



# Gazette

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## President's Letter

*Kris Rose, President*

As I sit here writing this, it has not cooled off much from the afternoon heat. I guess summer is here and that means the annual picnic, annual meeting and elections are just around the corner. The picnic will be held at the Hunts Mills Recreation Area on Monday, June 23. Please be generous when the Telephone Committee calls for donations of salads and Rumford Baking Powder biscuits.

On Saturday, July 19, Keith Gonsalves will be paddling "Roger Williams last 7 miles to Providence". His trip will begin at Freedom Green on the corner of North Broadway and Roger Williams Avenue at 10:30 and end at the R.I.S.D. museum near the riverwalk in Providence. Please come to see him off and cheer him on.

The U.R.I. Master Gardeners and other volunteers have been very busy around the Hunt House Museum. Come by and see their progress. New volunteers are always welcome.

Before the May members meeting, many of us toured the Rumford Center and the Phillip Walker House. The Rumford Center is coming along quite nicely despite what it looks like from the outside. The Peregrine Group is hoping to have the first tenants move in September 2008. The first 2 floors will be commercial space and the upper 3 floors will be apartments of varying styles and sizes. After the tours, we enjoyed ice cream Sundaes and a brown bag auction. (In my next life, maybe I will be an auctioneer!) Thanks to those who bid on some very interesting items. We raised \$75.00!

## ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION OF OFFICERS/PICNIC

**Monday, June 23, 6 p.m.**  
**(rain date Tuesday, June 24)**  
**Hunts Mills Recreation Area, Rumford**

The following candidates will be elected by a vote of the Secretary since there were no other nominations for the offices:

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

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. \$6 non-members**  
to be paid at the door.

**Reservation deadline: Saturday, June 21.**  
Telephone the society, 438-1750 or 437-1530  
or e-mail, [ephist.org](mailto:ephist.org) if need be.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket. *The public is invited.*  
**Peter Allen**, Treasurer, will accept reservation payments at the door.

**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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**OFFICERS**

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

<b>Bob Tewksbury</b>	<i>Buildings</i>
<b>Jeffrey Faria</b>	<i>Grounds</i>
<b>Kris Rose</b>	<i>Markers</i>
<b>Mona Breault</b>	<i>Membership</i>
<b>Virginia Berwick</b>	<i>Museum</i>
<b>Edna Anness</b>	<i>Acting Curator</i>
<b>Doreen Bonney/Florence Adams</b>	<i>Newsletter</i>
<b>Nancy Moore</b>	<i>Preservation</i>
	<i>Program</i>
<b>Florence Adams</b>	<i>Publicity</i>
<b>Reinhard Wohlgenuth</b>	<i>Webmaster</i>

**The Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, will be open on Monday, June 23 (Annual Meeting/Picnic, 5 p.m.) and Sunday, July 13, 1 to 4 p.m.**

**Admission \$3. \$1 East Providence Residents.**

**Heritage Gardens Project, 2 to 4 p.m.**

**GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM**

**Cranston Historical Society** - two very old diplomas from East Providence High School and AP Hoyte School.

**John Dyer, ME** - 1948 map of East Providence.

**Diane Ide, Shannon, Iowa** - "Memories of George Ide" written in 1926. Contains history of the three Ide properties, two of which have been demolished. Combined, the farms contained 700 acres. Wonderful reading for history buffs.

**Hazel Lundgren** - 1940 program for a minstrel show sponsored by the Rumford/Phillipsdale PTA. What a walk down Memory Lane.

**CORRECTION:** Susan Nichols and her mother, **ELLA B. FARNUM**, donated items to the museum as listed in the May Gazette. Ella's name was misspelled.

*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**

**RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT**

**Jeff Albright, Edna Anness, Billie Arden, Virginia Berwick and Gladys Panzarella** served as Hunt House Museum docents on Sunday, June 8. The museum is open the second Sunday of each month.

The following volunteers worked in the Hunt House Museum Heritage Gardens on Sunday, June 8 under the guidance of Master Gardeners **Jeff and Cheryl Faria**: Susan Coupe, Ed Dutra, Nancy Dutra, Pat Henry, Nancy Moore, Dotty Thornley.

**Membership Form**     New     Renewal /Change

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:**

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

Monday, June 23, 6 p.m.  
Annual Meeting/Election of Officers/Picnic  
Hunts Mills Recreation Area  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

### JULY

Wednesday, July 2, 7 p.m.,  
Board Meeting *Members Welcome*  
Hunt House Museum  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

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

Heritage Gardens Project, 2 - 4 p.m.

**NO MEMBERS MEETINGS IN JULY or  
AUGUST**

### CURRENT EXHIBIT

#### "HISTORIC HOUSES OF EAST PROVIDENCE: THOSE STILL STANDING - THOSE GONE FOREVER"

Come see our early historic buildings, reminders of our long and rich three hundred and sixty-five years of history that remain here in East Providence. You have no idea of what wonderful properties we have here, still standing and in use all around you. Open Sunday, July 13, 1 - 4 p.m. Admission charges. Open Monday, June 23, 5 p.m. (Society's Annual Meeting/ Picnic)

### ROGER WILLIAMS PADDLE

On Saturday, July 19, members of the Ten Mile River Watershed Council and the National Park Service will trace the last 7 miles of Roger Williams' journey by water to Providence. The journey will start 10:30 a.m. at Freedom Green Park, North Broadway and Roger Williams Avenue.

Society members and residents are invited for the send off.

### BACKGROUND on the TEN MILE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL:

The council started in May 2006 by a group of friends who enjoyed kayaking on the Ten Mile River. There was not an active watershed group for the Ten Mile River so the friends decided to start one. They have taken on clearing the river from Freedom Green Park, North Broadway to the Hunts Mills waterfall in Rumford, a round trip of 2.75 miles that can be paddled in less than 2 hours. The watershed council is a non-profit group and depends on donations to educate the public and to help preserve and protect the bodies of water that make up the Ten Mile River Watershed.

The Ten Mile River Watershed covers 54 square miles of Southeastern Massachusetts and parts of Rhode Island. There are 45 lakes and ponds in the watershed. The river becomes more impaired as it passes through urban areas failing to meet surface water quality standards. Even with this impaired status, Central Pond and the Turner Reservoir in East Providence support a good mouth bass fishery and native alewife/herring run. There are plans to build 3 fish ladders to aid the fish in their travels to spawn in Central Pond and Turner Reservoir.



John Hunt House

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

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