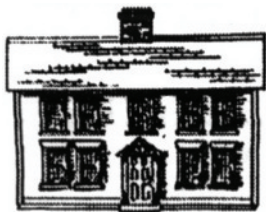


THE EAST PROVIDENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



John Hunt House

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President's letter

Nancy Moore, President



Hello everyone,

Well, we find ourselves in an interesting position. We made plans to scale down operations for the summer because of the fish ladder project and now find ourselves able to do a normal schedule. That means that the picnic can be held at Hunts Mills, weather permitting. That is always the preferred place on a lovely summer evening. (Please note that Newman Church is the rain site on the same evening.)

We will keep to our Open House schedule (2nd Sunday of month) as long as possible. Any of you are welcome to docent. Karen Panzarella is helping Ginny with Open House duties. She would appreciate any volunteers. The Master Gardner group will also keep its schedule on those days so if you've been thinking about joining that group, please drop by from 2:00 -4:00 p.m.

The May members meeting was held at East Bay Manor on the Trail. We were very warmly welcomed. Between their

residents and our membership, we had a full house. There was ample parking at the door. Refreshments were served in a beautiful room overlooking the marsh. We thank Sue Spire from East Bay Manor for her help in setting up that evening and Dave Kelleher for bringing us up to date on the latest work done at the Pomham Rocks lighthouse. Did you know there is a replica of the lighthouse which is available for sale nationally? There was a lively discussion afterwards. We look forward to returning there next year for another meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the picnic. Please bring a friend.

Tip Of The Baker's Hat . . .

. . . to the following members who baked for the May members' meeting:

- Andy Valerio
- Eunice Tuckerman
- Karen Panzarella
- Nancy Moore
- Miriam Kenney
- Pat Henry
- Florence Adams



Calendar Of Events

JUNE

Monday, June 28, 6:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting/Elections
Picnic
Hunts Mills Recreation area
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

JULY

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

Sunday, July 11, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Hunt House Museum Open
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Sunday, July 11, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Heritage Gardeners
Museum Grounds,
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

**NO MEMBERS MEETINGS IN
JULY OR AUGUST**

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Annual Meeting Election of Officers Picnic

Monday, June 28, 6:00 p.m.
(if rain, Newman Church)
Hunts Mills Recreation Area,
Rumford

TICKETS:
\$3 members. \$6 non-members
to be paid at the door.
RESERVATION DEADLINE:
SATURDAY, JUNE 26.

The following candidates will be
elected by a vote of the
Secretary since there were no
other nominations for the offices:

Telephone the society, 438-1750
or 437-1530 or email, ephist.org
if need be. The public is invited.

- Nancy Moore, President;
- Kris Rose, 1st Vice
President;
- Edna Anness, 2nd Vice
President;
- Pat Henry, Corresponding
Secretary;
- Cheryl Faria, Recording
Secretary;
- Peter Allen, Treasurer.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
Peter Allen, Treasurer, will accept
reservation payments at the
door.

Mona Breault, Membership
Chairman, will be available to
accept annual membership dues.

The Telephone Committee will
call the membership for salads
and 'Rumford Baking Powder'
biscuits for the picnic. Hot dogs,
hamburgers, beverages AND
strawberry shortcake will be
served. Cream donated by
Monroe Dairy.

All are welcome to Hunts Mills at
5:00 p.m. to take care of these
obligations and enjoy the
grounds.

FOOD WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00
P.M.

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**



Membership Form

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Renewal/Change

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

\$15 Individual

\$25 Family/Business

\$150 Life

Then And Now . . .

How much do things really change in 100 years?



The real photo postcard above was mailed in 1908. Compare it to the recent photograph on the right and you will notice that little has changed at Union Primary aside from the trees and the paving of Pawtucket Avenue.

Let's help to preserve this little gem for another 100 or more years if possible!

Union Primary School



Dottie Thornley took the photo on the right in March 2010 during the great storm. She stood at the same spot the photographer used to create the pastoral view for the postcard above about 100 years earlier.

I bet no one who came to enjoy themselves at the park in those days thought that the day would come when someone would stand there and think: "Where is the dam?"

The Dam At Hunt's Mills





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Museum News

Edna Anness, Curator

We hope to have on display for the picnic in the Keeping Room a collection of photos of workers at the Rumford Chemical Works mostly taken by the late and former society member, Fales Pierce and donated by his wife, Ruth. It will be fun to look up your ancestors and current friends.

Gifts To The Museum

Ruth Porter – A new history of what was St. Michael's entitled: *The Circle Continues - History of the Church of the Epiphany*, written by Ruth Porter

Cindy Thrana – A carton of papers from the now disbanded Rumford Women's Club.

Historical Marker Program

Your home may be eligible for a marker. Any building in the City of East Providence which contributes to the historical development or architectural character of the City is eligible to be considered for a Historical Marker.

Request information by sending your name, address and phone number to the

Marker Program

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