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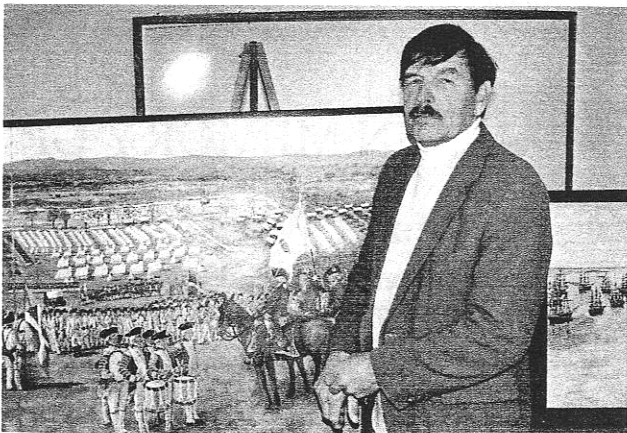
ROCHAMBEAU/WASHINGTON REVOLUTIONARY WAR MARCH

**MEMBERS MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 7 PM
NEWMAN CHURCH, RUMFORD**

On the eve of the 225th anniversary of the famous march of the **comte de Rochambeau and General George Washington to Yorktown**, the society will present a program by artist **David R. Wagner** with over 25 large illustrated paintings. He will chronicle the march through his oversized paintings and vivid explanation. At the end of the presentation, the audience will be surrounded by the sequence of paintings and have a chance to talk to the artist and look at the details of all the paintings on display. (Log on to our website, ephist.org, for further details.)

This program should be a highlight of the year and a great night to bring along a friend or two.

Refreshments and business meeting will follow.



Artist David R. Wagner and his paintings will be featured at the September Members Meeting.

President's Letter

Kris Rose, President

Dear members,

Welcome to another year with the East Providence Historical Society. Hope you all had a good summer and are looking forward to a new year of interesting events. **Ray Anderson**, Program Chairman, is busy setting up programs and when they are all settled, a schedule will be printed in the newsletter. September's program will be a presentation by artist **David Wagner**.

If you have driven by Hunts Mills lately you will have noticed the **new sign** at the entrance on Pleasant Street. It was installed as part of the **Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor** and made more attractive by the plantings supplied by the **Parks Department** and **Ray Anderson**.

The replica of the **Tea House** (gazebo) is framed. **Tom Galligan**, the construction teacher at East Providence High School, hopes to have it finished by the end of October. Donations are gladly being accepted to help pay for the materials to build the Tea House.

The John Hunt House Museum was open on Sunday, August 8. I would like to thank **Earl and Ginny Berwick** and **Ray Anderson** for serving as docents that day. We will continue to be open on the 2nd Sunday of each month and are always looking for members to act as docents for a few hours on those days. If you are willing, please see Ginny Berwick.

I would like to thank all of the **committee chairs** and the **Board of Directors** for their hard work and hope that many other members will join them in volunteering this coming year.

Kris Rose, President

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RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT

Our thanks to ANN and HOPE for providing the flowers that grace the entrance to the John Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford.

"The Valley Forge of American tennis." That's how Bill Tilden, tennis great of the 1920's, referred to the Indoor Tennis Court, 8 Blanding Avenue, East Providence. He developed his back hand there in the winter of 1919.

This is just a sample of information you'll find on the website: www.indoortenniscourt.com provided by Thomas 'Tom' E. Brun, owner of the tennis court since 1990.

Thanks to Nancy Moore for reminding us of the tennis court's historic significance.

Virginia Berwick, Arline Butterworth and Gladys Panzarella served as docents at the John Hunt House Museum on Sunday, September 12.

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,
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Membership Form New Renewal /Change

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IN MEMORY OF

Hazel Ward

who recently passed away.

Sadly missed... fondly remembered.

**HUNT HOUSE MUSEUM
HARVEST TEA**

sponsored by the
East Providence Historical Society

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 3 - 5 pm

**John Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills road, Rumford**

**GUESTS WILL BE SERVED BY
LADIES IN 18TH CENTURY
ATTIRE.**

*Reservations requested by Monday,
October 18. Limited Seating.*

**DONATION: \$10. RESERVATIONS
WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR
FOR PAYMENT.**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 27, 7 pm
Members Meeting *Public Invited*
Newman Church, Rumford
Program: *Rochambeau/Washington Illustrated*
March to Yorktown
David Wagner, Artist

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 6, 7 pm
Board Meeting *Members Welcome*
John Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

OCTOBER (cont'd)

Saturday, October 23, 3 - 5 pm
Hunt House Museum Harvest Tea
Donation \$10. Reservations Required

Sunday, October 24, 1 to 3 pm
John Hunt House Museum Open House
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford
at the request of RI Historic Preservation
Commission
due to statewide bond issue.

Monday, October 25, 7 pm
Members Meeting *Public Invited*
Newman Church, Rumford
Program: *Paul Parker, Providence Journal, 175*
years