



John Hunt House

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## President's Letter

*Nancy Moore, President*

Hello everyone,

The excitement is building for the American Chemical Society awards ceremony! We have procured a tent for the Hunt House Museum lawn, and a caterer. Arrangements for the awards ceremony at the former Rumford Chemical Works complex are all in place and the dignitaries from around the country are beginning to send in their reservations for the day. The commemorative brochure is very attractive and our thanks go to all of you who have helped defray expenses for that and for the luncheon. Please remember that you are all welcome to the awards ceremony on Monday, June 12th... BUT... the luncheon is by reservation only. We will have to establish a limit according to our funding and space. So please note the date and get your reservation to us early. We definitely want to see everyone there who would like to attend. A big thank you from all of us who use the Hunt House Museum kitchen goes to Brian Turgeon (who lives at 324 Pleasant Street, Rumford, in the mulberry colored house). Brian took care of the kitchen light switch for us and has offered his many talents elsewhere. Enjoy the unfolding spring.

P.S. Our amazingly talented and dedicated curator (Edna Anness) and I have been discussing the importance of the upcoming Rumford Chemical exhibit. It seems absurd to have such a display open only one day a month as we run now. With your help and time, we could expand the days and publish a schedule. If we get enough people to volunteer, we could each do only one day. Who knows? You might love it!

## So these are your qualifications:

- 1) should enjoy others' company
- 2) should like spending 2 hours with old things
- 3) should be able to ramble on about the John Hunt House/Museum in general and say "I don't know" easily (we can always ask Edna or Virginia Berwick, Museum Committee Chairman)
- 4) any relationship with the Rumford Chemical Company is a definite plus as people LOVE anecdotes (Mary McManus - you are a treasure)

So- if you think this Rumford award/ exhibit is the best thing since sliced bread, give Edna a ring and sign on. She's waiting for your call.

Thanks in advance everyone.

## RUMFORD BAKING POWDER REVISITED

### Members Meeting

**Monday, May 22, 7 p.m. (4th Monday)  
Newman Church, Rumford**

**Edna Anness**, Acting Curator, will present a slide/ lecture entitled "Rumford Baking Powder Revisited": the history of Eben Horsford and his world famous patent for double-acting, gluten-free baking powder.

Refreshments and business meeting will follow.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The Society has a "Return Service Requested" arrangement with the Post Office. *There is a CHARGE every time we retrieve an undeliverable mailing.....* Please advise the Society of all changes, temporary or permanent. Thank you for helping us save money.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Karen Panzarella, Chairman, and her committee will present a slate of candidates at the May 22 members meeting to be considered for office from June 2006 to June 2007. Any member wishing to seek office may contact the society, 438-1750, and get in the running. **NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE MAY MEETING ONLY.** Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting, June 26.

The Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, will be open on Sunday, June 11, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission \$3. \$1 East Providence residents. Free, society members.

**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 a Life Membership for \$150.

Please make check payable to:

**East Providence Historical Society**

and mail with form below to:

**Mona Breault, 34 Josephine Avenue,  
 Rumford, RI 02916-3018**



**RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT**

Lowell and Edna Anness, Robert and Gloria Radway and Andy Valerio served as Hunt House Museum docents on Sunday, April 9

Florence Adams, Edna Anness, Virginia Berwick and Andy Valerio baked the bounty for the Monday, April 24 members meeting.

Edna Anness, Virginia Berwick, Mona Breault, Arline Butterworth and Andy Valerio served as Hunt house Museum docents on Sunday, May 14.

(Have you volunteered lately?)

**Membership Form**     New     Renewal /Change

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Amount Enclosed:**

**\$25 Family    \$15 Individual    \$150 Life**

## WISH LIST FOR 2006:

Thanks to many talented members, our wish list is dramatically shorter!

**KITCHEN:** new floor ( we have an offer of linoleum or ceramic tile) need someone to install

**EXHIBIT:** need LOAN of 8' table for the summer for the Rumford artifacts

**OFFICE:** typewriter repair

## GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

**Julie Lundgren** - kitchen cupboard from Baker's Dairy Farm, coal shovel, boot last and hay pick

**Michael Iovino** - ticket to Crescent Park shore dinner hall

**Ken Bosworth** - ivoroid finger nail file from Crescent Park

**Pat Paulsen McGrail** - four postcards and Rumford Co. serrated cooking spoon

**George Chalko** - Rumford Co. coupon advertising postcard

**James Gifford, Jr., American Legion Post #21-** important papers related to the Post

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## RUMFORD CHEMICAL WORKS AWARD CEREMONY JUNE 12, 11 A.M.

