

John Hunt House

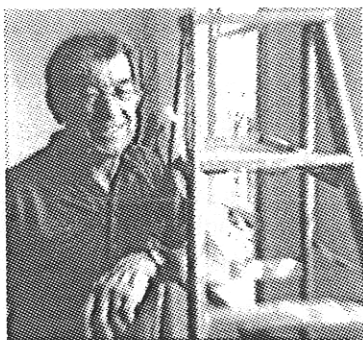
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42 Historical Society Volunteers Will Receive Prestigious AASLH Award



Walter Vincent, Buildings and Grounds Chairman

Walt Vincent to represent volunteers at presentation in Omaha



In April, 1993, Walt showed restoration progress to Antoinette Downing of Providence Preservation Society

Edna Anness

Be thinking of **Walter Vincent** on September 29. He and Madeline will be at the Red Lion Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska attending the Convention of the **American Association of State and Local History**. Walter will be presented an award for the restoration of the **John Hunt House**. The award is for "A restoration performed by a small, volunteer historical society." He will accept the award on behalf of the following people who worked on the restoration and on committees and fund raising activities associated with the restoration:

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| Edward Adams | Claudette Field | Gladys Panzarella |
| Florence Adams | George Field | Fales Peirce |
| Lewis Allen* | Les Haworth | Elliott (Bud) Plummer* |
| Ray Anderson | Len Iannucone | Anne Reynolds |
| Edna Anness | Charles Jackson | Martha Rivas |
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| Larry Arden | Arnold McConnell | Bill Simpson |
| Earl Berwick | Pat Millette | Rose Marie Sirenski |
| Virginia Berwick | Paul Millette | Bob Soderlund |
| Scott Booth | Dan Moore | Nancy Stevens |
| Donald Brothers | Nancy Moore | Martha Tourtellot |
| Austin Butterworth | Megan Moore | Madeline Vincent |
| Mike Charves | Jennifer Murdock | Walter Vincent |
| Jewel Drikamer | Ellen O'Hare | William Wade* |

(* deceased)

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Yard Sale

Saturday, September 24
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

John Hunt House

Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Items for sale may be brought to Hunt House Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon

Limited VENDORS space @ \$15 each. for space reservation
tel. Florence Adams 437-1530

President's Letter

Nancy Moore

This long hot summer has come and gone and I trust you all weathered it well. One of the ways I kept cool in August was to visit the SUNSHINE CREAMERY regularly to deliver Rumford Baking Powder cans for owner MARTY LEYDEN and his crew to sell. Our great thanks to Marty for finding space to keep the cans and for supporting our restoration project. (I didn't ask if the cans hold a quart of ice cream.)

We would also like to welcome **Les Haworth** to the Board as Preservation Chairman. Most of you know Les as the "flag man" and he has been selling Rumford cans and cookbooks at his Atlantic Flag and Banner shop in the Rumford plant all year. We're very pleased to have him on the board. And, Les Haworth and **Ray Anderson** have also agreed to join the Buildings and Grounds committee with **Walter Vincent** and his group. Welcome to both of them!

The year promises to be full and busy. I look forward to seeing you all September 26.

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Those who submit text on a 3.5" "floppy disk" (ascii text, MS DOS, Mac, etc.) will win the affectionate regards of the editor....our typing staff is of humble competence!

Photos and art work may be in color or black and white (flat art 3 X 5 or larger preferred), negative or slide. VHS or normal 8mm videotape from which a still frame may be captured is acceptable also.

Please call the editor, George Adams, at (401) 437-1530 to discuss the material that you would like to submit, or take a chance and mail it..... 3632 Pawtucket Ave, Riverside, RI 02915-4215

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 14
Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hunt House

Saturday, September 24
YARD SALE
9.00 a.m. - Noon, Hunt House

Monday, September 26
Members Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Newman Congregational Church
"Blackstone Valley National Heritage Park Corridor"
Suzanne Buchanan, *National Park Ranger*

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 12
Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hunt House

Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m.
Sunday October 16, 2 p.m.
Blackstone Valley EXPLORER
Woonsocket Falls Riverboat tours

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MUSEUM REPORT

Virginia Berwick
Museum Chairman

Our Rumford tins are selling very well. 82 tins and 24 cookbooks have been sent out to 32 states.

We were having difficulty finding boxes to fit the cans and books but I mentioned this to one of my "sons" (in law), **Conrad Rousseau**, who came up with boxes he made of corrugated cardboard from boxes where he works. Wonderful...they fit just right with a piece of bubble plastic and styrofoam 'peanuts'. Haven't had any returned of the 40 I've sent so far! **Edna Anness** has sent some, too, in boxes that she got from her son, **Walter**.

Our families have been a great help with many of our Society projects....moving furniture, etc. Thanks! to **Walter Anness** and **Earl Berwick, Jr.**

Gifts Received this Summer

Helen Brush - Rumford flour sifter and 2 Rumford thimbles; 1938 Hurricane scrapbook.
Mary Poole - Rumford dessert cookbook.
Edna Wilcox - Oriental rug for bedroom.
Fales & Ruth Peirce - Maps of proposed Seekonk River Bridge, ca.1887.
Mike & Susan Rumford - Rumford Spatula.
Carl Winqvist, Chief of Police - List of Little Neck Cemetery burial sites.
Thomas Harrington - Rumford "Luck" pocket piece.
The Bosworth Co., Ken Bosworth, Pres. - Boxes for shipping Rumford tins.
David & Edna Shire, Newman Church - Antique telephone and old organ pipes.
Conrad Rousseau - Boxes for Rumford tins

Thanks to All!

