



John Hunt House

# Gazette

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## 'TEA FOR MORE THAN TWO'

### MEMBERS MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 7 P.M.

EAST PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY CENTER

(formerly Union Primary School)

Pawtucket Avenue, Rumford

Ann Marie Chalmers Sabula, Dietitian Consultant, grew up in East Providence and now lives in Barrington with her husband and son. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from the University of Rhode Island and did further study at the University of California, San Francisco.

She worked with the Maryknoll Missions in Bolivia and then back to Rhode Island where she held positions with Head Start of Newport County, Kent County Hospital and Women and Infants Hospital. In 1994, she returned to URI for a masters degree and is now a dietitian consultant with expertise in the area of diabetes.

Ann Marie likes to volunteer (and speaks to us in that capacity), goes hiking, cycling, practices meditation and yoga and is an avid reader. May we assume she also drinks tea?

Business meeting will follow.

P.S. Do you have a favorite teacup or coffee mug? Please bring it along when you come to the TEA (unless you prefer our classic styrofoam style!) . Gladys Panzarella, society member and hostess for the evening, gives prizes for the most interesting "tale of a teacup" or "memory in a mug".

REMEMBER TO BRING A DONATION FOR THE EAST PROVIDENCE FOOD PANTRY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. We are "renting" the space with our donations and you are always very generous. It will be so nice to leave our contributions at the Pantry door.

AND, speaking of doors, the rear handicapped entrance will be our door that evening.

## President's Letter

*Nancy Moore, President*

It seems somehow inappropriate for me to be drinking a cup of coffee as I write about our November tea but the coffee is tasty and hot on this chilly evening. As a tea drinker also, I am looking forward to learning how something I really enjoy is really good for me. (Isn't it usually the other way around?) Perhaps there will be a new brew to try. Ann Marie Sabula will speak on the dietary benefits of tea drinking and there will be plenty of time for sipping and socializing. Come with your cups!

I would like to bring to your attention the Ide House, Pawtucket Avenue, next to St. Martha's Church parking lot. This development has been stalled for nearly two years as problems with drainage were worked out. Meanwhile, the house has stood empty, its walls covered with vines and window panes broken.

After a spate of vandalism last month, representatives from the East Providence Historic Properties Study Commission, East Providence Planning Department

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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.

**The Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford will be open on Sunday, December 10, 1 to 4 p.m. Hunt family china and carving set will be on display along with some clothing from the collection.**

**Admission \$3. \$1 East Providence residents. Free, society members.**

**RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT**

**David Kelleher** has recently resigned from the historical society. Temporarily, we hope. He has served us well as president, preservation chairman and program chairman. Best wishes to David.

**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 with form below to:

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

**Helen Smith** has opened her house to the Gazette mailing committee once a month for nearly eighteen years. (You'll notice from the front page that the Gazette is in year XIX, 19, but you knew that!) Helen has taken up residence at East Bay Manor and tells us that the committee can continue its work there. **Fran Gross**, mailing committee member, has generously volunteered her house for November.

**Joan Hanlon** has joined the Gazette mailing committee.

Cookie bakers for the October 23 meeting were **Edna Anness, Mona Breault, Arline Butterworth, Dorothy Duane, Pat Henry and Kris Rose.**

**Virginia Berwick and Cheryl Faria** served as Hunt House Museum docents on Sunday, November 12.



**Membership Form**     New     Renewal /Change

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Amount Enclosed:**

<b>\$15 Individual</b>	<b>\$25 Family/Business</b>	<b>\$150 Life</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**President's Letter** *(continued from page 1)*

and East Providence Historical Society met with the developer, Louis Mateus, and an agreement was reached about securing the house properly. As you drive by, you will see boarding on all the openings.

