



John Hunt House

# Gazette

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## ANNUAL MEETING/PICNIC

Monday, June 27, 6 p.m.  
Hunts Mills, Rumford

The Nominating Committee announced the following slate of candidates to serve 2005 - 2006:

**Nancy Moore, President; Kris Rose, 1st Vice President; Edna Anness, 2nd Vice President; Arline Butterworth, Corresponding Secretary; Cheryl Faria, Recording Secretary; Peter Allen, Treasurer.**

Since there were no nominations from the floor and since we don't have an official Recording Secretary, the members in attendance will be asked to cast the vote of acceptance.

### LET THE PARTY BEGIN !!

We will celebrate with hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, beverages AND strawberry shortcake; cream donated by Munroe 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 a lawn chair or blanket.**

**Reservation deadline: Saturday, June 25.**

**Call the society, 438-1750, or 437-1530.**

**Pat Henry**, sitting in for **Mona Breault**, Membership Chairman, will be available to accept annual dues. The anniversary month of initial membership is indicated on your address label along with the current year. Example: 2506 reads, 2005 (the year) 06 (the month). 2509 reads, September 2005.

All are welcome to Hunts Mills at 5 p.m. to pay dues, reservations (**Bob Tewksbury** will be sitting in for

**Peter Allen**, Treasurer), and to view the gardens and gazebo.

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED AT 6 P.M.**

## President's Letter

*Kris Rose, President*

Dear Members,

With the beautiful weather we have been having, the city has done some planting at Hunts Mills and our own gardens are coming along. Stop by and enjoy the area.

This is my last letter as president and I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board for all their help. The work that each of them does truly made these past two years a pleasure. As an all volunteer organization we do rely on our members to help, so as my last act as president I am again asking that each of you volunteer in some fashion over the next year so we can continue to have a successful and enjoyable society.

The Annual Meeting/Picnic is scheduled for June 27 and I hope to see you all there as we vote and welcome the new Board into office. The telephone committee will be calling for reservations and donations of salads and biscuits.

The high school construction class is still hoping to complete the gazebo by the end of the school year.

Enjoy this wonderful weather and pray it holds for the picnic!

Kris Rose, President

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**OFFICERS**

<b>Kris Rose</b>	<i>President</i>
<b>Nancy Moore</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</i>
<b>Edna Anness</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</i>
<b>Jeanne Davis</b>	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
<b>Arline Butterworth</b>	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
<b>Peter Allen</b>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<b>Kris Rose</b>	<i>Immediate Past President</i>

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

<b>Bob Tewksbury</b>	<i>Buildings</i>
<b>Jeffrey Faria</b>	<i>Grounds</i>
<b>Kris Rose</b>	<i>Markers</i>
<b>Mona Breault</b>	<i>Membership</i>
<b>Virginia Berwick</b>	<i>Museum</i>
	<i>Museum Curator</i>
<b>Doreen Bonney/Florence Adams</b>	<i>Newsletter</i>
<b>David Kelleher</b>	<i>Preservation</i>
	<i>Program</i>
<b>Florence Adams</b>	<i>Publicity</i>
<b>Reinhard Wohlgemuth</b>	<i>Webmaster</i>

**The Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, will be open on Sunday, July 10, 1 to 4 pm. Admission \$3; \$1 East Providence residents; Free society members.**

**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.

**RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT**

**Ann & Hope of Seekonk** donated flowers and potting soil which **Nancy Moore** used to decorate the entrance to the Hunt House Museum.

**Kathy Wohlgemuth, Mona Breault, Billie Arden and Florence Adams** provided the goodies for the May members meeting.

**Edna Anness, Virginia Berwick, Gladys Panzarella and Kris Rose** served as waitresses in period dress for the June 4 Colonial Tea. **Florence Adams, Mona Breault and Nancy Moore** baked petit fours and/ or helped with sandwiches. **Andy Valerio** returned in costume as the visiting *George Washington*. **Gloria Peterson, Sophie Fredrick, Peggy Carter, Marie Brand, Florence Adams** telephoned the membership for reservations. Thank you to **Mona Breault, Beth DeCosta and Penny Sparfven** who donated tea cups to the society.

