



John Hunt House

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President's Letter

Nancy Moore, President

Hello Everyone:

This is officially my last Gazette letter to you all: two years has flown by. But you will see me in a leadership capacity for a bit longer as Kris Rose, President-elect, recuperates from double knee surgery. That's right folks -DOUBLE. She will take up the presidency fully in the Fall and until then she and I will keep things running together. That means a picnic without her supervision! The Board will do its best to feed you all.

I know that all of you who came to the evening at Hearthstone House were delighted with the way it has come together as a residence again. William Adams and Bob Gaudette welcomed us as old friends into their home and gave us a summary and slide show of the house's history as well as a complete tour. Did any of you ever catch the episode about the house on HGTV "If Walls Could Talk?" It was also good to see Bob and Ann Wood, former owners of the house when it was Hearthstone Antiques, with us that evening.

I'd like to address an issue that came up concerning our "field trip" locations. Please be assured that every site has been looked at for ease of parking, ease of entry, and seating space. At Hearthstone House, the parking/ entry was excellent and there was plenty of seating for the slide show and easy access for the tour and refreshments on the first floor. We will be going "out" to two locations in the fall and both will have parking and seating, but a few steps. We want everyone to be comfortable.

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ANNUAL MEETING/ ELECTION OF OFFICERS/ PICNIC

Monday, June 25, 6 p.m.

(rain date Tuesday, June 26)

Hunts Mills Recreation Area, Rumford

The Nominating Committee, Karen Panzarella, Chairman, announced the following slate of officers to serve 2007 - 2008:

Kris Rose, President;
Nancy Moore, 1st Vice President;
Edna Anness, 2nd Vice President;
Pat Henry, Corresponding Secretary;
Cheryl Faria, Recording Secretary;
Peter Allen, Treasurer.

Since there were no nominations from the floor, the Secretary will cast the vote of acceptance for the committee's slate.

The Telephone Committee will call the membership for salads and Rumford Baking Powder biscuits for the picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages AND strawberry shortcake will be served. Cream donated by Monroe Dairy.

TICKETS: \$3 members and \$6 non-members to be paid at the door. **Reservation deadline: Sat., June 23.** Telephone the society, 438-1750 or 437-1530 or e-mail, ephist.org.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket. The public is invited.

Peter Allen, Treasurer, will be accepting reservation payments. **Mona Breault**, Membership Chairman, will be available to accept annual dues. All are welcome to Hunts Mills at 5 p.m. to take care of these obligations and enjoy the grounds.

FOOD WILL BE SERVED AT 6 P.M.

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Nancy Moore	<i>President</i>
Kris Rose	<i>1st Vice President</i>
Edna Anness	<i>2nd Vice President</i>
Cheryl Faria	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Arline Butterworth	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
Peter Allen	<i>Treasurer</i>
Kris Rose	<i>Immediate Past President</i>

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Bob Tewksbury	<i>Buildings</i>
Jeffrey Faria	<i>Grounds</i>
Kris Rose	<i>Markers</i>
Mona Breault	<i>Membership</i>
Virginia Berwick	<i>Museum</i>
Edna Anness	<i>Acting Curator</i>
Doreen Bonney/Florence Adams	<i>Newsletter</i>
	<i>Preservation</i>
	<i>Program</i>
Florence Adams	<i>Publicity</i>
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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, July 8, 1 - 4 p.m.
 Admission \$3.
 \$1 East Providence residents.**

RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT

Billy Arden, Florence Adams, Virginia Berwick, Mona Breault, Pat Henry and Nancy Moore provided the 'cookies' for the Hearthstone House gathering on Wednesday, May 23rd.

Mike Moran completed his Eagle Scout Service Project by helping to landscape the Weaver House grounds. The house is next to the Weaver Memorial Library, Grove Avenue.

