



Members Christmas Party

Monday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.

Newman Church


There will be food, fun and frivolity, singing and gift giving.

This years gifts will be brought to the

East Providence Community Center.

We suggest non-perishable food, paper goods or personal care items.

To add to the festivities, a **prize** will be given for the

most creatively packaged gift 

Pizza and beverages will be served along with
your homemade treats.

The telephone committee will call the membership
for a head count and to encourage you to share
your favorite holiday goodies.



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..."

Board Briefs

Many thanks to **Edna Anness, Mona Breault, Pat Henry, Gladys Panzarella** and **Howard Mersereau** for the goodies they baked for the November meeting.

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ACCESSIONS - GIFTS

Elsie Williams - Dipper from the Abel House - 18th century
Marilyn Brewer - 1908 A.P. Hoyt graduation program, class picture and class songs
Dorothy Marshall - Brick from the old Town Hall on Taunton Avenue and a cobbler stand with shoe molds
Ernest and Betty Socha - 25th and 40th Aniversary programs from St. Martha's Church
Burt Chace - milk bottles from Amaral, Burgess, Almeida, Brightbridge and Rose Dairies; two also marked Shadow Lawn Dairy
Agnes Choiniere - Antique brass kerosene lamp



Thank you.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

"IN MEMORIAM" PLANTS

The society is accepting donations for perennial and other plants as memorials. When the plantings are completed, visitors to the grounds will be presented with a plant list as labeled in the garden and a list of memorials and their donors. Plants are expected to cost from \$5 to \$25 depending on type and size. Checks should be made out to the East Providence Historical Society and sent to
Raymond E. Anderson
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New Members

Warm Welcome to Our New Members
Walter & Mary Blecharczyk
Burt Chace
John & Twyler Boyce



Special Notice

The Hunt House will be closed during January and February. For information about the society or to gain access to the house, call 438-1750. The telephone is monitored daily. Virginia Berwick, Museum Chairman, will also accept calls: 434-0998.

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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GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Ray Anderson, Chairman

There is a green tint to the newly landscaped John Hunt House grounds. The mild weather has allowed grass to emerge. It should "take off" next spring.

Two problems developed and they are being addressed. By lowering the grade (lawn) six inches, we have one more step into the house and less able individuals had difficulty entering. A temporary hand rail is in place and a more permanent one will be constructed next spring.

The pea-stone walk also proved to be a problem for some people. The Parks Department will reduce the depth and recompact the walk. Hopefully, this should provide a more stable footing.

Phase II of the Parks Department plan is to plant the rock/cottage type garden to the left of the house in the fall of 1999. The more extensive plantings and stone work will be done at the rear of the house in the fall of the year 2000.

There's still time to visit

The "Crescent Park Exhibition"

At the John Hunt House

...but please hurry!

After December 27th, it will be "history"!

FROM THE ATTIC

by Edna Anness, Museum Curator

Our exhibit is still ongoing until 3:00 p.m. on December 27th. The Museum is open also on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Before the exhibition passes into history, we have quite a few participants to thank. First of all those who loaned us so many artifacts. Alphabetically:

Virginia Berwick, Philomena Bucci, Joe Kdan, Dave Kelleher, Paul and Helen Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Gara, George Page, Bob Ravenell, Mike Reynolds, Ken Roberts, Ed Serowik, Beverly Simmons and Congressman Robert Weygand.

We thank again those who had donated artifacts which appeared in the exhibition. Alphabetically:

Ted Adams, John Agren, Melora Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Berwick, the Estate of Rowena Bowen, Marilyn Brewer, Austin and Arlene Butterworth, Ethel Coyle, Barbara Crother, the Estate of Leroy Flint, August Forss, Dave Kelleher, Joe and Ruth MacDougald, Phyllis Meek, Peter Midgley, George Page, Kit Rodman,

