



John Hunt House

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Historical Society Plaque Houses

NOVEMBER MEMBERS MEETING

Monday, November 25, 7 PM

Newman Church, Rumford

There are currently 16 houses/properties in East Providence that have received historical society plaques/markers. Each property is thoroughly researched before eligibility is confirmed. At the November meeting, **Kris Rose**, Chairman of the Markers Committee, will highlight these properties with a slide presentation and brief history. Several owners will attend.

In addition, the society will present plaques to **St. Mary's Episcopal Church** and the **Squantum Association**.

Refreshments and business meeting will follow.

President's Letter

David Kelleher

Dear Members,

The society suffered a great loss last month. Our friend, **George Adams**, died in October and has left a legacy that will be long remembered.

George was the graphic arts expert who designed all of the pamphlets, flyers, display cards and pictures for all of the exhibits, and produced a number of excellent *Gazette* editions that were full of wonderful pictures and interviews with speakers for members meetings that he personally obtained. Most of his work was behind the scenes, so to speak, and maybe many of you did not know how much his efforts helped the society. *Our condolences to Florence and members of the Adams family.*

The John Hunt House Museum was open on Sunday, October 27, as part of a statewide effort to help pass the **preservation bond**. The day was a success for the museum with 30 guests viewing the house and its collections and, as you know, *the bond issue passed on November 5th.*

The October program, **The History of Coca-Cola** by **Harry Iannotti, MD**, was very interesting and well received. He presented not only great artifacts, but told us of the many turns and intriguing facts about the owners of the company and how the company grew.

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Members and Friends
CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 9, 6 pm
Newman Church
Pawtucket Avenue, Rumford, RI


Entertainment & Sing-A-Long
Family Style Ham and Roast Beef
Tickets: \$12
Gifts to *Traveler's Aid* would be appreciated.
The Telephone Committee will call members
with more information and for reservations.
Let's make this a FUN night!

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*Warm Welcome to our
 New Members:*

Nancy Bowden
 Ken & Peg Maynard,
 (in memory of George Adams)
 Gail Moran
 Consolidated Concrete
 Corp., J. Robert Pesce

**The John Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills
 Road, Rumford (off Pleasant Street), is open
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 to 4 pm, or by
 appointment, 438-1750.**

**East • Providence • Historical • Society
 Historical Marker Program**

Your home may be eligible for a **Marker**. Any building
 in the City of East Providence which contributes to the
 historical development or architectural character of the
 City is eligible to be considered for a **Historical
 Marker**. *Request information by sending your
 name, address and phone number to the*

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 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 \$15 individual, \$25 family, or a Life
 Membership for \$150.

Please make check payable to:
East Providence Historical Society
 and mail with form below to:
**Mona Breault, 34 Josephine Avenue, Rumford, RI
 02916-3018**

Membership Form **New** **Renewal
 /Change**

Name(s) _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed:
\$25 Family **\$15 Individual** **\$150 Life**

A donation to the society's *Memorial Garden
 Fund* was made by *Ray and Paula Anderson* in
 memory of *George Adams*.

*The family of George Adams sincerely thanks all
 who made donations to the historical society in
 his memory and for the many cards received.
 We appreciate your gifts.*

Florence Adams Family

President's Letter *(Continued from page 1)*

With the completion of the restoration of the John Hunt House, a final financial statement was sent to the **Champlin Foundation**. Also included was permission to use the remaining funds to have the house painted. Bids are now being sought for this project.

The board voted to have a plaque made for the **Squantum Association** in appreciation for the wonderful program and reception they provided for the September meeting.

Hopefully, the roof of the **Meter House** will be replaced next week. **Ray Anderson** has been working with the school department to make arrangements to have some of the high school students do the job for us.

A new member, **Reinhard Wohlgenuth**, is developing a *web site* for the society. He is well along in designing an excellent site. It will be available soon. More details in the next Gazette.

The board has approved the design of the **fish ladder** that is being proposed for the Hunt's Mills Dam, with the specification that it be level so that if and when we decide to construct a replica of the Hunt's Mill, the structure of the fish ladder will not prevent us from doing so.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting on November 25th to view slides of the **plaque houses** and talk to some of the owners.

Dave Kelleher

From the Attic
Edna Anness, Museum Curator

As we approach March 1st there are a few priorities which we must address, such as a **docent committee** to take over the house tours when we are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We already have some docents who we call on when we have school tours, which is rare. What we need are eight docents versed on the John Hunt House contents who can take one afternoon a month to volunteer to lead visitors through the house. All museums have them and we have got to start creating a "pool" of volunteers. Both men and women are welcome; anyone who loves history; your friends and relatives. I will give lessons in January and February and there will be "HELP" cards in every room to aid you. More of the members should get

involved in "showing off" our great museum and history. Please call **Ginny Berwick** or **Edna Anness** at the museum and leave your name (438-1750).

PLEASE, we need you so we can open the house in the spring.

As you know we have lost one of the most valuable ad hoc members of the Museum Committee: **George Adams**. No one realized the graphics, Crescent Park movie and music tape, posters, logos, display stand signs, theme pins, pamphlets, interviews, library of scanned local photos, research and all the pictures for our 1997 East Providence Book were all his work. Not only do we miss George, but also his talent for giving our exhibitions that unequaled professional touch which was George.



Thank you to the following members who provided refreshments for the October meeting:
Virginia Berwick, Mona Breault, Pat Henry, Helen Smith.



MILK BOTTLES

The society is in possession of some 20 bottles from East Providence dairies. We are missing the following: **Bridgham Farm, Broadway, Bentley, Salten, McAuaney, and Deatt.**

If interested, we would appreciate your bottle (s) donation or money to purchase through a milk bottle collector/dealer. Contact **Ray Anderson**, 438-2464."



In Memory Of
Donations were made to the society's
Memorial Fund in memory of
George Adams
Who died in October.
Sadly Missed... Fondly
Remembered



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 25, 7 pm
Members Meeting Public Invited
Newman Church, Rumford
Program: East Providence Plaque Houses
Kris Rose, Markers Committee Chairman
East Providence Historical Society

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 4, 7 pm
Board meeting Members welcome
John Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford.

Monday, December 9, 6 pm
Members Meeting Public Invited
Newman Church, Rumford
Program: Christmas Party
Billie Arden, Chairman

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Society has an "Address Service Requested" arrangement with the Post Office. *There is a CHARGE every time we retrieve an undeliverable mailing.....* Please advise the Society of all changes, temporary or permanent. Thank you for helping us save money.