





Gazette

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Alhambra Cabaret



APRIL MEMBERS MEETING
Monday, April 28, 7:30 PM
Post 10 American Legion
830 Willett Avenue, Riverside
Donation: \$5 Per Person
To Be Paid At The Door

Alhambra, Arabic roots meaning "red or crimson castle", was the Moorish 13th century luxurious palace-fortress, Granada, Spain. By the 20th century, the word became synonymous with the ultimate in luxury and grandeur, not lost on the creators of the 1920's ballroom at Crescent Park. It was the victim of fire in 1969.

We will celebrate the Alhambra Ballroom with music by the 17 piece **Strictly Sentimental Swing Band** of Riverside. One doesn't have to be a dancer but we encourage dancing. Watching, listening and socializing will also result in an enjoyable evening that will **benefit the historical society and the Post 10 scholarship fund.**

The Telephone Committee will call the membership for reservations and 'finger' desserts to be served with Kris Rose's 'Rainbow Punch'. **Reservations may be made by calling the society, 438-1750 or 437-1530.**

We thank the members of Post 10 for their support of this affair.

Some members will receive a poster advertising the Alhambra Cabaret in this month's newsletter. Please help the society and the Legion make this charitable event a success by placing the poster in a public location such as a bank, market, senior center, etc. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

President's Letter

David Kelleher

Dear Members,

The society is now going into a "**Spring Fling**" with a number of fresh and exciting activities. We will begin with the annual **Alhambra Ballroom dancing/listening event** at the Legion Hall in Riverside, take a **bus trip through town** on a double decker bus, learn about **men's trousers**, and have a **picnic in June**. I hope that you can plan to be with us for all of these events.

The John Hunt House is now completely painted and looks great. Work should begin on the roof of the Meter House this spring and hopefully the city will get to finish the job of putting a stone wall in the back of the house and complete the landscaping.

The construction of the **fish ladder** in the river in front of the John Hunt House will begin in about a year. Final plans have been presented to the city and the project is moving forward.

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The John Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, (off Pleasant Street) is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 4 pm.

*Warm Welcome to our
New Members:
Nancy LaVallee
Craig Trodson
John Veader
Gerald Walker*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating committee is being organized to select candidates for office to serve in 2003/2004. Their slate of candidates will be presented at the May members meeting at which time nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in June.

Any member wishing to seek office is encouraged to call the society, 438-1750, and get in the running.

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 \$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) _____

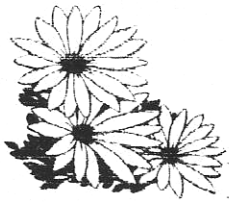
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\$25 Family \$15 Individual \$150 Life



IN MEMORY OF

Ray Johnston

Who passed away in March.

Sadly missed... fondly remembered.

President's Letter (Continued from page 1)

Thanks to member **Reinhard Wohlgemuth**, we now have an excellent web site: **ephist.org**. The site will increase in size as more information about the society, and East Providence in general, is added. Updated activities and the latest president's letter will also be included.

Edna Anness and **Ginny Berwick** have been working very hard to organize the society's participation in the **R.I. Treasures Exhibit**. Hopefully you will join us at the exhibit on Sunday, May 18th. Details are in this month's Gazette.

Ray Anderson, **Kris Rose** and I will be attending the **State Historic Preservation Conference** in East Greenwich on Saturday, April 12th. We will be going to several meetings concerning topics that will be helpful to us in getting grant money for the society, help us to better use our facilities, and reach out to our community more effectively.

The **East Providence Historic Properties Study and Designation Commission** has issued the second printing of its booklet, "*Historic East Providence*". The booklet is free and is available at the information desk at city hall, all East Providence libraries and at the John Hunt House.

See you at the Legion for dancing and listening.

Dave Kelleher

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Society has a "Return 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.



RHODE ISLAND TREASURES EXHIBITION

Music - The Arts - History & Culture
- Architecture & Technology - Facts & Fables

Rhode Island Convention Center
May 10 through June 15

Monday-Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-8, Sunday 11-5
Admission: Adults \$9; Seniors \$7; Children \$4;
Group of 10 adults, \$7 each; Volunteers, FREE

Each participating museum/cultural group is asked to provide volunteers. The John Hunt House Museum volunteer day is **SUNDAY, MAY 18**. We need members and friends or relatives of members to volunteer. Each will receive **free admission** upon showing up wearing a **VOLUNTEER SHIRT** which will be provided. Arrangements are being made to provide **FREE OR REDUCED PRICE PARKING**. **CARPOOLING IS ENCOURAGED**.

Volunteers will stand in various display areas, not to police them, but to maintain a presence which will deter visitors from touching anything. If there is a problem, volunteers are to notify professional security.

We were extremely lucky to get a Sunday, which has shorter hours. Volunteers do not have to stay all day but can switch off with somebody else. Volunteers do not handle money. Also, they will be stationed at various sites, not just with the John Hunt House Museum display.

Now that we have a definite date, we hope to get more volunteers. It will be similar to arrangements made when the Smithsonian Exhibition came to Cranston.

IT IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO SEE RARELY SEEN, IMPORTANT AND PRICELESS RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS.

SO THAT WE CAN ORDER THE SHIRTS, PLEASE CALL THE JOHN HUNT HOUSE MUSEUM, 438-1750 or VIRGINIA BERWICK, 434-0998 or DAVE KELLEHER, 433-2763 or EDNA ANNESS, 434-3347.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Strictly Sentimental Swing Band
Post 10, American Legion
830 Willett Avenue, Riverside
Donation: \$5 at the door.

Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 pm
Board Meeting Members Welcome
John Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

MAY

Saturday, May 3
East Providence Historical Sites Bus Tour
Sponsored by East Providence Chamber of
Commerce and East Providence Historical Society
Fee: \$10 per person.
Reservations, EP Chamber of Commerce, 438-1212.

Saturday, May 10 through Sunday, June 15
RI Treasures Exhibition
RI Convention Center, Providence
Admission: \$9, Adults - \$4, Children - \$7 each,
group of 10 adults.

Monday, May 19, 7:00 pm
Members Meeting Public Invited
Newman Church, Rumford
Evolution of Men's Trousers
Susan Hay, RISD Museum