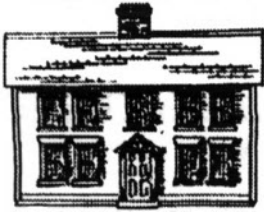


THE EAST PROVIDENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



John Hunt House

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President's Letter

Nancy Moore, President



It is a beautiful Saturday afternoon, and Pat Henry, Dottie Thornley and I have just returned from putting the

Hunt House Museum back to rights after the roof work. We were concerned that dust and debris might filter down through the attic as the men banged away so we covered everything on the second floor. The old house did beautifully and we found no problems other than the usual dust. Our check of the attic showed everything water tight up there and finally drying out. Such a relief with the weather we have had this month. Our great thanks to Dottie and Pat who have agreed to come back and help Edna with the things we weren't sure of places for.

The earth is waking up in the Hunt House Museum gardens and we expect the fish ladder equipment next month. Things will surely look different for a while.

As for Union Primary School, the Board has been in conference with the EP Historic District

Commission and the Planning Department. Three members of our group sit on the HDC - David Kelleher, Edna Anness and myself. There are three paths to explore to safeguard Union Primary: a historic preservation easement such as the one placed on the building at 410 N Broadway across from Walker House, placing Union Primary in its own historic district, and on the National Register. Eventually all three may end up happening as certainly the building should be on the Register. The quickest fix lies in a preservation easement and the City appears to be totally on board with that idea. The Historic District Commission has already toured the building and made note of every facet which should be preserved. All the groups concerned with preservation in EP are working closely to protect Union Primary if indeed it needs to be sold. Please feel free to express your preservation opinions through letters and calls to your council member and the media.

The Board welcomes everyone back for our March 2nd pot luck supper when Reinhard

Wohlgemuth will have part 2 of his presentation about growing up in Germany. And please circle April 26 for John McNiff of the Roger Williams National Park. He was spellbinding last time and there was standing room only.

Calendar Of Events

MARCH

Monday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.
Members Meeting - *Public Invited*
Newman Church Memorial Hall
Rumford

POT LUCK SUPPER

Program: *Growing Up In The Lesser Known Germany - Part II*
Member, Reinhard Wohlgemuth

APRIL

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

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

Monday, April 26, 6:00 p.m.
Members Meeting - *Public Invited*
Newman Church Memorial Hall
Rumford

Program: *Roger Williams National Park*
Speaker: John McNiff

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Membership for \$150.

Please make check payable to:

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**Mona Breault, 23 Case Street,
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- o Stephen and Christine
Cute

A warm welcome to our new
members.

**Hunt House
Museum Wish List**

- o Paper towels, napkins,
cold cups.
- o Plastic forks and spoons,
(we have enough knives).
- o Decaf coffee.
- o Any mismatched paper
goods: cups, plates,
napkins, bowls of any
size.

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**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
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Membership Form

- New
- Renewal/Change

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

\$15 Individual

\$25 Family/Business

\$150 Life

Memorial Fund

The Society's Memorial Fund was established in 1993, in memory of past members, for "the betterment of the Society and with no specific purpose".

The Memorial Fund is a qualified endowment administered by the Executive Committee. Members and friends wishing to contribute may make checks payable to the East Providence Historical Society and mail to the Society at
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East Providence, RI 02916-4774

Nominating Committee

"A notice requesting qualified candidates to come forth will be placed in the March issue of the newsletter."

Duties of Ad-Hoc Committees, Bylaws.

"The current president shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms."

Duties of Officers, Bylaws.

A member choosing to seek office should contact the society, 438-1750. As we go to press, a Nominating Committee has not been selected.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE MAY MEETING ONLY. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in June.

Gardening Tips

By Jeff Faria, Master Gardener

Early spring is the best time to prune many types of overgrown flowering shrubs and fruit trees. Begin by removing any damaged branches from winter winds. Then look at your plant from a distance. Plan to thin about 1/3 of the bush removing the oldest shoots from near ground level at the crown of the plant. Reduce height by pruning back stems to a side bud or branch. You may sacrifice flowers, but will have a healthier shrub as a result.

Prune fruit trees so a strong central leader forms and wide angle lateral branches extend from the trunk. Thin out 1/3 of old blueberry bushes as well as damaged or diseased branches.

Begin cleaning up beds near the end of the month. Rake your lawn to remove dead matted grass when the ground is dry enough. Re-seed thin or bare spots in the lawn.

Prune roses at St. Patrick's Day. Use a similar technique as with shrubs. Remove darkened canes and any that appear hollow inside when you cut them. Hybrid teas and shrub roses will thank you for reducing their girth by about 1/3. Prune each cane at an outward facing bud just 1/4 inch above the bud and on an angle.

Choose seeds from plants that you would like to grow and read their package for starting them indoors or out! Some seeds can even be planted this month!

Members Meeting

Pot Luck Supper

Growing Up In The Lesser
Known Germany—Part II

Monday, March 22, (4th Monday)
6:00p.m.
Memorial Hall, Newman Church,
Rumford

Society member Reinhard Wohlgemuth will present part two of his life in Germany preceded by a pot luck supper.

The Telephone Committee will call the membership requesting a main dish or dessert (your choice) for the supper.

A business meeting will follow.





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Union Primary School

What will happen to it? Check the President's letter for more information.

