



JOHN HUNT HOUSE

# GAZETTE

NOVEMBER 2000

## “LIFE STYLES OF THE NARRAGANSETT PEOPLE”

PRESENTED BY ELLA SEKATAU, PHD, AT SOCIETY MEETING NOVEMBER 27

EAST PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY CENTER (FORMER UNION PRIMARY SCHOOL)

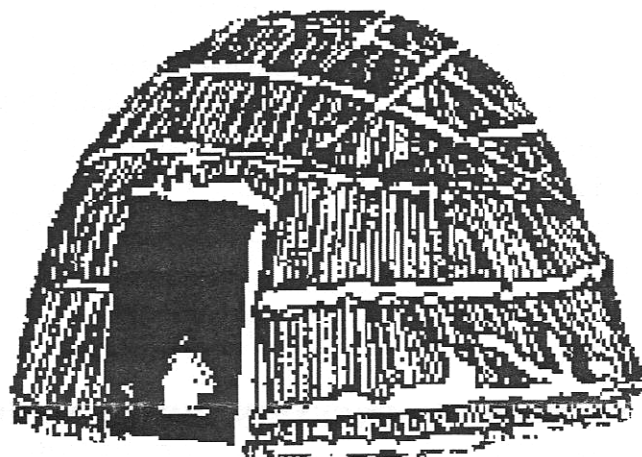
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Dr. Sekatau is a Narragansett ethno-historian and medicine woman. For five years, she directed the native american program at Plimoth Plantation which is on a site previously called Pawtuxet where the Narragansetts summered.

For the past twenty eight years, she has given educational presentations to pre-school and Ph D level audiences in school systems and colleges throughout southern New England.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*Business Meeting and refreshments to follow*



Narragansett Wigwam



'tis the Season to visit the  
Eighteenth Century

at the historic

John Hunt House

open Tuesdays and Thursdays,

9 am to 12 noon

through December

and at the

*Holiday Open House*

*Sunday December 17*

*from 2 to 5*

Many thanks to **Doreen Bonney** for her stellar production of the Gazette over these many months.. We thank **George Adams** for producing the Gazette this month.

The date of the *Holiday Open House* has been changed to Sunday, December 17, 2 to 5 pm. We will not exchange gifts but we welcome gifts for the House. A list will be posted in the December Gazette. Also, **Ginny Berwick** reminds us that it's the season to think of the less fortunate and on the occasion of the Open House, a non-perishable food item would be a welcome gift for the East Providence Food Bank.

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Rhode Island has published a guide book of "significant historical sites in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations." The John Hunt House is pictured on page 45 including information on its current status.

**NOVEMBER**

**Monday, November 13, 6 pm, Ham & Bean Supper**  
Newman Church, Rumford.

**Monday, November 27, 7:30 pm. Members Meeting.**  
East Providence Community Center (former Union Primary School) 1320 Pawtucket Ave., Rumford.  
Program:: *Life Styles of the Narragansett People.*  
*presented by Ella Sekatau, Ph D.*

**DECEMBER**

**Wednesday, December 6. 7:30 pm, Board Meeting**  
Members Welcome  
Hunt House, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

**Sunday, December 17, 2 to 5 pm HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE,** John Hunt House, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

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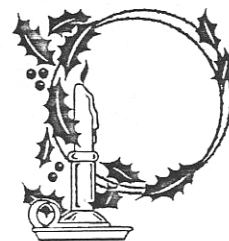
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**CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST**

This will be our SECOND ANNUAL Contest to make the Hunt House festive. Entrants may select a place to decorate and put the decoration up on December 15 or 16. It will be judged for a ribbon at the Dec.17th *Holiday Open House* You may come to the Hunt House to select a spot for your decoration. Call us at 438-1750 with any questions. We have a lot of budding decorators out there. Help the Hunt House look pretty for Christmas.



**New Members**

**Warm Welcome to Our New Members:**

*Valerie Perry*  
*John Viall*

## AROUND THE HOUSE....MUSEUM ACTIVITY

### From the Attic

*Edna Anness, Curator*

A temporary change is taking place at the Hunt House Museum. To prepare for guests at the December 17th *Holiday Open House* we are returning the house to a *house*, that is we have taken down the display stands located throughout both floors.

**Austin Butterworth** is busy restoring furniture from the Philip Walker House. Mouldings and veneer needed to be replaced and the head of the fourposter bed needed to be put back together. **Ed Serowik** is returning with some boyscouts to carry the stands back to the attic and to bring down the fourposter bed, Walker trunk, carry up the Walker bureau, and rearrange some other Walker items in the former museum display room. The rest of the front bedroom is in fine condition. We are looking for a feather puff to provide some height to the four poster when it is made up with a quilt.

In the west bedroom we washed the curtains and they fell apart. So we are looking for sheer panels or long tab panels.

In the borneing room we now have a TV set and professional viewing stand on which we can install our VCR thanks to **George Adams'** donation of TV and stand. We have History tapes which now can be shown at any time.

The Museum Committee met on October 28th and this change to a House Museum motif was their decision. There will be more room for guests to circulate.

We are also looking for volunteers to move the two display cases from the second floor to the basement. With candles in the windows and decorations about, we will be ready for the Open House on Dec. 17th

The John Hunt House Museum  
will be open Tuesdays and  
Thursdays, 9am to noon,  
through December.

### Accessions - Gifts

#### Gifts received in October

**Agawam Hunt Club** - Book "Agawam Hunt: The First Hundred Years"

**John Agren** - Poem about Hunt's Mills, Program from Central Girls' League and EP Class of '43 reunion trinkets

**Edna Anness** - nutcracker and ironstone mixing bowl

**Austin and Arline Butterworth** - Iron dipper, two sets of ice tongs, two World War I handgrenades (defused) early telephone and an antique wooden plane

**Second Baptist Church via Arline Butterworth** - Dress flag used at the Church

**Nancy Stevens** - RUMFORD Baking Powder tin 5 lb. especially packaged for Army Mess use in World War II

**Robert and Jean Thomas** - Framed Rumford advertisement from "The Youth's Companion" 1906

**The Gazette welcomes "letters to the editor" and articles of historic interest.**

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#### *Ham and Bean Supper*

Join us for Ham and Beans, cole slaw, beverages, homemade brown bread and fruit desserts on Monday, November 13, 6 pm,

Newman Church, Rumford

\$6 adults; \$3, 12 years and younger.

Reservations must be made by Friday,

November 10. Tickets will be held

at the door for payment.

Call 437-1530 or 438-1750. The telephone committee will be calling the membership.

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