



John Hunt House

# Gazette

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## President's Letter

*Kris Rose, President*

Happy Spring! March came in like a lion and left somewhat like a lamb and now we have April showers. The daffodils are blooming in my yard which must mean better weather is on the way.

It was good to see those who came to the pot luck supper and meeting in March. Good food and good company as always. Thanks to Jeff and Cheryl Faria for their presentation about the Master Gardener's program at the Hunt House Museum and to Colin Kane for the update on Rumford Center, formerly Rumford Baking Company. If all goes as planned, the first occupants will move in September 2008.

As of this writing, we are planning the Spring Clean-Up at the Hunt House Museum for April 12 (maybe we will make this an annual thing) and I will thank those who participate in advance.

We have some good news on the preservation front. Rite Aid Pharmacy is no longer interested in the "Creamery" corner (North Broadway/Roger Williams Avenue). Hopefully, anyone else who would be interested in buying that property will also be historic minded.

The web site is up and running again thanks to society member Reinhard Wohlgemuth. Check it out: [ephist.org](http://ephist.org).

The April program promises to be a good one. Society member, Jeffrey Howe, will present a talk and slide show entitled "Old Barrington Road". Hope to see many of you there now that the snow, ice and cold temperatures are gone.

## HISTORY OF OLD BARRINGTON ROAD

**Members Meeting**  
**Monday, April 28, 7 p.m.**  
**Newman Church, Rumford**

This will be the story of a road we all know now as the Wampanoag Trail, or as officialdom wanted, "The East Bay Expressway." Historical society member Jeffrey Howe will present the program which includes such Indian names as Watchamoket, Montaup, Wannamoissett, Pompanomscut, Chachapacasset.....

Refreshments and business meeting will follow.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Any eligible member wishing to seek office for the June 2008-'09 year should contact the society, 438-1750. **NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE MAY MEETING ONLY.** Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting, Monday, June 23.

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

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

Hunt House Museum Heritage Gardens Project, 2 to 4 p.m. Free.

**GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM**

Jesse Albright - Copy of the Manufacturer's and Farmer's Journal, dated July 13, 1863, published by the Providence Journal with accounts of the Civil War such as "The Surrender of Vicksburg". Very interesting reading.

Weaver Library, Diane Swindlehurst, Reference Librarian - Tax books from the early 20th century. Duplicates of some of theirs.

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.

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**Thank you. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**MAY IS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH**

Saturday, May 10, 12 to 3 p.m. The Historic Buildings of East Providence: Those Still Standing - Those Gone Forever. Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford. The exhibition will run through Sunday, September 14.

May 10 is also the statewide day for Museum Open Houses sponsored by Preserve Rhode Island featuring houses of the Historic Sites Coalition.

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE WEALTH OF EAST PROVIDENCE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

Saturday, April 12, 9.00 a.m.  
Hunt House Museum  
*SPRING CLEAN-UP*

Sunday, April 13, 1-4 p.m.  
*Hunt House Museum Open*  
*Heritage Gardens Project, 2 - 4 p.m.*  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. - Noon  
*6th Annual E.P. Bus Tour*  
Begins at Hunt House Museum

Monday, April 28, 7 p.m.  
Members Meeting *Public Invited*  
Newman Church, Rumford  
Program: *"Old Barrington Road"*

### MAY

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

Saturday, May 10, 12 - 3 p.m.  
Hunt House Museum Open  
(State-wide Museum Open Houses)  
*Historic Buildings of E.P. Exhibition*

Monday, May 19, (3rd Monday) 7 p.m.  
Members Meeting *Public Invited*  
Program to be Announced

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AT

*ephist.org*

## *TOUR OF HISTORIC EAST PROVIDENCE*

The East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce and East Providence Historical Society will sponsor the sixth annual Historic East Providence Bus Tour on Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. to noon. The tour will begin and end at the Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford.

Dave Kelleher, historical society member, will serve as narrator.

The tour includes the "Ring of the Green", the Newman Tree, Phillipsdale, Watchemoket, Loeff Carousel and the Rumford Center, former Rumford Chemical Works. Transportation provided by a new, comfortable air conditioned bus.

Historical society and chamber members, \$12. Non-members, \$15. Call the historical society, 438-1750 or the chamber of commerce, 438-1212 for reservations.

## HERITAGE GARDENS PROJECT

The University of Rhode Island's Master Gardener Board of Directors approved the Hunt House Museum Heritage Gardens Project as presented by Jeff and Cheryl Faria, qualified Master Gardeners. The highlight of the project is monthly presentations and hands-on demonstration sessions on the grounds of the Hunt House Museum from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning Sunday, April 13. For further information, call Cheryl, 401-419-8682 or e-mail [cherylfaria@verizon.net](mailto:cherylfaria@verizon.net).

P.S. Cheryl is a candidate for Seekonk library Board of Trustees. Election to be held on Monday, April 7.





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## **GARDENING TIPS**

*Master Gardener, Jeff Faria*

### **APRIL:**

Start a compost pile somewhere in your yard. A circle of wire about 3 feet high and 3-5 feet in circumference will do. Use "Energy" material: grass clippings, vegetable scraps, fresh manure, garden trimmings. "Bulking" material: shredded leaves, egg shells, coffee grinds, wood chips, sawdust, etc. Create a balance of 2 bulking to 1 energy ratio. Avoid meat and dairy products. Rotate or turn it when container is full. Keep it moist.

Use a complete fertilizer such as 10-10-10 on spring bulbs and perennials. Sprinkle around the base of plants so as not to get any on the leaves. it may burn the foliage.

Crabgrass begins to germinate when the forsythia blooms. Apply a crabgrass pre-emergent unless you plan to re-seed the lawn. Best time to re-seed is early fall or March.

Remove winter mulches from flower beds. Add to compost. Remove old leaves from irises to control borers.