



The East Providence Historical Society

Gazette

Summer 2019

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May

Sunday, May 12
11:00am - 4:00pm
Hunt House open
FAMILY FUN DAY

Monday, May 20
6:30pm Refreshments
7:00 pm Presentation
General Meeting -
Public invited
"East Providence's
Sabin Point"
By Jeffrey Howe
Riverside Library
475 Bullocks Point Ave
Riverside, RI 02915

June

Saturday, June 1
National Trails Day

Sunday, June 9
1:00pm - 3:30pm
Hunt House open

Monday, June 24
6:00pm
Picnic and elections
Hunt House Lawn

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Conference Wrap-up

By Nancy Moore

I do wish all of you could have been with us on Conference Day, April 6th! Pride of place began swelling as we entered the doors of the Masonic Hall and saw 400 people ready to celebrate East Providence. It only got better! The EP cheerleaders stood at the steps of Haven Methodist and cheered us inside where the Haven crew, Mayor Da Silva and Sen. Bill Conley warmly greeted the crowd. Key note speaker Brent Leggs summed up the idea of recreation/sports in EP with highlights of the African American contribution to sports and culture around the country. Then the buses started rolling: to Crescent Park, to Green Jacket Shoals and the Seekonk River, to Pomham Light, to Riverside Square, to Phillipsdale Historic District, to the Cape Verde Museum, to the "Ring of the Green" and the Rumford Complex, to the Indoor Court/Agawam Hunt, and to Hunt's Mills. Every tour got rave reviews and the general take was, "Who knew?!" A year of planning and work was worth every minute. Our great thanks go to the list of EP people below who took part in some way. If you know these people, please express your own thanks.

State crew – Sarah Zurier, Janet Balletto, Tim Ives, Charlotte Taylor, Enerido Ademi

EP preservation coordinators – Cheryl Faria, Dave Kelleher, Nancy Moore

EP Planning – Pat Hanner, Dave Bachrach, Jim Moran, Wayne Barnes, Diane Feather

EP DPW and Parks/Water departments

Haven Methodist – Pastor Athea Jackson, Joan Klein, Jim Hibbert

Richard Ring and **Masonic Hall** members

Presenters – Ed Serowik, Dave Robinson, Ned Connors

EP HS – Nancy Allen, Sandra Turgeon, Brian Turgeon, Deb Ormerod, Pat Henry, Dot Thornley, Jeff Faria as the Count, Nick Tomlin

Ten Mile River Watershed – Keith Gonsalves and crew

Indoor Court/Agawam Hunt – Tom Brun, Heather Hahn

Rumford Complex – Barbara Barnes, Beverly Pettine

We know many more people worked behind the scenes - our great thanks to all!

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A Notice regarding July Dues Payments

It is that time of year again! Some members have dues expiring in July, 2019. As usual, I will be sending bills to those who are affected. However, payment can be made at the annual picnic in June, OR can be mailed in to the post office address found on this page of the GAZETTE. A third option is to pay electronically using PayPal. Just go to our website ephis.org. This will save us considerable postage, and we will be able to spend more of our funds on programs for you!

Just as a reminder: Increased dues are in effect for the coming year. These were voted on at last year's annual meeting. They are:

- Individual \$25
- Family or Corporate \$35
- Life Membership \$250.

Many thanks for all of your continued support. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-434-9462 or email me at miriamkenney@aol.com

Miriam Kenney, Membership

A warm welcome to our new members!

- ☺ Barbara Barnes
- ☺ J. Paul Loether
- ☺ Beverly Pettine
- ☺ Mark Saunders



**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 \$25 individual, \$35
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Please make check payable to:

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Membership Form

New
 Renewal/Change

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

\$25 Individual

\$35 Family/Business

\$250 Life

Sunday, May 12
11am - 4pm

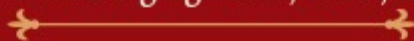


65 Hunts Mill Road
East Providence, RI

East Providence Historical Society presents:

Old Fashioned Family Fun Day

Join us for a day of vintage games, food, history, and fun!



11:30am - Education Center Dedication

12pm - The Great Rumford Bake Off begins

1:30pm - Walking Tour of Historic Grounds

Tours of the Hunt House, food, and games available all day

Register for the Bake Off at rumfordbakeoff.com

11:30 AT THE EDUCATION CENTER

You are cordially invited to attend the Dedication of the new Education Center during the Old Fashioned Family Fun Day on Sunday, May 12 at 11:30. There will be a ribbon cutting, a brief speaking program and tours of the Education Center.