Recently, the project has cleared a number of hurdles. There should be a presence of work crews at the site, but it is in the house's best interest for all of us to note any changes as we pass the site. Mr. Mateus is well aware of the importance of this structure in the architectural history of East Providence and has no plans to demolish it. We are in contact with Rick Greenwood, Rhode Island Historic Properties Commission, and should have a survey of the house by month's end.

I am off to look for cups in the cupboard. See you at the tea.

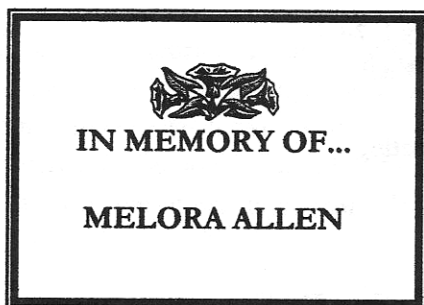
**GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM**

**John Agren:** photo of WW1 Navy Camp on the rifle range about where Kimberley Rock Park is today; a set of photos of Tyler's Ice Co. trucks and cutting the ice on the reservoir. (The father of Mary McManus, society member, ran the ice company in Rumford.)

**Mary McManus:** a photo of her father, James Francis McManus, standing by the horse and wagon which he drove back and forth from the Rumford Chemical Company to their building on South Main Street, Providence.

**John Medeiros:** a photo of the Culling House, Watchemoket Square about 1920, showing men shucking oysters. They were farmers from Seekonk and Rehoboth who worked there in the winter months. His father, John, who operated a farm on Ledge Road, Seekonk, is in the photo.

**Florence Murray:** her gold 20 year pin from the Rumford Chemical Company; a picture of several girls who worked in the chemical company office.

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

The society will hold a Holiday Party for members and guests on Monday, December 18, 6 p.m.,

Newman Church, Rumford.

Young's Caterer's Inc., Seekonk, will provide the buffet.

Al Sims, piano, and Wayne Patnaude, vocalist, will provide the entertainment.

The cost is \$15 members, \$18 non-members.

Reservations will be held at the door for payment.

All reservations must be honored.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11.**

The Telephone Committee will call the membership. Reservations will also be accepted by calling the society, 438-1750 or 437-1530.

In lieu of a gift exchange, the society will accept hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, heavy socks to be donated to Crossroads Rhode Island, formerly

Traveler's Aid.

**HAPPENINGS**

Museum Committee Meeting: Saturday, December 2, 10:30 a.m., Hunt House Museum. Members: Virginia Berwick, Chairman, Edna Anness, Arline Butterworth, Kris Rose, Rose Marie Sirenski, Nancy Stevens, Bob Tewksbury. RSVP Virginia, 434-0998, if unable to attend.

Decorating the Hunt House Museum: Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. Pat Henry has volunteered to decorate the parlor mantle. Anyone interested in further decorating is welcome. Greenery and fruit will be provided. We also have window decorations on hand. The coffee pot will be on!

East Providence History Slide Programs: These programs are available to community groups by appointment. A donation of \$25 to the East Providence Historical Society is appreciated. The programs run about 45 minutes to an hour. Call the society, 438-1750, or visit the web site, ephist.org for a listing of subjects.

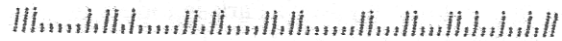


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**NOVEMBER**

Thursday, November 23  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Monday, November 27, 7 p.m.  
**Members Meeting *Public Invited***  
 E.P. Community Center, Rumford  
 Program: *Benefits of Tea*

**DECEMBER**

No Gazette or Members Meeting

Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.  
**Deck the Museum with Fruit and Greenery**

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**Hunt House Museum**  
**Museum Committee Meeting**

Sunday, December 10, 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, December 18, 6 p.m.  
***Holiday Party, Newman Church, Rumford***  
**\$15 members. \$18 Non-Members**  
**Reservation Deadline: Monday, December 11.**

Monday, December 25  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**JANUARY**

Monday, January 1, 2007  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

No Members Meeting

**FEBRUARY**

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