**Edna Anness, Don Brothers and Gladys Panzarella** served as docents at the Hunt House Museum on Wednesday, June 8 to accommodate those who attended the city sponsored Senior Citizens Picnic.

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Amount Enclosed:

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## RUMFORD MEMORY

by James Robinson



*This Carl T. Thompson School photograph of James Robinson was taken when he was 10 years old, circa 1950.*

(Mr. Robinson requested information about Clark's Pond which was located where the now defunct Nyman Manufacturing Company sits.)

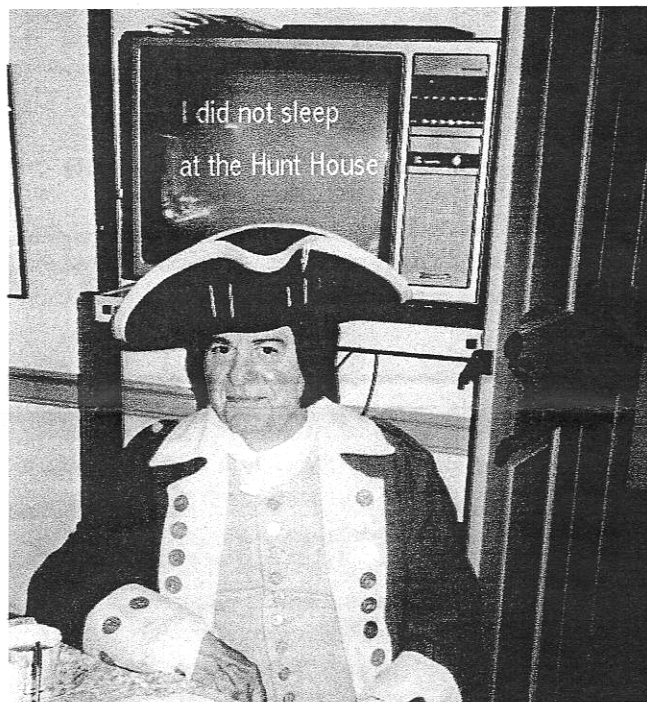
When I had a paper route in 1954, one of my customers was a family by the name of O'Connell who had a very large strawberry patch on Newport Avenue, Rumford. Mrs. O'Connell paid us kids five cents a basket to pick for her. She sold from a little roadside stand in front of the house. Five cents a basket was good money back then. The O'Connell house was a few hundred feet from the old McManus house owned, at the time, by Bill and Theresa McManus who were brother and sister, also on my route. Their house is listed in the East Providence Historical Society book. Both houses are long since gone.

My mother attended Union Primary School in the 1920's and so did my stepfather. One of my best childhood friends attended Union Primary School and I wanted to go there too but the authorities that be at the time shipped me off to Roger Williams, Wilson and Carl Thompson schools and back to Wilson again.

Thank you (Edna Anness) for helping me with my memorabilia concerning Clark's Pond. I miss what I consider the old Rumford of my youth. There were so many fields and wooded places for a child to ramble in back then. I knew the Ten Mile River and Two Ponds like it was the back of my hand. One time, my friends and I swam from Two Ponds, behind the old Narragansett Race track, all the way to the Hunts Mills falls, portaged the falls and swam to the Hunts Mills bridge and spent the day jumping from it.

P.S. Up here in the boonies of Fort Kent, Maine, my wife and I have been members of the Fort Kent Historical Society for about eighteen years. The society is operated out of an old train station that is chock full of historical goodies. One of my duties for the past nineteen years has been to mow the lawn at the station.

## Photos From The Hunt House Museum Colonial Tea



*Andy Valerio as George Washington.*



*Ginny Berwick and Andy Valerio.*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

Monday, June 27, 6 P.M.  
ANNUAL MEETING/  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS/  
PICNIC  
Hunts Mills Recreation Area  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

### JULY

Wednesday, July 6, 7 P.M.  
Board Meeting *Members Welcome*  
Hunt House Museum  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

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Free society members

*Photos from the Colonial Tea*