The Great
**RUMFORD
BAKE OFF**

12 NOON UNDER THE BIG TENT

Join us for The Great Rumford Bake Off which celebrates the 160th Anniversary of Rumford Baking Powder beginning at noon during the Old-Fashioned Family Fun Day! Baking enthusiasts are welcome to enter a beloved recipe. Learn more and enter your favorite baked creation at www.rumfordbakeoff.com

President's Letter

By Nancy Moore, Co-President

You may have noted that this is the summer issue with all that entails: the picnic details/all the open house dates/end of the year stuff. The web site will be updated somewhat over the summer, but your hard working Board will not meet regularly. I want to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for all your support during the past years I have been at the helm. I have said many times that the EPHS Board is the hardest working, most dedicated group of people in the City, but the rest of you step up and help out whenever the call comes and we know you expect a class act from the Board. I have no doubt that you will continue to give the new Board chairs that wonderful support. Thank you so much, everyone!

Dates to Remember This Summer

Sunday, May 12 from 11:00am – 4:00pm

OLD FASHIONED FAMILY FUN DAY

See page 3 for details

"Master Gardener Talks" - 2:30pm in the gardens
Planting tips for young seedlings

Monday, May 20 at 6:30pm

General Meeting at the Riverside Library
Sabin Point presentation (see Gazette article)

Saturday, June 1 in the morning

National Trails Day. Help groom the Hunt's Mills trails. For more information email <egermani4@gmail.com>

Sunday, June 9 from 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Open house at Hunt House Museum
"Hikes at Hunt's" - 1:30pm at the Gazebo
"Master Gardener Talks" - 2:30pm in the gardens
Historic garden tour & practical plant uses

Monday, June 24 at 6:00pm

Annual picnic and elections at Hunt House (see Gazette article)

Sunday, July 14 from 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Open house at Hunt House Museum
"Hikes at Hunt's" - 1:30pm at the Gazebo
"Master Gardener Talks" - 2:30pm in the gardens

Sunday, August 11 from 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Open house at Hunt House Museum
"Hikes at Hunt's" - 1:30pm at the Gazebo
"Master Gardener Talks" - 2:30pm in the gardens
Tips for using your bountiful summer produce

General Meeting

Monday, May 20 @ 6:30pm

Riverside Library
475 Bullocks Point Avenue
Riverside, RI 02915

"East Providence's Sabin Point: Its Importance in the History of Narragansett Bay" by Jeffrey Howe

Sabin Point has always been a focal point on the Bay. On a map, the hook of Sabin is very pronounced. The Sabin family came to Rehoboth with Rev. Newman in 1643 and ran the mills at what is now known as Hunt's Mills with Stephen Paine in the late 1600's. Jeff Howe will sort all this for us, bringing more of EP's history alive. Please take a drive to the Point and orient yourselves before the meeting.

Picnic

Please mark your calendars for Monday evening June 24. We will gather for our annual meeting and elections on the Hunt House lawn. Food is served at 6:00pm but come early to look around and just enjoy the beauty of Hunt's. Bring your own chair and appetite! There will be no calling of members for the picnic but a call to 438-1750 or email to <nancykmmoore@gmail.com> would be appreciated. As always, you are welcome to bring a salad or side dish to share to add variety to the menu of hotdogs/hamburgers and strawberry shortcake, with Rumford biscuits of course.

Members \$4 - Guests \$6. There is no rain date.

Please see the back page for the proposed slate of officers for election!

Strategic Plan Six Month Report

By Cheryl Faria, Co-President

Over the past year the East Providence Historical Society developed a three-year Strategic Plan with the expert guidance of David Karoff, Professional Strategic Planning Consultant and Madison (Maddie) Mott, a Master's Degree Candidate in Public Humanities at Brown University. We started implementing the plan in October, 2019 and have just completed our first six months. We are very proud to report on our progress!!

Our Strategic Plan identified five priority areas which are:

1.) Expand Internal Organizational Capacity

Goals: Increase membership; Double the number of active volunteers; Recruit four new board members; and Work towards hiring a part-time helper.

In the first six months we have listed volunteer opportunities in the Gazette and on our website, found seven new people to participate in volunteer opportunities, made standardized docent packages and provided training, obtained e-mails for membership and sent letters promoting the marker program to 275 owners with buildings registered in the four National Register Districts.

