaniel Bishop, who lived in the Bishop House, now owned by the Cusack family. Chip is writing a book with the curious title "My Dear Bishop: The Remarkable Friendship of Theodore Roosevelt and Joseph Bucklin Bishop." December will bring a reprise (by popular demand) of our turkey dinner extravaganza.

This summer we have witnessed the passing of long standing members and volunteers, Austin Butterworth, Joe MacDougald and Gordon Wolfe. We value tremendously their contributions to this group.

We welcome new members with the hope that they will find their own special way to contribute to the historical society. On we roll!



Calendar Of Events

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.
Members Meeting – *Public Invited*
Newman Church Chapel
Rumford

Program: *East Bay Bike Path Film*
Member, George Donovan

* Note the additional information on page 3.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – *Members Welcome*
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Sunday/Monday, October 11 & 12
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Hunt House Museum, Hunts
Mills Road, Rumford
*Blackstone Heritage Corridor
Weekend*

Monday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.
Members Meeting – *Public Invited*
Newman Church Chapel
Rumford

Program: *Growing Up In The
Lesser Known Germany – Part I*
Member, Reinhard Wohlgemuth

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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

**Mona Breault, 23 Case Street,
Rumford, RI 02916**

Hurricane Of 1938

Notice provided by
Patty Hopkinson, Barrington

The Bay Spring Community
Center, in conjunction with the
Barrington Public Library, will
feature a talk on the Hurricane
of 1938. There will also be a
fantastic slide show about this
natural disaster that took away
many Rhode Island lives and
wiped out grand old landmarks.
It will be presented at the
Barrington Library's upstairs
auditorium on Monday,

September 21, (the 71st
anniversary) 7:00 p.m., by none
other than Jean MacIntyre, past
president of the Barrington
Preservation Society.

The Barrington Library is located
next to Barrington Town Hall.
Drive in between those two
buildings and see the library
entrance on your right.

This is a widely advertised
event.....but **only 100 seats are
available**, so we suggest that
you arrive early to get a seat.
The library is handicapped

accessible. Donations are
encouraged and greatly
appreciated. Information about
the Bay Spring Community
Center can be had at 289-2466
(Patty Hopkinson).

Weaver Library News Flash:

Free Seminar For Homeowners!!

Mondays, September 14 and 21,
6:30 p.m. Weaver Library.
(Two 1 1/2 hour sessions)

As many of us live in houses
which need restoration or re-
modeling from time to time, we
thought this seminar of interest
to our members. "How to Hire a
Contractor" – a two part seminar
on all the aspects of contracting
any work needed to be done on
your house. Avoid the pitfalls of
hiring an in-
competent
contractor.
Learn the
questions to
ask. Find out
how to evalu-
ate and explain
your project.



Membership Form

New

Renewal/Change

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

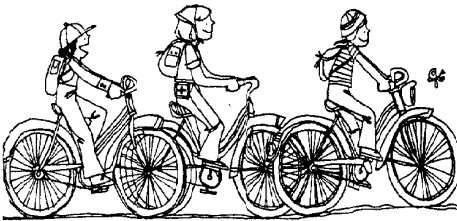
\$15 Individual

\$25 Family/Business

\$150 Life

East Bay Bike Path Documentary

Members Meeting
Monday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.
Newman Church Chapel
Rumford



Have you been on the East Bay Bike Path lately? Is it one of your favorite spots to walk or bike? In 1990, George Donovan, tech specialist at East Providence High School before retiring, made a fascinating documentary about the path and its origins for cable TV. He unearthed a copy and will present this timeless piece at the society's September meeting. It is charming. We hope you will join us. Make sure to reacquaint yourself with the path before you come - you'll find it irresistible after you view the film. (There will be DVD's available that evening - ON LOAN - to show to folks at home.)

The meeting will be held in the Newman Church (basement) Chapel beginning at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and business meeting will follow.

Gardening Tips

Jeff and Cheryl Faria,
Master Gardeners

- Transplant shrubs and herbaceous perennials early this month. Water them well for the first few weeks. Divide and plant perennials and plant peonies in a sunny location later this month.
- Reseed bare spots in your lawn.
- Feed roses for the last time early this month. You may get another flush of blooms before the frost. Keep giving evergreens extra water to hydrate them in preparation for winter.
- Plan and plant spring flowering bulbs such as crocus, daffodils, and snow drops now. Wait until October to plant tulips as the weather will be cooler then.

Museum Training

Edna Anness, Museum Curator

We need a volunteer to be trained by me as to how to accession, accept, record and mark new gifts to the Museum. In other words, looking to the future to become the curator of the collection. It is fascinating work for those who enjoy history. Much of it can be done at home on your computer. The people one meets are interesting beyond words. Call me, Edna Anness, 433-3347, anytime and we can talk about it. I am not ready to retire, but it would be wise to have somebody standing in the wings ready to take over when the time comes.

Gifts To The Museum

Mrs. Bruno Esposito - Three scrapbooks of her husband's service in the Air Force during World War II.

Thank you...your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Rumford Cookbooks

A question came in to the Museum as to what Rumford Cookbooks we do not have. The dates of those cookbooks we do not as yet have are:

- 1909 - 1917
- 1919 - 1922
- 1926
- 1929
- 1934
- 1937
- 1942 - 1945
- 1949

In Memory Of:

Austin Butterworth

Joe MacDougald

Gordon Wolfe



Sadly missed...fondly remembered



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An early postcard view of what is now part of the East Bay Bike Path