



# Gazette

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## MISS LUCY

## AND THE

## BANDITS

### MAY MEMBERS MEETING

Monday, May 19, 7:00 PM

Newman Church, Rumford

Susan Hay, Curator of textiles and costumes, Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, will present a program titled, "*Miss Lucy and the Bandits*".

Miss Lucy T. Aldrich was the daughter of Nelson Aldrich, wealthy U.S. Senator from Rhode Island in the late 19th century who was called "*the boss of the Senate*". At the age of 50, handicapped by congenital deafness, but never daunted, Miss Aldrich collected textiles in Asia.

Susan Hay will talk of Miss Lucy's adventures and the textile display in the Lucy Truman Aldrich collection at the museum.

Refreshments and business meeting will follow. Come and bring a friend.

As a footnote, Susan Hay currently lives in the oldest house in Rehoboth.

### President's Letter

David Kelleher

Dear Members,

I am sure that everyone is enjoying the spring weather after such a long, snowy winter.

The **Alhambra Cabaret** was held at the Post 10, American Legion on Monday, April 28th. The card tables with flowers and candles added a special touch to the evening's entertainment. The music by the *Strictly Sentimental Swing Band* of Riverside was great, as usual and everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Forty-six people took the **bus tour of historic East Providence** on Saturday, May 3rd. The tour took the passengers through Rumford, Phillipsdale, East Providence center and Riverside. Although the tour was not a financial success, I think from all the favorable comments made that we may plan to do it again in the fall. The double-decker bus was a hit even though we almost got stuck when we passed under the Washington Bridge. The bus was 13' 6". The underpass, 13' 9".

I attended a meeting about the **fish ladder** last week. **Rick Greenwood**, RI Historic Preservation Commission, expressed his views on the construction of the ladder in the Hunts Mills dam. He requested that as little as possible be removed from the old foundations and whatever is removed be replaced with brick or stone facing.

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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**

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

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

A Nominating committee has been 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.

 **IN MEMORY OF**

**Norman Williams**

**Who passed away in March.**

*Sadly missed... fondly remembered.*

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Membership fees 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.

Your prompt payment will reduce the cost  
and labor involved in mailing reminders.  
**Mona Breault, Membership Chairman,**  
thanks you.

<b><u>Membership Form</u></b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Renewal /Change</b>
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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Amount Enclosed:**

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

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

An **Audit and Nominating Committee** have been appointed. They will report to the membership at the May 19 meeting.

**Edna Anness** and **Ginny Berwick** continue to prepare materials for the *RI Treasures Exhibition*. A number of articles will be sold at the store in the Convention Center. **We are still in need of volunteers** for Sunday, May 18th. Why not join us? It will be an interesting experience.

The society's Board has begun plans for the **Annual Meeting/Picnic**. Put June 23rd on your calendar of coming events.

See you at the **May meeting**. Remember, it's on Monday, May 19th, **a week earlier**, since the 4th Monday is Memorial Day.

Dave Kelleher

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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### 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*

**Marker Program**  
**East Providence Historical Society**  
**P.O. Box 4774**  
East Providence, RI 02916-4774



## 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. It's not too late to volunteer.** Call the society, 438-1750 or Virginia Berwick, 434-0998.

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.

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

### 'MAD HATTER' IN OUR MIDST

**Gladys Panzarella** organized a tea party at the John Hunt House Museum recently for the "**Red Hats**". She suggested to the Board that the society request donations of *china tea cups, saucers and tea pots* to have on hand at the museum for future use. If you can accommodate this wish list, call the society, 438-1750, or Gladys, 434-5116.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

Sunday, May 18, 11 am - 5 pm  
***EP Historical Society Volunteer-Day***  
**RI Treasures Exhibition**  
RI Convention Center, Providence  
(May 10 - June 15)  
Admission: Adults - \$9, Children - \$4

Monday, May 19, 7:00 pm  
***Members Meeting Public Invited***  
Newman Church, Rumford  
**Program: Miss Lucy (Aldrich) and the Bandits**  
(program change)  
Susan Hay, RISD Museum

### JUNE

Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 pm  
***Board Meeting Members Welcome***  
John Hunt House Museum  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

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