NEEDED.....FILE CABINETS!
Our museum drawers are overflowing.....anyone?!

MEMBERSHIP

Madeline Vincent
Membership Chairman

We welcome our new members:

Vincent & Rita Bouthillier
Barbara (Casartello) Crother
Preston & MaryJo Hare
Mike & Susan Rumford
Daniel J. Shea

Volunteer hosts/hostesses are needed for the coming meetings. I would like to arrange hosting for at least 3 months in advance. **We still need a volunteer for the September 26th meeting.** Volunteers are asked to serve at only **one** meeting a year. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month. Please call **Madeline** at 434-0481.

FEINSTEIN GRANT

Edna Anness
Museum Curator

The slides are ready, the student workbooks are at the printers, **Gladys Panzarella** has created 18th century costumes and games, **Nancy Stevens** has secured copies of the East Providence history books and the class guides are ready.

The children will begin to visit the Hunt House during the last two weeks of October.

We NEED volunteers to guide the children through the house. Guide materials will be available for the use of the volunteers. Volunteers will work one morning each....just once.

Please call:

Edna Anness 434-3347
Virginia Berwick 434-0998
David Kelleher 434-2763
Nancy Moore 438-4299
Gladys Panzarella 434-5116

BUILDING RESTORATION

Walter Vincent

Chairman, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Earl Berwick, Martha Tourtellot, and I resumed our restoration work on September 1st....and there certainly is much to be done. We are hoping to see new faces joining us on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Hunt House!

I understand that we will be able to use the "Meter House", the small building next to the main house, which was originally part of the Hunts Mills Recreation Area. Great news, but we'll need volunteers to get it ready for use.

Items for the yard sale can be dropped off at the Hunt House Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until noon. Fall cleaning in your attic and cellar could produce a good collection.



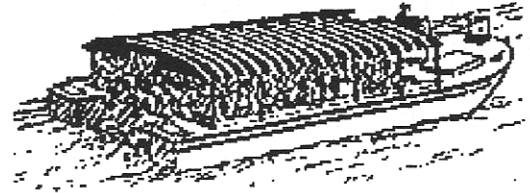
I WANT YOU

Join the award-winning
HUNT HOUSE
Volunteer **RESTORATION GROUP**

Call the Hunt House at 438-1750
or **Walt Vincent** at 434-0481

Keep busy...have fun...and have some of
Walt's great coffee!

The BLACKSTONE VALLEY EXPLORER



TAKE THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR A RIDE EXPLORE THE BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR BY RIVERBOAT

The Society has reserved the EXPLORER, a 49 passenger, comfortable, weatherized riverboat for two foliage "Burst of Color" tours along the Blackstone Canal from Woonsocket to Blackstone, Mass. The **one hour** tours leave from Woonsocket Falls, the fare is **\$5.00 per person**, and the boat is reserved for **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 - 11AM** and **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 - 2PM**. We expect these cruises to fill up fast as a family event, especially on Sunday, so phone your reservations to **SOPHIE ALLEN (434-3786)** ASAP. If you get her message machine, be sure to specify the day, number in your party, and your name and address for directions and further information. (We are not providing bus transportation to Woonsocket, but we will try to link people up for rides.)

MEMBER'S MEETING

Monday September 26, at 7:30 p.m.
**NEWMAN CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

**SPEAKER- NATIONAL PARK RANGER
SUZANNE BUCHANAN**

"BLACKSTONE VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE PARK CORRIDOR"

15 minute video "How things Work" ; talk following emphasizing the area of the boat trip; question/answer period.

Rumford Located in Maryland



Mike & Susan Rumford with the Celebrity Cake.

The Rumfords, Mike and Susan, of Sykesville, Maryland, have been collecting Rumford Co. artifacts for about two years. They heard about the Society and the Rumford Exhibit through contacts in Terre Haute. They telephoned only to find that they had missed the Exhibit and the PICNIC and EVERYTHING.....*BUT*....the (new) Hospitality and Reception Committee arranged a visit and tour, assembled the Reserve Revellers (also new) and staged a special Rumford exhibit and picnic with official Rumford Celebrity Cake by Ginnie Berwick.. About 2 dozen people, including the Baking Powder Queen herself, Edna Anness, enjoyed the visit and cultivated new members....actual Rumfords!

Historic Properties Study Commission Seeks Volunteer

The East Providence Historic Properties Studies Commission is seeking a cemetery enthusiast to oversee the Commission's on-going gravestone repair projects at Newman and Antique Little Neck Cemeteries.

East Providence City Planner and Commission member, **Marijoan Bull**, has written a "recipe" of what needs to be done to coordinate the Saturday work sessions, and the requirements are modest.

The volunteer coordinator should possess a modicum of organizational skills and the ability to devote two hours, once a month (weather permitting) to the project. The actual repair work will be performed by people who were trained by Fannin-Lehner Preservation Consultants during a four day workshop in gravestone restoration in June, 1993.

Anyone with an interest in coordinating this cemetery project should contact Marijoan at 435-7531. The Commission is hoping to resume the work sessions this fall.

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to the
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If you are not a member, we invite you to join now. Dues are \$10.00, individual or \$15.00, family.
Please make your check payable to **East Providence Historical Society**, and mail with coupon below to:

Madeline Vincent, membership
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The Historic East Providence Clock

Time Travel.....1924..Sullivan Brothers....1928 Washington Lunch (July/August photo)

Watch this space for further travels (It's still with us!)

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