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TOURS OF "THE RUMFORD" and FIRE HOUSE #3 plus POT LUCK PICNIC Members Meeting Monday, September 29 (5th Monday)

Please note that this date is a deviation from our 4th Monday format. The Board wished to have a kick-off, 40th anniversary picnic at Hunts Mills and the 29th was the only date that Newman Hall (Church) was available as a rain date.

This is a two part evening as we had last May. If it is rainy or too chilly, we will meet at Newman. Please check the phone message or the web site.

Many of you took advantage of the Rumford (formerly Rumford Chemical) tour last May and were fascinated by the changes and new use. At that point the very intriguing apartments facing the corner were not done. This invitation gives us a look at those apartments ready for occupancy and the office space and common areas in the building fronting North Broadway and Greenwood Avenue. It promises to be stunning.

And how many of us have been waiting for an invitation to see the converted living/studio space which once housed Fire Station #3? Artists Wendy Edwards and Jerry Mischak are pleased to welcome us into their home. Of special note: this redesign won the 2007 American Institute of Architects Award for Adaptive Reuse/Renovation.

DETAILS: From 5-6PM: tours of the completed Rumford project and former Rumford Fire Station #3. These properties are across the street from one another. Tours will run approximately every 20 minutes.

FOR THE RUMFORD: please gather on the decking at the corner of Greenwood Avenue and North Broadway.

FOR FORMER FIRE STATION #3: please gather at the back door (down the driveway to the rear). There are two studios and living space above to view. Please note

that there is a flight of stairs to climb to the living quarters.

At 5 p.m. the Hunts Mills picnic grounds will be open, as will the Hunt House Museum. "Historic Buildings of East Providence" is the current display. Please come early and visit with friends or when you are through with the tours. 'Dinner' will begin at 6pm.

President's Letter

Kris Rose, President

Dear Members,

As I write this, "Hannah" has blown through and it is beautiful and sunny outside! With hurricane season here, it means that another year with the East Providence Historical Society is beginning. The year 2008-2009 is the society's 40th year!! With our members' help and enthusiasm, it will be a good year.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we will have our first meeting on the picnic grounds of Hunts Mills. Make note of the date change: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008. As planned, it will be a Pot-Luck Supper preceded by a tour of the Rumford Center and the former fire station on Newman Avenue. The tours will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the picnic/ supper at 6:00 p.m. With the sun setting earlier and earlier, please be at the Rumford Center around 4:45 p.m. so we can start on time and get back to Hunts Mills by 6:00 p.m.

In addition, you can mark your calendars for our October meeting. It will be on MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 and will include a tour of the Farnum House on Willett Avenue, Riverside. We hope to be able to have our meeting following the tour at the Legion Hall across the street. We will keep you informed.

Nancy Moore has been working very hard setting up interesting programs for this year. We can all reward her hard work by attending meetings and enjoying the programs she has planned! I hope to see you at all our meetings in 2008-2009!!

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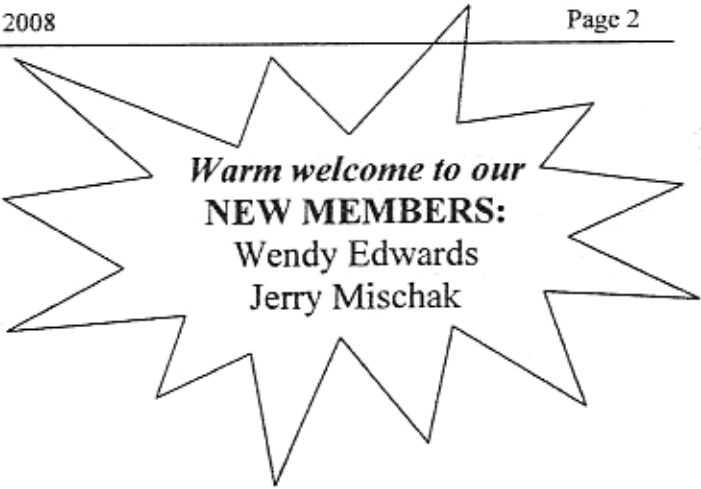
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Warm welcome to our
NEW MEMBERS:
 Wendy Edwards
 Jerry Mischak

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

Lowell and Edna Anness - a painted wooden-handled spatula; 'The Horsford Cook Book', 1895; 17th century tin oil wick lamp.

PRESERVATION NEWS

The **Caleb Williams Cottage**, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, will receive some long awaited care this fall. A bid has been accepted (by the city) for a new roof and all the work associated with the roof area. Maybe the work will have begun by the September picnic date and we can check it out.



