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President's Letter

Kris Rose, President

I hope your summer is going well. We got through the cold, long winter and now we are enjoying the second heat wave of the summer of 2008!! If you need some place to cool off, I suggest the gazebo on the Hunt House Museum site. The board met there this week and it was lovely!

For the first time in anyone's memory, our annual meeting/picnic was rained out; not one night but two!! Many of us did "picnic" at Newman Church on Tuesday, June 24. I apologize to anyone who did not get the message about the change. It has been suggested that we try the picnic again for our first meeting in September. The Board was planning on a Pot-Luck Supper for that night, so we are going to go with a Pot-Luck outdoor dinner!. Nancy Moore will try to arrange another tour of the new Rumford Center prior to our dinner meeting.

The Master Gardeners continue to work on the gardens at the Hunt House Museum. If you are free on a Tuesday evening, you are welcome to join them for "Weeding and Wine"!

On June 23 the PBS Special on The Rumford Baking Powder Company was shown at Weaver Library. It was quite good. Our own member, Mary McManus, was featured and interviewed!. Check the PBS listings to see if and when it will be on again. The society was given a copy and we will show it at a meeting sometime in the future.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you all in September at the Pot-Luck Dinner/Picnic!

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

Caroline Chick - Copy of "Fifty Years of the Fire Department in the Town of East Providence" by Arthur A. Griswold, 1973

Susan Nichols and mother, Ella B. Farnum - large carder for cleaning wool fibers; antique press for metal impressions.

Patsy Sanford - Rumford Chemical Company artifacts: "Manual of Dyeing" Volume 1 and 2; Calaphos booklet; 3 Rumford cookbooks; Black, leather-bound sales note book and formulas books; Paper-back of "90 Recipes"; 8 oz. can Davis Baking Powder; One pound Rumford can; Medium-sized Rumford wooden packing box and newspaper clippings.

Thank you. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**WARM WELCOME TO OUR
NEW MEMBER**

Barbara Nelson

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**The Hunt House Museum,
 Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, will be
 open on
 Sunday, August 10, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Admission \$3. \$1 East Providence
 Residents.**

Heritage Gardens Project, 2 to 4 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Sunday, August 10, 1 - 4 p.m.
Hunt House Museum Open
 Hunts Mills Road, Rumford
 ADMISSION CHARGES
 Heritage Garden Project, 2 -4 p.m.

NO MEMBERS MEETING IN AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 3, 7 p.m.
 Board Meeting *Members Welcome*
 Hunt House Museum
 Hunts Mills road, Rumford

Monday, September 22 (4th Monday)
Tour of Rumford Center - 5 p.m.
Picnic - 6 p.m.
 Details in September Gazette



IN MEMORY OF.....

Lois Driscoll
 Ernest Tuckerman
 Elmer Yeaw

DVD Available

Anyone interested in purchasing the DVD entitled, "New England Portrait—The Rumford (Baking Powder Company)Story", may call Diane at Rhode Island PBS, 222-3636 ext. 0. He will take credit card information and ship out the DVDs.

August Gardening Tips **Master Gardener, Jeff Faria**

Continue watering perennials and lawns as needed. Remember the rule: about 1 inch of water per week. I use a few empty tuna cans spaced around the watered area to record coverage. If no rain, I try to water 1/2 inch, twice per week. Empty the cans after you shut off the water. Lawns will go dormant so try to stay off them when there is long dry spells.

Deadhead (cut off spent flowers) perennials and annuals to rejuvenate them and encourage a second or continuous bloom. Feed roses 1/2 cup of a balanced fertilizer(10-10-10) now for a strong fall.

We will be offering soil testing for ph at the September members meeting. Bring a sample of your soil in a plastic bag. Collect a tablespoon size scoop from several areas of your garden to be tested. Allow it to dry out if it is too wet before you come to the meeting.



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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

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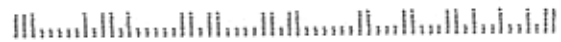


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