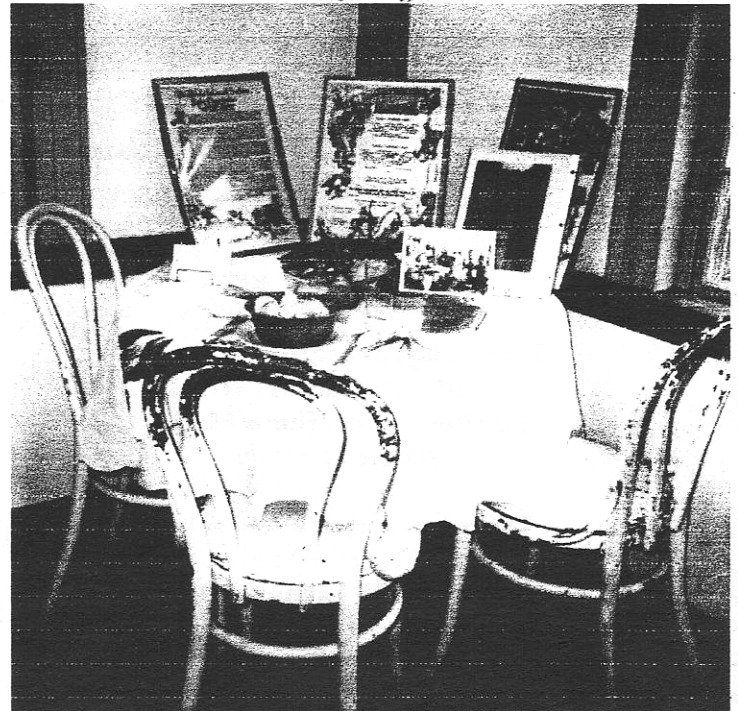
Eleanor Saunders, Ed Serowik, Bob Tetreault, and Myrtle Veno.

Without all these gifts and loans, the exhibition would not have been possible. We also thank the **Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities** for funding the insurance, and the **Rhode Island Foundation** for the use of residual funds. We thank the **Sentimental Swing Band**, the **Legion Post**, **Dr. Don Wilmeth**, **Ed Serowik**, **Ron Joynes**, the **Carousel Commission**, our **Museum Committee**, **Riverside Congregational Church**, **Newman Congregational Church**, **Mr. Rock** and the **East Providence Senior Center** for making all of our Crescent Park programs possible, and **Dave Kelleher** who joined me for the **Riverside Program**.

We cannot forget **George Adams** for our graphics and Crescent Park tape, **Florence Adams** for publicity, **Chris Rose** and **Ed Serowik** for creating the posters, **Earl Berwick** and **Roger Vaillancourt** for setting up the display rooms, **the Board**, for their support, **Amelia Cabral** for her research, **Diana McLean** in the gift shop, **Pat Henry** and **Mona Breault** and the **Refreshment Committee**, and **Doreen Bonney** for newsletter coverage.

Virginia and I thank you all! My sincere apology if someone has been omitted, and we'll catch you next month. You can now appreciate how many people have made the exhibition possible in addition to all the volunteers noted by Virginia in the November newsletter.

Three Cheers to All ... and Applause, Applause!



Some of the memorabilia from Crescent Park on display at the Hunt House.

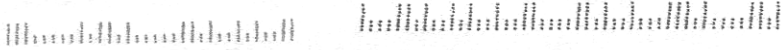


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Events Calendar

DECEMBER

Monday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.
MEMBERS Christmas Party
 Newman Church, Rumford

 *Merry Christmas*

JANUARY

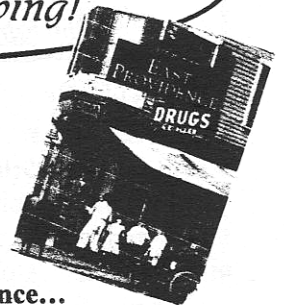
Wednesday, January 6, 7:30 p.m.
BOARD MEETING
 John Hunt House, Hunts Mills Rd.
Members Welcome

Thursday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.
 E. P. Historic Properties Study Commission
 City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue

Monday, January 25, 6:00 p.m.
*Pot Luck Supper *Program* Business Meeting*
 Newman Church, Rumford

*There's Still Time for
 Christmas Shopping!*

The Book
**"Images of America:
 East Providence"**
 is a wonderful and inexpensive
 way to remember friends or
 relatives with roots in East Providence...



...and

The beautiful
 colored poster of
**George Boyden's
 Crescent Park**
 would look great in
 any room of the house.

