



John Hunt House

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RIGHT ON.

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Barbara Sherman Stetson and her husband, Carl H. Stetson, Jr.

Good old days in the kitchen

As both a direct descendant of Roger Williams and a Certified Home Economist, **Barbara Sherman Stetson** combines unique qualifications as a lecturer on old-time cooking.

Much of her professional life has been invested in food and nutrition, beginning with awards in national and regional foods contests and membership in the **Future Farmers of America Hall of Fame**. A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, she has held positions as an Extension Home Economist for the University and as department chairman and 20-year Home Economics teacher in the Scituate schools. She is a **Ford Foundation Achievement Award** winner and a **Charles B. Pfizer Award** winner for extension programs. Barbara serves on the Nutrition Committee of the American Heart Association, the R.I. Cancer Society, the New England Home Economist in Business and the R.I. Home Economics Association.

Barbara is also the author of **The Island Cookbook** which includes Rhode Island, Newport, Jamestown, Prudence, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. She will bring some antique cooking utensils when she is the featured speaker at our **Members Meeting on Monday, March 24, at Newman Church, 7:30 p.m.** Refreshments and business meeting will follow.

From the Attic

by Edna Anness, Museum Curator

A new acquisition at the Museum this past summer is this chromolithograph poster of "The New Crescent Park, Narragansett Bay, G.B. Boyden, Prop." It is a shame that this newsletter picture is not in color, because the colors are vivid and radiant, which usually draws an initial reaction by viewers of "WOW"!

The poster probably dates from 1886 when Boyden first opened Crescent Park. It advertises **STEAMBOAT AND RAILROAD EVERY HALF HOUR**.

Richmond Day of Tuscon, Arizona, had this poster, which he had framed, hanging in his home for fifty years. He found it in Rhode Island many years ago.

"Maybe I have been selfish in not donating (this) for public viewing before but I enjoyed (it) as did guests to our home. May those visiting your museum...get as much enjoyment as I have had over the years", he wrote in July. Mr. Day was moving into a retirement home and sent us two other pictures at the same time. One is a Currier and Ives print entitled "Fourth of July, Young America Celebrating" on view in the second floor museum room and also "A Bird's Eye View of Providence Showing the New Railroad Station and State House", which is a lithographic reproduction of a brush and ink drawing by J.R. Chopin.

Do stop by the Museum to see these great pictures on display.



Board Briefs

According to the Society's Standing Rules and Procedures, a **nominating committee** will be formed in March. Les Haworth, President, will name a chairman who in turn will select a committee of three or five members. They will present a slate of candidates at the **May members meeting**. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the May meeting. **Election of officers will be held in June.** The Rules and Procedures also require that a call for qualified candidates be placed in the March newsletter. We know at this time that **the office of Treasurer will be open.** Rose Marie Sirenski has served us superbly for several years and has chosen to vacate the position. If you have financial or other skills, call the Society, 438-1750, and become a candidate for office.

The 12th Annual **Rhode Island STATEWIDE Historic Preservation Conference** will be held Saturday, April 12, at Kingston Village. This special expanded conference will focus on the impact of current development patterns on our early cities and villages, historic farms, open spaces and scenic roadways. It is of particular interest to historic district commissioners, preservation/historical societies, architects, landscape architects, planners, and historic-property owners. For details, call the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission at (401) 277-2678.

Special thanks to **Virginia Berwick** and **Kris Rose** for the goodies they baked for the February meeting... **and** to **Pat Henry**, Hospitality Chairman, and **Mona Breault** for the festive St. Patrick's Day theme table decorations.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Annual memberships are due the anniversary month that each member joined. We suggest that you check the mailing label on your newsletter for that date.

Example: 9707 translates to July 1997. 9710 is October 1997. Your prompt payment will reduce the cost and labor involved in mailing reminders.

Mona Breault, Membership Chairman, thanks you!

IN MEMORIAM

A donation was made to the Society's Memorial Fund in memory of **Charlie Jackson**, who died on March 1st. As a former member of the restoration team, his artistry is on display in every room of the Hunt House.

Sadly Missed ... Fondly Remembered

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MEMORIAL FUND

The Society's **Memorial Fund** was established in 1993 in memory of past members for "the betterment of the Society and with no specific purpose." The Memorial Fund is a qualified endowment administered by the executive committee. Members and friends wishing to contribute may make checks payable to the

East Providence Historical Society
and mail to the Society at:

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New Members

Warm Welcome to Our New Members

Robert Radway
Wayne and Janet Hurd
John and Rachel Agren

Museum Committee

Virginia Berwick, Chairman

Edna did a great amount of accessioning before she went to Hawaii. When she gets back we will be making plans to have fifth-graders come to the Hunt House. Dave Kelleher told us he will help.

Also, Arnie McConnell would like some sort of program to be started soon, to include some of the high school students.

We will have many areas for volunteers and do hope some of our members will come forth to help. If you would like to help, please call Ginny Berwick: 434-0998, Edna Anness: 434-3347, or leave a message at Hunt House: 438-1750.

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ACCESSIONS - GIFTS

Mona Breault - 1945 E.Providence High yearbook;
two tapes of local scenes

Don Paulhus - Photo of painting of George Wilson

Andy & Alice Valerio - Horton Bros. milk box

THANK YOU!

Building & Grounds Committee

Earl Berwick, Chairman

Finally, all windows on the second floor are fully operable and painted by Andy Valerio.

The fireplace mantle in the keeping room is secured to the wall and the shelf has been securely fastened by Earl and Roger.

Andy is about to embark on the task of touching up several bad spots on the ceilings.

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 \$10, individual or \$15, family.

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Mona Breault

34 Josephine Avenue

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ATTENTION!

PASTA SUPPER: TO BE, OR NOT TO BE

The Annual Pasta Supper is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 12th, 6:00 p.m. at Newman Church. We, the Board, say tentatively because we need help to have a successful supper.

Dan Moore has agreed to cook again, on the condition he gets 2 to 3 "assistant cooks". In addition, help is needed to set up tables and chairs, make simple but attractive decorations... and we need a clean-up crew and dish washers.

Remember the old adage:

"Many hands make light work".

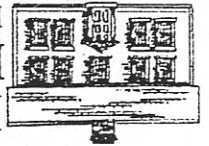
Members are requested to sign up for a task at the monthly meeting, March 24th, or call

Les Haworth at 434-1430

No Help - No Supper

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Events Calendar

MARCH

Monday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Members Meeting,
Newman Church

Barbara Sherman Stetson

Subject: *Good Old Days in the Kitchen*

APRIL

Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting, Hunt House
Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.

Newman Church

Pasta Supper is a "Pasta-bility"

Call 438-1750 to Volunteer

Monday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

American Legion, Riverside

Ballroom Dancing

Upcoming Events Delivered to the Community

On April 9th Edna Anness, Museum Curator will be at

HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Slide presentation: "*Restoration of the Hunt House*"
and at

LIFETIME LEARNING at HAMILTON HOUSE

in Providence on April 23rd 11:00 a.m.

Slide presentation: "*The History of East Providence*"