



# Gazette

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## President's Letter

*Kris Rose, President*

Dear Members,

This is my last President's Letter and I want to thank all of the Board members for their hard work and dedication to the society. Their hard work makes the job of President much easier.

The city of East Providence has established a Historic District Commission and three of our members have been selected/appointed as its first members; Congratulations to Nancy Moore, David Kelleher and Edna Anness.

As the year comes to a close here are a few dates to remember: Hunt House Museum will be open on Sunday, June 14 and the Annual Picnic will be held at Hunts Mills on Monday, June 22. The Telephone Committee will be calling members to take reservations and to solicit side dishes for the picnic. The cost will be \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. The "doors" will open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Members will be able to renew their memberships that evening as well.

Enjoy the summer. Come and enjoy Hunts Mills, the water fall and the gardens as part of your "staycation" before we get started again in the fall!



## ANNUAL MEETING/ ELECTION OF OFFICERS/ PICNIC

Monday, June 22, 6 p.m.

(rain date Tuesday, June 23)

Hunts Mills Recreation Area, Rumford

The following candidates will be elected by a vote of the Secretary since there were no other nominations for the offices:

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

The Telephone Committee will call the membership for salads and '*Rumford Baking Powder*' biscuits for the picnic. **Hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages AND strawberry shortcake** will be served. Cream donated by **Monroe Dairy**.

**TICKETS: \$3 members. \$6 non-members to be paid at the door.**

**Reservation deadline: Saturday, June 20.**

Telephone the Society, 438-1750 or 437-1530 or e-mail, [ephist.org](mailto:ephist.org) if need be. *The public is invited.*

*Bring a lawn chair or blanket.*

**Peter Allen, Treasurer,** will accept reservation payments at the door.

**Mona Breault, Membership Chairman,** will be available to accept annual membership dues.

All are welcome to Hunts Mills at 5 p.m. to take care of these obligations and enjoy the grounds.

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

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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>Cheryl Faria</b>	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
<b>Pat Henry</b>	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
<b>Peter Allen</b>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<b>Nancy Moore</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>
<b>Edna Anness</b>	<i>Acting Curator</i>
<b>Doreen Bonney/Florence Adams</b>	<i>Newsletter</i>
<b>Nancy Moore</b>	<i>Preservation</i>
<b>Nancy Moore</b>	<i>Program</i>
<b>Florence Adams</b>	<i>Publicity</i>
<b>Reinhard Wohlgemuth</b>	<i>Webmaster</i>

**GARDENING TIPS**

**Jeff Faria, Master Gardener**

June is a great time to rejuvenate your houseplants. On a partly cloudy, cool day, bring them outdoors and get a good look at them. Check for insects, white flies, scales or other pests that have taken up residence over the winter. Wash those affected and remove any dust or yuck! A warm water and mild soap solution will go far in getting them to look great. Check to see if a slightly larger pot is in order. Water when the soil feels dry to the touch with your finger. Using slightly tepid (warm) water will allow dry peat moss to absorb moisture faster and keeps it wet longer.

Many municipal water systems put chemicals in the water to make it safe to drink. These chemicals can harm plants if allowed to build up. Distilling the water overnight in an open container or boiling it and allowing it to cool, will remove much of the chlorine and fluoride through evaporation.

Roses are superb right now. Deadhead (cut spent flowers) at a joint where there are 5 leaves to encourage new flowers on the same cane. Spray aphids with a blast from a hose to knock them to the ground where they will dry up and die.

All vegetable plants can be transplanted out doors now. Apply a garden fertilizer, 5-10-5 or 10-10-10, once the plants get established and show signs of new growth.

We'll see you at the June 22nd picnic. We will do soil testing and have Master Garden Tour booklets/tickets for sale. (\$15 each) Bring a soil sample to see what the PH level is in a particular area of your garden or yard!!



**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**

**Membership Form**     New     Renewal /Change

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Amount Enclosed:**

<b>\$15 Individual</b>	<b>\$25 Family/Business</b>	<b>\$150 Life</b>
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

Monday, June 22, 6 p.m.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTIONS/PICNIC**

Hunts Mills Recreation Area  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Tuesday, June 30, 4 - 7 p.m.

#### **'Wine and Weeding'**

Hunt House Grounds, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

### JULY

Wednesday, July 1, 7 p.m.

#### **Board meeting Members Welcome**

Hunt House Museum  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Sunday, July 12, 1 - 4 p.m.

#### **Hunt House Museum Open**

Admission \$3. \$1 East Providence Residents.

Sunday, July 12, 2 - 4 p.m.

#### **'Heritage Gardeners**

Hunt House Grounds,  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Saturday/Sunday, July 18 & 19, 10 - 4 p.m.

#### **'Gardening With the Masters' - Garden Tour**

Over 30 gardens statewide, including Hunt House  
Museum gardens

Rain or Shine. \$15 Guidebook

Visit [www.urimga.org](http://www.urimga.org) for information (URI Master  
Gardeners Assoc.)

OR society members, Jeff/Cheryl Faria 508 399-6955

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### **NO MEMBERS MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST.**

There will be a July Gazette.

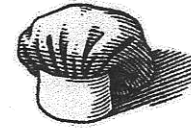
### WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Linda Agresti, Lorraine Koelle, Karen Marshall,  
Margaret Parson, Sheila Kramer

## TIP OF THE BAKERS HAT

..... To the following members who baked the goodies for the May members meeting:

**Rose Marie Sirenski, Anthony Valerio,  
Miriam Kenny, Mona Breault, Florence  
Adams**



## GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

**Jesse Albright** - A panoramic picture of the Squantum club along with the dining hall, dated 1917

**Ken Roberts** - Two primary school readers and copies of 1942 Journal-Bulletin.

**Donna Sousa, E.P. High School Librarian** - Engraved wooden box containing old high school newsletters.

**Thank you... your generosity is appreciated!**

## MUSEUM NEWS

There is a new display in the Hunt House Museum. It includes the design for the fish ladder which will go inside the current foundation of the old mill. Plans for the renovation of the Pump House (next to the museum) to get the old pump house up and generating enough electricity to provide power to all city buildings. Pictures featuring the old Grist Mill. The 'greening' of Hunts Mills by the current Master Gardeners group Plus the society's regular displays.

Edna Anness, Museum Curator, visited the three third grades at Myron Francis School on Tuesday, June 9. The program: Ring-of-the-Green: Early History of East Providence.



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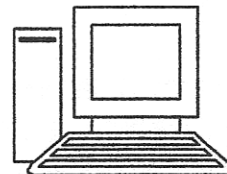
***Historical Marker Program***

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**  
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**Visit our website at**  
***ephist.org***



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