*Edna Anness, Acting Curator*

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Plans are moving very quickly now. Several members of the Eben Horsford family, a representative from the Rumford Baking Powder Company in Terre Haute, several representatives from the Peregrine Group, LLC, former employees of the Rumford Chemical Company, a Forest Ranger from the National Park Service of which we are a part, and several other guests are coming as well as four representatives of the American Chemical Society,

If you plan to attend the luncheon, respond quickly

as space is limited. And if you cancel later, please let us know in order to fill your place. It might be a good idea to bring folding chairs for the Hunt House Museum lawn later. Billie Arden will be checking the guest list for the luncheon. RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR THE LUNCHEON IS FRIDAY, MAY 26: 438-1750 or ephist.org.

We are grateful for all the help from the historical society Board: **Kris Rose** for making luncheon and seating arrangements; **Reinhard Wohlgemuth** for doing the invitations, ad/ program booklet and website; **Nancy Moore** and her troops for finding advertisers; **Jeff Faria** for decorating the grounds; **Virginia Berwick** for finding docents for manning the house June 12; **Florence Adams** for publicity and **Doreen Bonney** for the Gazette. And speaking of docents, if we do not get enough volunteers we will have to mount a phone campaign. Please, if you have spare time June 12th, help protect your museum. We MUST be able to protect the museum on Open House Visiting Day. The **Peregrine Group**, owners of the former Rumford Chemical Works, are providing a tent, chairs and loudspeaker for the plaque/award presentation.

Trivia: the plaque is bronze and will weigh forty pounds so Nancy Moore, society president, is flexing her arm muscles in preparation for receiving it.

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## HISTORIC EAST PROVIDENCE BUS TOUR

The historical society and East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a **bus tour** of historic East Providence on Saturday, May 20, starting at 10 a.m. from the Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road (off Pleasant Street) Rumford. The tour, using an air-conditioned bus, will include the "Ring of the Green", Phillipsdale, the former Rumford Chemical Company, Watchemoket and Riverside and will return to the museum around 12 noon.

Cost: \$15, general public and \$12, society and chamber members. **Seating is limited.**