Edna Anness, Nancy Moore and Gladys Panzarella served as Hunt House Museum docents on Wednesday, June 6. Members of the East Providence Senior Center held their annual picnic on the grounds. Over 40 'seniors' visited the museum.

Cecilia Beckett, Pat Henry and Gladys Panzarella served as Hunt House Museum docents on Sunday, June 10. The museum is open the second Sunday of each month.

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**

Membership Form New Renewal /Change

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed:

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

**WARM WELCOME
 TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

**Carol & Jerry Christman
 Michael Moran
 Andres Pelletier
 Joan Saunders
 Andrew Wojcicki**

President's Letter

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When I took office in 2005, I had some personal goals which I kept to myself lest they not come anywhere close to fruition. The first was to get the Society out into the community, while keeping our base at Newman Church. We have done pretty well at keeping our purpose before the community and I am pleased with our greater exposure. The second goal was to have membership at 250 by the 2007 picnic. I thought we'd probably have to give memberships away to do that as we started my term with 208. But Mona Breault reports a number of 244 as of May and that's very encouraging. We still have a few weeks to dig up those six new members. Actually, there were people at the May meeting who asked about membership. Perhaps they have already joined.

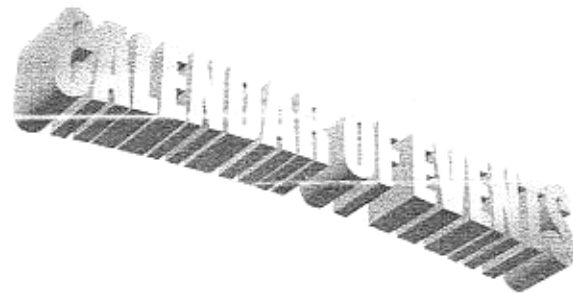
Anyway, small things have kept me happy and I've had such a great ride. Thanks so much to you all – this is one terrific organization!

A MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR US ALL

For some time now, we have been grappling with the heating/air conditioning situation at the Hunt House Museum. We have been in discussion with the City about possible options and costs ranging from rehabbing the attic boiler system for \$2000 to fully using the boiler in the basement and the air conditioning unit outside with new ducting for \$7500. This winter, the Board applied for a grant to do the smaller amount and was turned down. Now, a RI Historic Preservation Commission grant round for the remaining 2003 bonds has been announced and the Board has decided to pursue a grant for the larger project. In somebody's words, "For Pete's sake, let's get this done!" (For Edna and Ginny's sake?)

So here is the deal on this grant. Each two dollars of bond money given to a project must be matched with one dollar from the society. A grant of \$8000.00 will need a match of \$2667.00. Our treasurer, Peter Allen, assures us that we have that money in hand but that we will not have much cushion once that is expended. The Board has decided to come to the membership for help in this matter. If your family has been thinking of making a donation to the society at any time in the near future, it would be so gratefully accepted for this project. We will not know if we have received a grant until November, so only a promise of a gift would be appropriate at this time. And, if we should get turned down, we will say, "Thanks kindly for being willing to help," and let you know we don't need it.

Please speak to a Board member if you want to know more.



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Annual Meeting/Election of Officers/Picnic
Hunts Mills Recreation Area
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

JULY

Sunday, July 8, 1-4 p.m.
Hunt House Museum Open
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford
Admission \$3. \$1 E.P. Residents

Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m.
Board Meeting *Members Welcome*
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford



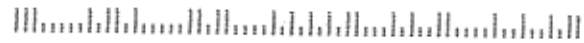
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The *Memorial Fund* is a qualified endowment administered by the Executive Committee. Members and friends wishing to contribute may make checks payable to the **East Providence Historical Society** And mail to the Society at **Box 4774,** East Providence, RI 02916-4774

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Historical Marker Program

Your home may be eligible for a **Marker**. Any building in the City of East Providence which contributes to the historical development or architectural character of the City is eligible to be considered for a **Historical Marker**.

Request information by sending your name, address and phone number to the

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