

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

As our calendar year draws to a close we look back and review our activities and thank our volunteers who made it possible.

February ***The Blizzard of '78*** with guest Tony Petraca




April Presentation of ***Carousels and Quahogs*** at the Westerly Armory by Felicia Gardella

A Very Special Membership Evening: April 28

Members, please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28 at 6 pm sharp (doors open at 5 pm) for an evening devoted to good eating, superb entertainment, and the honoring of 5 (yes, 5) people of service.

You won't want to miss this evening which features a new chef with a treat for the palette. The entertainment will inspire wonderful memories. Felicia Gardella, President of the Warwick Historical Society, will give a highly colorful (and with sound effects) presentation on how Rocky Point Park began and how it became famous around the world. Ms. Gardella's family once owned Rocky Point Park – and she will bring several pieces of Rocky Point memorabilia for us to see. John Howell, President of the Rocky Point Foundation (and editor of the Warwick Beacon) will follow with remarks about what the Park has become – and tell about the official Rocky Point license plate. A visit from Warwick Mayor Scott Avedisian completes the Warwick scenario.



May ***I Am Rhode Island*** by Roberta Humble

May Participated in **Gaspee Days**

September ***Heritage Fest*** with guests from various societies

**Learn How to Find Your Ancestors
at Heritage Fest**

Thursday, September 27 at 7 p.m.

Join the **Warwick Historical Society** for Heritage Fest, a genealogical fair that will show you how to find your ancestors.

Discover who has historical records for Rhode Island, and find out how you can use them to search for information about your family tree.



October ***Warwick Ponds*** by Henry Brown

November ***Steamship Society of America*** with guest Astrid Drew

Presentation of plaque to the **Peter Greene House**



DONATIONS-Salute to Service

We received two special donations this year. From John Dickerson a drum skin and drumsticks from the Civil War.



From the Cpl. Stanley E. Skaling family a complete uniform from the



Korean War.

For our library we received a number of books from the Heritage Museum, Peggie Malcolm, Felicia Gardella, Roberta Humble and Bob Chorney; Dot Mayor paintings from the Warwick Museum of Fine Art; a variety of memorabilia from Bob Chorney and Henry Brown. Thanks to the Public Archeology Lab we now have additional information

concerning the burials at the state cemeteries in Cranston. A complete list of all donations is available at the Arnold House.

A reminder for purchases from Amazon. If you purchase through Smile.Amazon.com and select the Warwick Historical Society as a non-profit, Amazon donates a percentage to us at no cost to you.

CITY HALL DISPLAY

The display has been changed and now contains a selection of postcards and photos from Conimicut/Shawomet and Oakland Beach that may not have been seen before.

VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Judy Jencks and Carolyn Payne for maintaining the yard and the Memorial Garden all summer. We need more people to be more active and involved in our activities. Start out by coming in on any Wednesday to sit and chat with us, get to know us, tour the facility, find out what we are working on, where we need help, come to board meetings [second Monday 6:30 p.m.] or make suggestions for future projects.

CHANGE IN HOURS

We will no longer be open routinely on the second Saturday of the month. Please call us to make an appointment at any time at your convenience. [467-7647] We will continue to be open every Wednesday from 11-2 except Wed Dec 26th and Wed Jan 2nd.

ALLIANCE OF RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

The group has officially dissolved and all remaining funds have been disbursed to the members.

BRICKS

You can still purchase a brick for the Memorial Garden.

SAVE THE DATES:

February meetings at the Warwick Library 600 Sandy Lane

Wednesday February 6th at 7 pm

The True Story Of Rhode Island's Last Execution with speaker Author Paul Caranci

The conviction in 1843 of 29 year old John Gordon for the killing of prominent citizen Amasa Sprague in spite of conflicting evidence.

Tuesday February 12th at 7 pm

Situational Awareness

Officer Dan Maggiacomo from the Warwick Police Dept will discuss the evolution of the police department and citizen's preparedness in today's society following current events as seen in the news and Live PD. How to react to dangerous situations in public places besides calling 911 i.e. malls, the workplace, schools, and any large gathering of people. What is the Warwick Citizens' Police Academy and what are Warwick's resources to help keep people safe?

These events are free and open to all.

It is better to do something, than to do nothing while waiting to do everything. –Winston Churchill



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.