



John Hunt House

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President's Letter

Kris Rose, President

Dear Members,

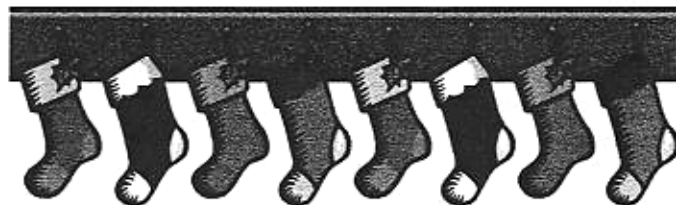
The holiday season is in full swing. The historical society got things started on Sunday, November 25 at the Hunt House Museum. We had 100 visitors at the "Colonial Christmas". It was great fun to have so many visitors. The silhouette artist "cut" 42 silhouettes, including one dog! They were all beautiful.

We will be having our annual Christmas dinner party on Monday, December 17, 6 p.m. I hope to see you there. We are asking for donations of non perishable food items and/or mittens, gloves, scarfs, etc. Whatever you can donate will be appreciated.

A reminder.....There will be no members meetings in January and February.

On January 24, 2008, the Weaver Library is hosting a talk on the waterways traveled by Roger Williams after he settled in what is now Rhode Island. The talk will be given by a Park Ranger from the Roger Williams National Park in Providence. It promises to be very interesting.

I think I can speak for the Board in wishing all of our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you in March 2008!



CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

The historical society will hold a Christmas party for members and friends on Monday, December 17, 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. 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 non perishable food items, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, heavy socks, toiletries to be donated to Crossroads Rhode Island.

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The Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford will be open on Sunday, January 13 and Sunday, February 10, 1 to 4 p.m.

Admission \$3. \$1 East Providence Residents. Free, Society Members

RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT

Miriam Kenney, Nancy Moore, Karen Panzarella and Nancy Wolfe provided cookies for the Monday, November 26 members meeting.

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

Judith Sharpe - A bookcase for archival equipment storage.

Patricia Allen Thacker - An entire dinner set of flow mulberry china, Vincennes pattern, c. 1845. This set belonged to the daughter of Allin Hunt. She grew up in the Hunt House.

Thank you. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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, 23 Case Street,
 Rumford, RI 02916**

**Speaker: January 24, 7 pm
 Newman Church**

National Park Ranger John McNiff to speak about Roger Williams: his life on Omega Cove and the East Bay

As a rule, the EPHS doesn't have general meetings in January and February but we are delighted to co-sponsor this event with the Ten Mile River Watershed Council. Ranger McNiff is based at the Roger Williams Nat'l Park in downtown Providence and has information on Roger Williams' life BEFORE he crossed the Seekonk. His use of the Ten Mile and brief stay in the area that is now known as Roger Williams Avenue/Omega Pond should be of interest to many East Providence residents. We hope you will join us!

Membership Form New Renewal /Change

Name(s) _____

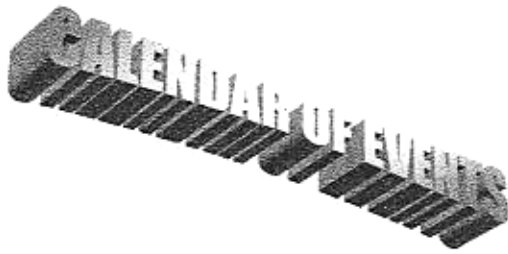
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Amount Enclosed:

\$15 Individual \$25 Family/Business \$150 Life



DECEMBER

Monday, December 17, 6 p.m.
Newman Church, Rumford
HOLIDAY PARTY
\$15 Members \$18 Non-Members

Tuesday, December 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS



JANUARY

Tuesday, January 1, 2008
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday, January 13, 1 - 4 p.m.
Hunt House Museum Open
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford
Admission \$3 - \$1 E.P. Residents

Thursday, January 24
Weaver Library, Grove Avenue
Program: Roger Williams Waterway Travels
Speaker: Park Ranger from R.W. National
Park, Providence, RI

NO MEMBERS MEETING

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 10, 1 - 4 p.m.
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Hunts Mills Road, Rumford
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IDE HOUSE ALERT

At the general meeting at City Hall, November 26, Nancy Moore reported that the house was scheduled to be purchased by a local resident and headed for a closing on Dec 3rd. However, at the EP Historic Properties

Commission on Nov 29, it was reported that the closing had been canceled and the developer, Louis Mateus, had been granted a demolition permit. The house was to be razed on Saturday morning! Members of the commission quickly asked the City to stop the demolition and Mr. Mateus was asked to meet with the City the following week. The City wished to have a 90 day delay imposed on the demolition permit and Mr Mateus is considering that request.

It is a sad day when local and state historic groups agree that this is a very significant building in East Providence's housing stock but we cannot identify a buyer with the resources and vision to restore it! Do any of you have a suggestion?

"COLONIAL CHRISTMAS" / YANKEE VOLUNTEER FIFE AND DRUM CORP

Virginia Berwick, Museum Chairman

The following members served as docents at the Hunt House Museum on Sunday, November 25: **Jesse Albright, Cecile Beckett, Virginia Berwick, Mary lou Blecharczyk, Jeanne Davis, Fran Gross, Joan Hanlon, Miriam Kenney, Gladys Panzarella, Charlene Underhill, Andy Valerio, Doris Yenko.**

The fife and drum corp played in the gazebo and some of the girls danced. The men fired off their guns at different times. All were dressed in colonial costumes including the society docents. (The museum was quite 'cool' upstairs, they told me.)

Women from the fife and drum corp decorated the Hunt House Museum and had articles to sell... also cookies and candy. There was hot cider and cheese and crackers.

Nancy Moore and **Kris Rose** helped to decorate the museum and **Kris** and **Virginia Berwick** made sandwiches and apple brownies for the workers.

Nancy made turkey soup. **Deborah O'Connor** from New York cut silhouettes from 11 a.m. to after 4 p.m. It was great to watch her.

Over 100 people came through the museum. Quite a pleasant afternoon.

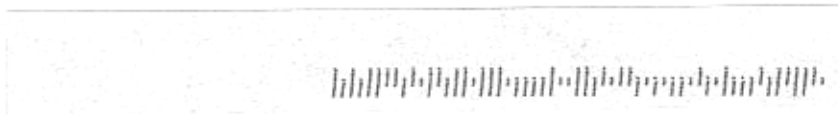


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