**Reservation deadline: Monday, May 15. Call the chamber 438-1212, or the society, 438-1750.**



**The American Chemical Society**

**And**

**The East Providence Historical Society**

**Request the Honor of Your Presence**

**At the Presentation of the Plaque**

**Conferring**

**National Historic Chemical Landmark Status**

**To**

**The Rumford Chemical Works in Rumford, RI**

**In Honor of**

**Eben Horsford and His Invention of Baking Powder**

**June 12, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.**

**On the Grounds of the Rumford Company**

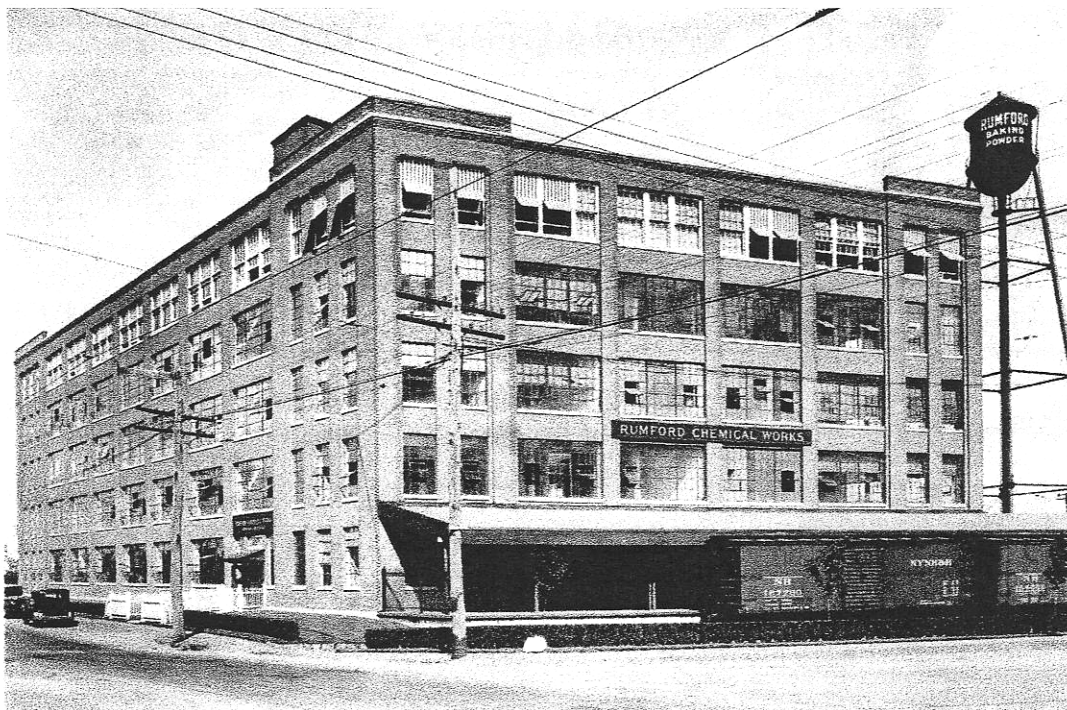
**Newman and Greenwood Avenues**

**Lunch Follows at John Hunt House Museum, Hunt's Mills Road**

**Rumford Baking Powder Exhibition Inside Museum**

Reservations are necessary: email <[info@ephist.org](mailto:info@ephist.org)> or phone 401-438-1750

Reservation deadline is May 26, 2006



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

**Sunday, May 14, 1 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hunt House Museum Open**  
**Hunts Mills Road, Rumford**  
**Admission Charges**

**Monday, May 15**  
**RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR BUS TOUR**  
**Chamber of Commerce: 438-1212**

**Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.**  
**Historic Bus Tour of E.P.**  
**Leaves from Hunt House Museum 10 a.m.**

**Monday, May 22, 7 p.m.**  
**Members Meeting *Public Invited***  
**Newman Church, Rumford**  
**Program: *Rumford Baking Powder Revisited***

**Friday, May 26**  
**RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR JUNE 12**  
**LUNCHEON**  
**Historical Society: 438-1750 or ephist.org**

### JUNE

**Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.**  
**Board Meeting *Members Welcome***  
**Hunt House Museum**  
**Hunts Mills Road, Rumford**

**Sunday, June 11, 1 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hunt House Museum Open**  
**Hunts Mills Road, Rumford**  
**Admission Charges**

**Monday, June 12, 11 a.m.**  
**Chemical Landmark Award Ceremony**  
**Former Rumford Chemical Works**  
**Buffet, Hunt House Museum**

**Monday, June 26, 6 p.m.**  
***Annual Meeting/Elections/Picnic***  
**Hunts Mills, Rumford**



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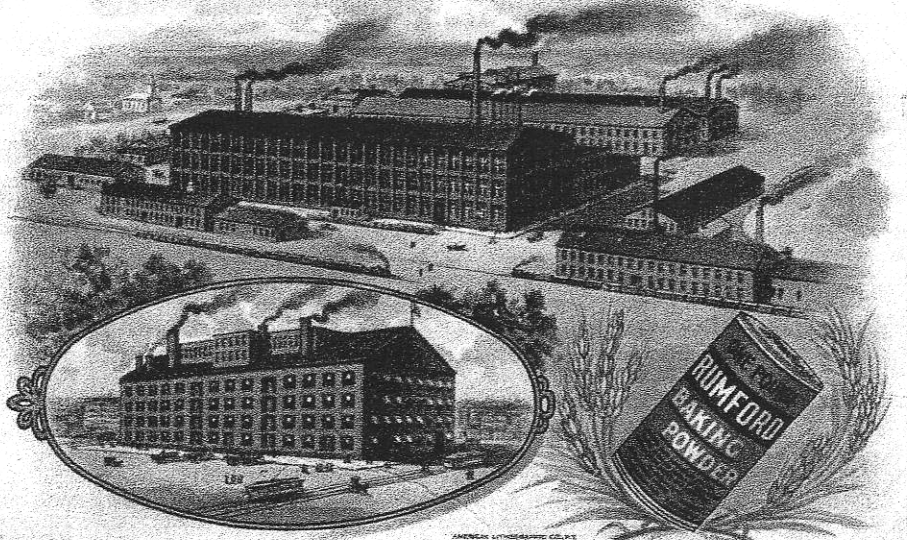
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