

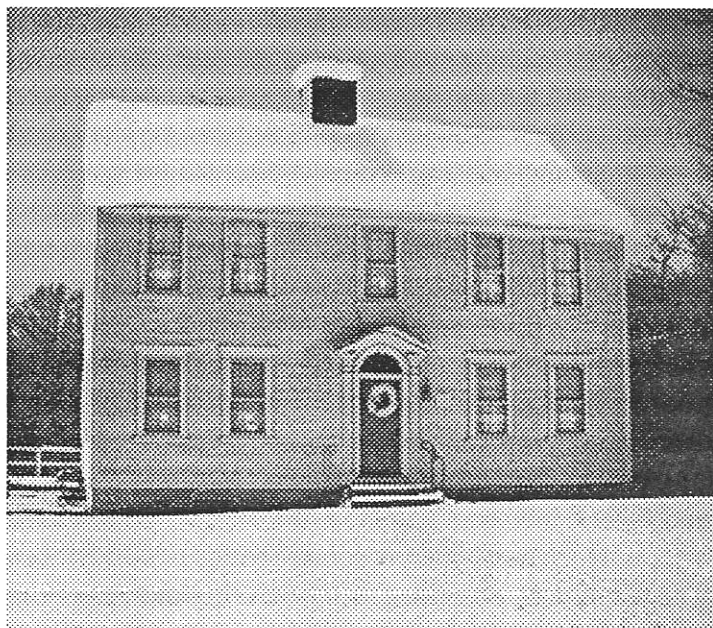


John Hunt House

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'tis the Season to visit the
Eighteenth Century
at the historic
John Hunt House
Holiday Open House
Sunday December 17
from 2 to 5

The Hunt house has been lovingly restored to authentically represent a typical 18th century home. Authentic furnishings and household objects have been arranged to provide a true representation of a simpler time ... a time when the Holiday was celebrated with light and visits from friends.

We invite our friends to visit us and enjoy the Holiday as it was before there were telephones and automobiles and the internet before there was Santa Claus and expensive gifts an opportunity to examine our past as we approach the 21st Century.

The John Hunt House will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 to noon through December and Sundays December 17, 24 and 31 from 2 to 5 PM



GIFTS to the JOHN HUNT HOUSE

In lieu of exchanging gifts among the membership we're suggesting the following gifts for the John Hunt House: paper towels, toilet tissue, paper for Xerox machine .. 15/25 weight, telephone note pads, thumb tacks, white bulbs for Christmas candles, 40w bulbs for lamps, waste basket liners, bars of soap and anything else we cant think of at the moment

*Edna Anness
Museum Curator*

NEW MEMBERS

Warm Welcome to Our New Memnners:

*Nancy Carpenter
Francis and Laura Harnody
Barbara Haywood*

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BOARD BRIEFS

Do you know that there are 21 lighthouses in Rhode Island? The majority active? ...**Dave Kelleher**, with his miniature lighthouse and poster collection, en"light"ened and entertained us at the November member's meeting. We played stick- the-dot-on-the -lighthouse-spot. Our knowledge of the Rhode island coastline was increased considerably.

The November 13th Ham and Bean Supper was a gustatory and financial success. The dessert table overfloweth. Thanks to all volunteers at every level.

We remind you to consider bringing along a nonperishable food item when you attend the *Holiday Open House* on Sunday, December 17. Food will be donated to the East Providence Food Bank.

Pat Henry and **Mona Breault**, Hospitality Committee, want to acknowledge the following for providing goodies for the October and November member's meetings: **Florence Adams, Dorothy Duane, Sophie Frederick, Pat Henry, Jo Marchi, Virginia Ripley, and Kris Rose.**

The telephone committee will be calling the membership for "finger food" for the December 17th *Holiday Open House.*

... If you are not a member we invite you to join now.

Annual dues are \$10 individual or \$15 family

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From the Attic

Edna Anness, *Museum Curator*

A lot has been going on at the John Hunt House. Museum. All the display stands are down and stored. The house is being readied for our *Holiday Open House*.

Thanks to Ed Serowik Sr. and Ed Jr. and his East Providence Boy Scout Troop #5 who met at the House on Dec. 17th. There was a great moving of furniture from floor to floor. Thanks to Walt Anness and Earl Berwick Jr. who moved the heavy display cases from the second floor to the new summer kitchen in the basement. Ed Sr. supervised the attic and Earl Berwick Sr. supervised the basement and Virginia kept us organized. It was the night before our first snow storm. It was amazing to get thirty people together to meet on the same night to accomplish the rearranging of the House. Without volunteers like this we could not accomplish anything at the Museum.

Thanks also to Austin Butterworth who has been restoring the desk in the parlor, a gift from the Phillip Walker House. He will also help us "rope" the Walker bed in the new bedroom on the second floor.

You will notice some changes in the House. It is beginning to look lived in, albeit two hundred years ago.

THE OLD GENERAL STORE

Ned Clark

In the middle 1930's, my good friend, Herb and I would sometimes visit an old general store located across from the Engine 2 Fire Station on Bullocks Point Avenue in Riverside.

There was an old wooden pickle barrel from which we each selected a big dill pickle. They cost a nickel.

On one occasion we sat in the old rocking chairs on the front porch and the store owner, with his hard straw hat and white apron, sat there with us. Soon, a small plane was flying over us, a rare event in those days, and I asked the store owner, "how would you like to be up there with him?" He replied, "I'd hate like hell to be up there without him!"

That general store has been remodeled many times. It became the home of the "Hope Creamery Co." that made and sold ice cream, sodas, sundaes, etc. up to WWII. Later, it became a nightclub with a bar and a restaurant owned by John Pascaledes. The Jay Clay Trio played there for some years. The "Clay" is Clay Osborne, an E.P. resident, who is now a solo singer in local up scale restaurants.

The building now houses "Lees Chinese Restaurant". I wonder what that proprietor of the "General Store" would say today.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Ray Anderson, *Chairman*

Because of staffing demands and equipment failure, the Parks Department has put the final phase III John Hunt House landscaping project on hold. Should we have a mild winter, they may begin stonework.

Because gardens need upkeep, I am still in need of a volunteer or two who would water, pick spent blossoms and check for human or insect damage. Your help would be most appreciated.

Also, is there anyone interested in helping organize an East Providence garden tour? A planning meeting for January. Call me, 438-2464, and share your ideas.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ray Anderson/ Dave Kelleher, *Co-Chairmen*

Hats off to **Dave Kelleher** who salvaged the November members meeting when Ella Sekatau, ("Life Styles of the Narragansett People") was unable to present her program due to illness. Dave's presentation on Rhode Island lighthouses was informative and sparked members interest.

Should we face this situation again, we want to be prepared. Do you or do you know of someone who has a collection, hobby or special historical interest who would share that interest by way of a formal program? Dave and I, as former teachers, could easily help with the presentation. Call Ray Anderson, 438-2464

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 17, 2 to 5 PM

Holiday Open House

John Hunt House, Hunt's Mills Road, Rumford

House open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 - noon
through December ...

Sundays the 24th and 31st 2 - 5 PM

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 3. 7:30 PM

Board Meeting (members welcome)

John Hunt House, Hunt's Mills Road, Rumford

Monday, January 22, 6 PM

Pot Luck Supper

Newman Church, Rumford

Program: "Ring of the Green"

presented by Edna Anness, Museum Curator.