The East Providence Historical Society wishes to thank **Master Gardeners Jeff Faria and Cheryl Faria** and the following *Heritage Garden volunteers* who have worked tirelessly this summer to make the Hunt House Gardens beautiful.

Laura Archambault
Mona Breault
Susan Coupe
Nancy Dutra
Ed Dutra
Pat Henry
Nancy Moore
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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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MUSEUM CURATOR

Edna Anness

The John H. Chaffee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor is again sponsoring the "Footsteps in History" weekend October 11, 12 and 13. The Hunt House Museum will be open each day from 1-4 p.m. The theme this year is "history on the move". Biking, canoeing, travel by car and walking maps will be available.

During the entire weekend, flyers will be available explaining the original settlement of East Providence called the "Ring of the Green" along with maps with which you can find the 'Ring' and completely drive around it seeing historic homes which were built on the original sites of the first homes which were burned during King Philip's War in 1676. A photo display of historic homes in East Providence is the current exhibit at the Hunt House Museum.

On Monday, October 13, The KTG group (Keith T. Gonsalves, Director of the Ten Mile River Watershed Council) is sponsoring a walk on the Turner Trail starting at the site of the old Central Village Mill on Pleasant Street to the Turner Dam. The Ten Mile River Watershed Council will have free kayaks to try, an information tent will be available with maps, pictures and displays linked to the Ten Mile River. The day will end with a cookout in front of the Hunt House Museum at Hunts Mills Falls. The Hunt House Museum will be open.



Union Primary School

Micro Memories

Joe MacDougald, Society Member

Using blackboard chalk, a capital A was written on my wooden desk by my teacher. It was nineteen twenty-four and our first grade subject, the alphabet. Little blue and green wooden pointed pegs were provided to arrange on the chalk lines. How many letters were learned each week isn't re-called.

The school dentist made his rounds and anyone with tooth problems saw him for twenty-five cents. One lower molar of mine had a small cavity so the dentist didn't deem it

practical to repair and pulled it, the only one of my teeth lost in over fifty years.

When a German zeppelin was to arrive we were all taken out to the playground in back of the school, wait for it to come over the woods, pass almost overhead on its way to Lakehurst, New Jersey. There were several of those experiences, because fortunately the airship arrived in the daytime.

Nineteen twenty-eight was the year when our teacher took the boys, five at a time, and showed them how to use the newly installed urinals. That made quite an impression on me. How did a woman know that?

During a class spelling contest that year, a girl by the name of Harrington went to the blackboard and was asked to spell a word like melody, but she started with a capital N. Our team was going to lose and then she put another loop in front of the N and made it an M. I thought she was the smartest girl in the world.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 29 (5th Monday)

Tours of 'The Rumford' and 'Fire House #3' - 5 p.m.
Pot Luck Picnic, Hunts Mills - 6 p.m.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 1, 7 p.m.

Board Meeting Members Welcome
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Weekend, October 11, 12, 13

'Footsteps In History'

Hunt House Museum open 1 - 4 p.m. each day.

Monday, October 20 (3rd Monday)

Farnum House, Riverside. 6:30 p.m. (visit)

VFW Post 10, Riverside. Members Meeting (7 p.m. or so) Details in October Gazette





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Master Gardeners

Jeff and Cheryl Faria

Fall is the best time to start or re-seed your lawn or bare spots. Most weeds don't germinate in the cool temps but the grasses will love it. Keep the grass seed moist daily until seeds germinate and do not mow until grass is 2-3 inches tall.

Be prepared to protect crops and flowers from early frost. Cover plants with a sheet or towel if temps are predicted to be 35 degrees or below, especially if the night air is still. Remove the covering once the morning sunshine has warmed the new day.

Fall is also a great time to plant some spring-flowering bulbs. Crocuses, daffodils and snowdrops will cheer you up next spring! Wait until October to plant tulip bulbs

so they won't be dug up by furry friends! Tossing in some gravel just above the bulb will aid in them not being dug up. A dusting of bone meal in the bottom of the hole when planting will help the bulb to grow strong.

Upcoming Heritage Garden Sessions

Everyone is welcome!!!

- Sunday, September 14, 2-4pm During Open House
- Tuesday, September 23, 4-7pm Wine and Weeding
- Sunday, October 12, 2-4pm During Open House
- Tuesday, October 14, 4-7pm Wine and Weeding
- Tuesday, October 29, 4-7pm Wine and Weeding

