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President's Letter

Nancy Moore, President

Excitement mounted for those Master Gardener volunteers who have been so diligent in their care of the Hunt House Museum grounds this spring. The weekend of July 18-20 brought hundreds of visitors to Hunts Mills as we participated in the URI Master Gardener Tour which encompassed sites throughout the state and nearby Massachusetts. Our great thanks go to Cheryl and Jeff Faria for their leadership in this program and to Mona Breault, Pat Henry, Miriam Kenney, Mary Mc Manus, Dottie Fhornley and the team of 6-8 master gardeners who have helped plan and shepherd this project.

This is by no means the end of our involvement with URI as the "Harvest From The Heart" program, an intergenerational, raised-bed vegetable gardening adventure, will begin in August. If you would like to be part of building the beds, working with children, or trying your hand at raising vegetables for the food bank, please speak to one of the above volunteers.

Now, lest you think that the historical society is getting a little far afield from its' mission with all this gardening stuff, please be assured that we are still leaders in historical preservation in East Providence. This spring, Edna Anness went to Francis School and spoke to 3rd graders about the "Ring of the Green". On a recent Sunday, one of those children brought her family to the Hunt House Museum to show them what Edna was talking about. The Luiz family had a wonderful visit as did all the visitors that day. They seemed impressed that the historical society is very much invested in preserving the past but is also in the forefront of any

discussion and plans for the Hunts Mills area and the City beyond.

So, as I leave for my family's annual stay on Capitol Island, Maine, I am sorry to have missed the tour and the much deserved accolades which the house and grounds will surely generate. Have a wonderful summer and please join us in the Fall.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

**Sunday, August 9, 1 to 4
p.m.**

**Hunts House Museum
Hunts Mills Road Rumford
Admission \$3. \$1 East
Providence Residents.**

**NO MEMBERS MEETING IN
AUGUST**



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GARDEN TOUR UPDATE

Jeff and Cheryl Faria

On July 17 and 18, the Hunt House Museum grounds were part of the URI "Gardening With The Masters" Tour. The museum gardens were part of the 39 gardens throughout the area featured on the tour this year. More than 50 people per day visited the gardens and museum and were delighted in all we have to offer.

Cheryl and Jeff Faria, whose own gardens were on the tour, appreciate the museum docents, Virginia Berwick (her grandson) and Gladys Panzarella. And a big "THANK YOU" to all the garden volunteers for their effort with the grounds including Valerie Begin, Mary Bernstein, Mona Breault, Susan Coupe, Pat Henry, Judie Knilans, Loraine Koehle (?), Dotty Thornly

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 business, or a Life Membership for \$150.

Please make check payable to:

East Providence Historical Society
and mail with form below to:

**Mona Breault, 23 Case Street,
Rumford, RI 02916**

Wayne Barnes, East Providence Planning Department, was on hand Saturday to explain the (water) falls and future projects on the grounds. The weather was wonderful.

We hope members will visit the area as the summer weather develops the plants and park.

Membership Form New Renewal /Change

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Amount Enclosed:

\$15 Individual	\$25 Family/Business	\$150 Life
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GARDENING TIPS

Jeff Faria, Master Gardener

AUGUST

HARVESTING: Now is the time to reap all that you have sowed! Both flowers and vegetables are now producing and you can enjoy them fresh right now. Local farm markets have plenty of fresh, locally grown produce as well. Make the most of our New England summer.

DEADHEADING: Clipping off spent blooms from most plants will encourage more flowers for you to enjoy all summer. Discard any moldy ones. Compost healthy greens for use to amend soil later on.

Keep your gardens weeded so air circulation can be maximized. With all the rain, dampness is affecting many plants in a negative way. Remove any rotted fruit and discard. The sun should ripen most fruits and brighten our flower beds.

Be on the lookout for a tomato blight which is spreading like the potato famine of Ireland. The wet summer has increased the blight which starts out as blotches on leaves and stems. It appears as a canker and spreads to all tomatoes. If you get this, destroy the affected plants to stop the spread of this disease.

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

Carolyn Ainsworth - Several housekeeping artifacts from the 1920's/30s. The Hunt House was lived in at that time with workers from the water company and their families.

Thank you... your generosity is appreciated!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Need scrap wood for kindling?

Nancy Moore/Edna Anness

On Monday, August 24, about 8 freshmen from Roger Williams University will arrive at the museum to do their community service piece. They will clean the attic and basement and clear the stone walls in front of the Caleb Williams cottage. There are also a lot of odd pieces of lumber in the cellar and pounds of plaster. If anyone in the society can use this "stuff", you are welcome to come and take it away. To be part of this day, working with young adults (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.), please call Nancy Moore, 438-4299.



The Society's *Memorial Fund* was established in 1993, in memory of past members, for "the betterment of the Society and with no specific purpose".

The *Memorial Fund* is a qualified endowment administered by the Executive Committee.

Members and friends wishing to contribute may make checks payable to the

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