



John Hunt House

# Gazette

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## ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION of OFFICERS/PICNIC

MONDAY, JUNE 23, HUNTS MILLS, RUMFORD

Join us for the election of officers to serve June 2003 - June 2004. Since there were no nominations from the floor at the May meeting, the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates will be elected by a vote of the Recording Secretary, Jo Marchi...her last official duty. The candidates are: Kris Rose, President; Nancy Moore, 1st Vice President; Edna Anness, 2nd Vice President; Arline Butterworth, Recording Secretary; Jeanne Davis, Corresponding Secretary; Peter Allen, Treasurer.

We'll celebrate with a picnic: hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, beverages, AND strawberry shortcake (cream donated by Monroe Dairy.)

The Telephone Committee will call the membership for reservations (to be paid at the door) salads and 'Rumford' baking powder biscuits.

**TICKETS:** \$3 members; \$6 non-members. Bring friends and lawn chairs.

**Reservation deadline:** Saturday, June 21. Call the society, 438-1750 or 437-1530.

You are welcome to come to Hunts Mills at 5:00 pm to pay for your reservation(s), view the John Hunt House Museum garden and play bocci or croquet.

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00 pm.**



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**OFFICERS**

|                   |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| David Kelleher    | <i>President</i>                     |
| Nancy Moore       | <i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</i> |
| Raymond Anderson  | <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</i> |
| Jo Marchi         | <i>Recording Secretary</i>           |
| Gladys Panzarella | <i>Corresponding Secretary</i>       |
| Peter Allen       | <i>Treasurer</i>                     |

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ray Anderson                 | <i>Buildings</i>      |
| Kris Rose                    | <i>Grounds</i>        |
| Mona Breault                 | <i>Markers</i>        |
| Virginia Berwick             | <i>Membership</i>     |
|                              | <i>Museum</i>         |
|                              | <i>Museum Curator</i> |
| Doreen Bonney/Florence Adams | <i>Newsletter</i>     |
| Les Haworth                  | <i>Preservation</i>   |
| Ray Anderson                 | <i>Program</i>        |
| Florence Adams               | <i>Publicity</i>      |

The John Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road (off Pleasant Street), Rumford, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 4 pm through Thursday, June 26. Closed July and August.



**IN MEMORY OF**

**Lura Sellew**

*DECEMBER 9, 1921 - MAY 14, 1997*

**CHARTER MEMBER**

**FIRST SECRETARY**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

*Sadly missed... fondly remembered.*

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**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Memberships are due the anniversary month of initial membership. Check the address label on your newsletter for that date. The first 2 digits indicate the year. The 3rd and 4th digits, the month.

Example: 2306 translates to June 2003.

Mona Breault, Membership Chairman, will be accepting memberships at the Annual Meeting/Picnic, June 23. Your payment at that time will reduce the cost and labor involved in mailing reminders. We thank you.

**Membership Form**     New     Renewal /Change

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:

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

*Warm Welcome to our  
New Member:  
Florence Quigley*

## President's Letter

David Kelleher

It seems almost impossible that this will be my last letter to you since my two-year term as president is coming to an end. It has been my pleasure to serve as president and I wish the best to **Kris Rose** as she takes over the position in July.

A number of things have happened over the last month:

The city council voted to begin restoration of the **Weaver House**, Grove Avenue. The **Substance Abuse Council** will be using the building for its offices. This clears the way for the city to use the building as specified in the Weaver family will. This is a very historic building and has been in bad condition for years. This is a great step forward toward restoration of the center of the city.

The **heating and air conditioning systems** in the John Hunt House Museum are being looked into for improvements.

The city is still considering doing something with the **Ide Farm House**, North Broadway: possibly moving it to the Hunts Mills area.

There has been some movement regarding the restoration of the **Pomham Lighthouse** in Riverside. Negotiations continue with Exxon-Mobil.

Members of the historical society worked at the **Rhode Island Treasures Exhibition**, Rhode Island Convention Center, on Sunday, May 18. Thanks to the hard work of **Ginny Berwick** and **Edna Anness**, some East Providence artifacts were on display and we did pretty well selling baking powder cans, posters, etc.

The society's web site is up and running. Check it out at [ephist.org](http://ephist.org).

Thanks to **Rick Farnsworth**, a DVD and video of Riverside are available. They contain 177 colored slides of the area put together by Peter Holmes and me. The slides are numbered and a

script is included. The organ at the Crescent Park Carousel provides the background music. They are available at **Farnsworth Video** or **Farnsworth Cafe**, 302 Willett Avenue, Riverside, for \$16. *All the profit goes to the historical society.*

Progress is continuing on the **fish ladders** in the Ten Mile River. The Corps of Engineers continues to contact the society so as to ensure that we are aware of all or any changes in the ladder design at Hunts Mills.

Three classes from the **Myron Francis Elementary School** visited the John Hunt House Museum recently. They were greatly pleased with their visit and *contributed \$50 to the museum.*

**My thanks to all the members of the board** for their help over the last two years. I think we accomplished a lot for the good of the historical society.

I hope that all of you will be able to join us for the **Annual Meeting/Picnic** on Monday, June 23. Let's hope the weather will be with us.

Dave Kelleher

## Grounds Chairman

Ray Anderson

The tulips that brightened the entrance to the John Hunt House Museum at Pleasant Street/Hunts Mills Road will be replaced by marigolds donated by **Ann & Hope Garden Outlet**, Seekonk. A *special thank you* to Ann & Hope for their donation.

### MAY BAKERS

The culinary artists for the May members meeting were **Helen Smith, Mona Breault, Virginia Berwick** and **Florence Adams.**

*Much appreciated.*



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

Monday, June 23, 6:00 pm  
*Annual Meeting/Election of Officers/Picnic*  
Hunts Mills Recreation Area  
(John Hunt House Museum)

### JULY

Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 pm  
*Board Meeting Members Welcome*  
John Hunt House Museum  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

#### 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

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