



# Gazette

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## President's Letter

*Kris Rose, President*

Happy Spring!

The seeds I planted at our April meeting have sprouted! New growth is a sure sign that warmer weather is on the way. Thanks to Jeff Faria for all the good information he gave us concerning planting, recycling and composting.

Thanks to Pat Henry and Nancy Moore for their help in "Spring Cleaning" the basement of the Hunt House Museum. In addition, Nick Silva, a sophomore at East Providence High School also helped: he did the heavy lifting and carrying!

The Hunt House Museum gardens will be part of a state wide tour of "Gardening with the Masters" on July 18 and 19. We will be looking for volunteers on those days to be 'garden guides'. Please consider spending 2-3 hours to help out.

The nominating committee is putting together a slate for elections in June. As a refresher, the officers are President, 1st. V.P., 2nd. V.P., Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary. If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please call Karen Panzarella at 4-5116.

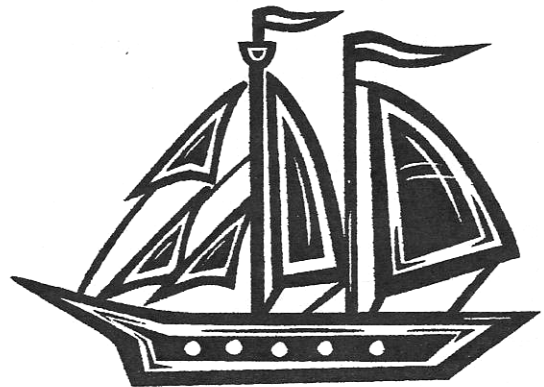
## "THE CONVICT SHIP 'SUCCESS' - FACT OR FICTION?"

Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.  
Newman Church, Rumford

Torture, murder, violence - people seem to be strangely drawn to anything related to these subjects. This is not a new phenomenon. Postcards can attest to that. During the golden years of postcards, a hundred years ago, many cards were published relating to those topics. A fairly common set of cards was printed at that time about the convict ship 'SUCCESS'.

**Reinhard Wohlgemuth**, Rhode Island Postcard Club and historical society member, was intrigued by these cards and started to collect them. He began to read more about the ship and found out some fascinating details about her history.

Refreshments and business meeting will follow.



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<b>Nancy Moore</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</i>
<b>Edna Anness</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</i>
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<b>Pat Henry</b>	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
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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*

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**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**

**East Providence Historical Society**

**And mail to the Society at**

**Box 4774,**

**East Providence, RI 02916-4774**

**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

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

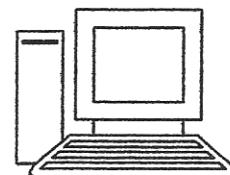
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

Monday, May 18, 7 p.m. (3rd Monday)  
 Members Meeting *Public Invited*  
 Newman Church, Rumford  
**Program: *Convict Ship 'Success' - Fact or Fiction?***  
 Presenter: Reinhard Wohlgemuth, Society Member

Monday, May 25 - **Memorial Day**

Tuesday, May 26, 4 - 7 p.m.  
**'Wine and Weeding'**  
 Hunt House Grounds, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

### JUNE

Wednesday, June 3, 7 p.m.  
**Board Meeting *Members Welcome***  
 Hunt House Museum  
 Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Sunday, June 14, 1 - 4 p.m.  
**Hunt House Museum Open**  
 Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Sunday, June 14, 2 - 4 p.m.  
**'Wine and Weeding'**  
 Hunt House Grounds, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Tuesdays, June 9 & 30, 4 - 7 p.m.  
**'Wine and Weeding'**  
 Hunt House Grounds, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Monday, June 22, 6 p.m.  
**ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTIONS/PICNIC**  
 Hunts Mills Recreation Area  
 Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

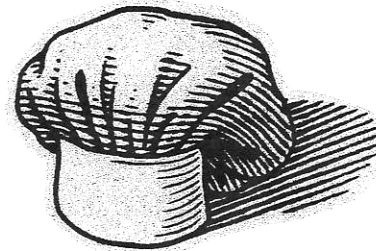
### JULY

Saturday/Sunday, July 18 & 19, 10 - 4 p.m.  
**'Gardening With the Masters' - Garden Tour**  
 Over 30 gardens statewide, including Hunt House garden.  
 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**

## TIP OF THE BAKERS HAT

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

**Virginia Berwick, Pauline Ramieri, Dorothy Thornley, Andy Valerio**



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**If you have an address change, please notify the Membership Chairman, Mona Breault, 431-2945.**

## GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

**Pat Paulson McGrail, Chicago - Postcard view from Fort Hill of 4 bridges spanning the Seekonk River.**

**Debbie Sears - Bissell sweeper and baster in original container.**

**Terrence Jackson - Two photos of the original Roger Williams Grange building before restoration.**

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





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### **GARDENING TIPS**

**Jeff Faria, Master Gardener**

Allow daffodil, tulip and other spring flowering bulb leaves to remain until they turn yellow before cutting or plucking them out. This will energize the bulb for next season. Clip off the seed head from the daffodils after the flower fades.

May is a good time to aerate and dethatch your lawn. Grass clippings left on the lawn are consumed by macro and microorganisms and the nutrients are returned to the soil. A 1/4 inch layer of clippings is good. More is not. Mow frequently when grass grows quickly, setting the mower blade at about 3 inches. Try to mow when

grass blades are about 5 inches so you do not remove more than 1/3 of the grass leaf. If the clippings are too thick after mowing, rake up some of the clippings and use them for weed control in garden paths or to stimulate your compost.

Be cautious about setting tomato seedings out too early. Late May is best after the ground temperature is consistently above 50 degrees. Most other annuals can be transplanted by mid-month.

P.S. 'Gardening With The Master's' , July 18/19 statewide garden tour, \$15 tour book/tickets will be available for sale at the society's picnic, June 22.