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President's Letter

Nancy Moore, President

I am in from painting the house today (Columbus Day). I tap away with my hands covered with cream paint. But what lovely painting weather!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the September 25 meeting. And those of you who were with us at this first meeting of the 2006-2007 year voiced your pleasure at having such an articulate, well informed speaker in Marie Jenkins Swartz who spoke on the children of slavery and the hidden agendas for both slave owners and parents. David Kelleher, society member, who has been booking our programs, decided to take advantage of the University of Rhode Island's Speakers Bureau. If the first program is typical of the caliber of the listings, we are in for several more excellent offerings. Please let David know how much you enjoyed the September program.

David and other loyal members were absent, having chosen to attend the Weaver Library solo performance by actress Marilyn Meardon as Ida Lewis (19th century Rhode Island lighthouse keeper) which we understand was also excellent and drew a large crowd.

We have firmed up three more programs for the coming year:

NOVEMBER: an evening of tea and pastries (a little more formal than our usual offerings) with a speaker extolling the benefits of drinking tea.

MAY: a very special tour of the Hearthstone House guided by Bob Gaudette and William Adams who are touring this sister house to the John Hunt House.

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HIDDEN HISTORY OF RHODE ISLAND

Members Meeting
Monday, October 23 (4th Monday), 7 p.m.
Riverside Library
corner Bullocks Point Avenue and
Knowlton Street.

"The Hidden History of Rhode Island looks at the underbelly of the state's past from colonial times through the twentieth century, highlighting groups, people and events that have been forgotten along the way".

Scott Molloy, Ph.D, professor of labor and personnel relations at the University of Rhode Island, will be the guest speaker at the October meeting. He will talk about slavery, Roger Williams, the Narragansett Indians, unions, politics and personalities. He will also pass out original artifacts reflecting the topics at hand. Professor Molloy was a RIPA bus driver and union official for eleven years. Continuing his education while still a bus driver, he earned a Ph.D in American History at Providence College. He has received teaching excellence awards from the University of Rhode Island, the Industrial Labor Relations Association and the Carnegie Institute. He has published a book on the history of transportation in Rhode Island and has a new volume about Irish immigration to Rhode Island. He also taught Rhode Island history... for the fun of it... he says.

Refreshments and business meeting will follow.

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The Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, will be open on Sunday, November 12, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission \$3. \$1 East Providence residents.

RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT

Under 'Gifts to the Museum', September Gazette, the following correction is made. **Nancy Stevens: milk bottle from Louis Dias Dairy, East Providence; BROTHER word processor to type museum accession cards.**

September meeting bakers were **Florence Adams, Virginia Berwick, Mona Breault and Pat Henry.**

Jeff and Cheryl Faria served as Hunt House Museum docents on Sunday, October 8, Blackstone River Valley Footsteps in History weekend.

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OCTOBER, 2007: a meeting at the Indoor Tennis Court, 8 Blanding Avenue, East Providence, with owner/society member Tom Brun. (Do you all know where this building is?)

(Edna Anness, acting museum curator, suggests that members be thinking about decorating a fireplace mantle or table at the Hunt House Museum for Christmas. Call Edna, 434-3347, or Virginia Berwick, 434-0998.)

Thanks to all who have helped set up this year's meetings. And thanks in advance to Mona Breault and Pat Henry who arrange for refreshments.

I hope to see many of you at the 'new' Riverside Library on Monday, October 23.

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

Terrence Hagarty: Cards found in his 3624 Pawtucket Avenue, Riverside, home; mail tags from E.A. Pray, lobster dealer.

Joseph MacDougald: his "perfect attendance" pin from Wilson School.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Thursday, October 19: Rhode Island Independence Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution: Edna Anness, museum acting curator, will give a talk and slide presentation about the 'Ring of the Green', Rumford.

Thursday, November 2: East Bay Manor, 1440 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence: Edna Anness, museum acting curator, will give a talk and slide presentation about the 'Ring of the Green', Rumford.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**OCTOBER**

Monday, October 23, 7 p.m.
(4th Monday)

Members Meeting *Public Invited*
Riverside Library
Bullocks Point Ave./Knowlton St.
Program; *Hidden History Of R.I.*

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 1, 7 p.m.
Board meeting *Members Welcome*
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Sunday, November 12, 1 - 4 p.m.
Hunt House Museum Open
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford
Admission: \$3. \$1 E.P. Residents

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

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