2.) Increase Funding Base

Goals: Increase dues income; Increase open house donations; Increase event income; Offer Open House sponsorship; Implement an Annual Fund campaign; and Raise \$100,000 over three years to establish an Endowment.

In the first six months we have created a Fundraising Committee and an Events Committee, developed a system to encourage donations at Open Houses, put an annual fund appeal in the Gazette and on our website, offered sponsorship opportunities for our Open Houses, developed a plan to raise \$100,000 for an endowment and created the Old Fashioned Family Fun Day and the Great Rumford Bake Off as sponsored signature events.

3.) Increase Partnerships with Other Organizations

Goals: Become actively involved with other Historical Societies and East Providence Groups; and Increase the number of school and business volunteers.

In the first six months we have joined the East Providence Chamber of Commerce, attended the RHODI Conversation events held at Historical Societies around the state, developed a system to share information with Senior Centers and libraries in East Providence and surrounding areas, expanded our list of partners, explored utilizing Roger Williams Community Projects Opportunities and identified area schools and projects for community service opportunities.

4.) Expand Education Programming

Goals: Maximize use of the Education Center; and Increase programming with local schools.

In the first six months we have established an Education Committee, created a curriculum, contacted a school for a pilot education program this May, encouraged other groups to use the Education Center for their meetings and moved the library to the Education Center.

5.) Maximize Use of Technology

Goals: Streamline processes for joining as members, paying membership dues and communicating with membership and the community.

In the first six months we have updated our website, utilized email campaign software, streamlined our social media posts and obtained wireless Internet service for the John Hunt House and the Education Center.

If you would like to get more involved with the East Providence Historical Society, we would certainly welcome your help! Your help can be on an as needed basis for specific projects or as an active member of one of our committees or somewhere in between! Please visit our website at ephist.org and review the many opportunities listed in the Volunteer Opportunities link. Or contact Cheryl Faria at cherylafaria@verizon.net 401-419-8682. We look forward to hearing from you!!

We are Invited!

Sunday - June 2 - 1-5pm

Our friends at the Carpenter Museum have invited us all to join them for their annual Strawberry Festival.

\$2 for shortcake!

EPHS Endowment!!

We have set a goal to raise \$100,000 over three years to establish an endowment for the East Providence Historical Society. Once established, the endowment will provide us with an annual draw that we can use to help offset the costs of operations and hiring a part-time helper. We need to raise \$33,333/year for the next three years and have already raised \$8,000 towards that goal. If you can help contribute to this goal, please make your check payable to the East Providence Historical Society with a note saying Endowment in the memo line. Your gift could be in the form of Planned Giving, an Annual Bequest or other donation recommended by your Financial Advisor.

Thank you for considering this!!

Endowment Fund Progress



The Historian's Circle

Thank you to those who have donated to our Annual Fund. With your Historian's Circle gift, you are helping to make a profound difference in the achievement of the Society's annual, strategic vision and endowment goals.

Hunt's Mills Park: \$500+

- Nancy Allen
- Cheryl and Jeff Faria
- Nancy and Dan Moore
- Nancy Stevens
- Dotty Thornley

Crescent Park: \$250-\$499

Vanity Fair Park: \$100-\$249

- Ann Linde
- 10 mile River
- Gail Ransom
- Cindy Sloan

Boyden Heights Park: \$50-\$99

- Pamela and Paul Gaudet
- Miriam Kenney
- Jena and Mike McNulty
- Ed Serowick
- Tom Warzeka

Friends - \$1-\$49

- Karen and Mike Antonowicz
- J. Stephen Bentz
- Carolyn DiFabio
- Hillary Fournier
- Dave Kelleher
- Bill King
- Carol Lavin
- Loretta Monahan
- Deb Ormerod
- Jack Richer
- Marianne Walsh
- Hillary Fournier

Thank You!!!

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Old Fashioned Family Fun Day



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Rumford Bake Off



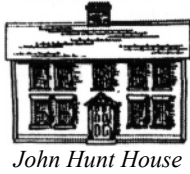
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Conference Visitors at the Library Tour



Slate of Candidates for Election

The slate as presented:

Co-Presidents:
Cheryl Faria and Jeff Faria
1st Vice President:
Deborah Ormerod

Secretary:
Nancy Allen

Corresponding Secretary:
Pat Henry

Treasurer:
Dorothy Thornley