



## NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2019

Summer is halfway over and so far we have survived the heat. We now have a new air conditioner in our meeting room that keeps us comfortable thanks to a donation by a member.

In July we voted in our new Board of Directors:

President: Felicia Gardella

VP Emeritus: Henry AL Brown

Secretary: Pegee Malcolm

Treasurer: Bob Chorney

Directors: Cindy Corkum, Ken Gilbert, Roberta Humble, Ron Niksa, Trish Woodard

It was with regret we accepted the resignation of Ron Barnes. Sincere thanks to Ron who served on our board for several years and who will continue to provide IT support as needed going forward.

### **COMING EVENTS:** [Further information below](#)

August 24, 2-4 pm: Member Appreciation **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** See flyer below. All are welcome.

September 11, 7 pm: Library Mtg Officer Danny Maggiacomo Warwick Police Dept rescheduled due to a snowstorm last winter

September 17, 7 pm: Library Mtg Joey DeFrancisco Rethinking the Gaspee Affair

October 2, 7 pm: Library Mtg Jill Farinelli *The Palatine Wreck*



**AUGUST 24, 2-4 PM**

**MEMBERSHIP  
APPRECIATION  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**FREE TO OUR MEMBERS**

**Non Members:**

Adults \$10

Children 3-12 \$5

Children under 3 yrs Free

**RSVP PLEASE**

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**By August 21**

**LIVE MUSIC  
GOOSEBERRY RD**

**ICE CREAM BY  
PAPA'S WITH  
TOPPINGS**

**TOUR ARNOLD  
HOUSE**

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**PENNY SOCIAL  
WITH GREAT  
PRIZES**

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**TICKETS \$1 EACH  
6 FOR \$5**

**ARNOLD HOUSE  
GROUNDS  
WARWICK HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
25 ROGER WILLIAMS  
CIRCLE  
RAIN DATE AUGUST 25TH**

**POLICE**

- > The Warwick Police Department in the Past and the Present
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- > Join Officer Dan Maggiacomo and the Warwick Historical Society for a look at the Warwick Police Department in the past and the present at Warwick Public Library on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7 p.m.
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- > Explore the history of the Warwick Police Department, and learn how it's evolved to keep up with the changing needs of the Warwick community. Plus, discover how the Warwick Citizens Police Academy connects the community with the police.
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- > Dan Maggiacomo is a 17-year veteran of the Warwick Police Department, an officer in the District Three Office of the Community Policing Unit, and the Citizens Police Academy Coordinator.
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- > For more information, call [\(401\) 739-5440](tel:4017395440), x9758. The Library is located at 600 Sandy Lane.
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- > This event is free and open to all.

**GASPEE**

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- > Rethinking the Gaspee Affair: Rhode Island, the Slave Trade, and the American Revolution
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- > Join Joey La Neve DeFrancesco and the Warwick Historical Society for Rethinking the Gaspee Affair: Rhode Island, the Slave Trade, and the American Revolution at Warwick Public Library on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.
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- > In 1772, a crowd of Rhode Islanders attacked and burned the British customs ship HMS Gaspee, adding to the tensions that ultimately led to the American Revolution.
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- > The leaders of the attack made their fortunes in the rum and slave trade and were angered by British moves to tax and regulate their economic empires.
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- > Learn about Rhode Island's connection to the slave trade, and reassess the reasons for the Gaspee raid and the role of slavery in provoking the American Revolution.
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- > Joey La Neve DeFrancesco has lectured on the Pawtucket textile strike of 1824 and the economic history of 18th century Rhode Island for the Slater Mill Museum. He is currently a Fellow with the Newport Historical Society, and he received a grant from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities for Rethinking the Gaspee Affair.
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**PALATINE**

- > The Palatine Wreck: The Legend of the Block Island Ghost Ship
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- > Join author Jill Farinelli and the Warwick Historical Society for a talk on "The Palatine Wreck: The Legend of the New England Ghost Ship" at Warwick Public Library on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7 p.m.
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- > On December 27, 1738, a blizzard drove a British merchant ship onto a sandbar on Block Island. On board were 105 sick and starving passengers, reduced from the 340 who began the journey to America.
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- > Stories circulated that the crew had murdered the captain and extorted money from the passengers. Others said that the islanders had lured the ship ashore. Some claimed that the ship had been burned to hide evidence of crimes.
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- > Then, a year after the boat ran aground, a fiery ghost ship was seen drifting near Block Island, and over the centuries, hundreds of witnesses saw it again and again.
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- > Come for a historical detective tale. Hear how the legend began, and find out what really happened to the ill-fated Princess Augusta and her passengers.
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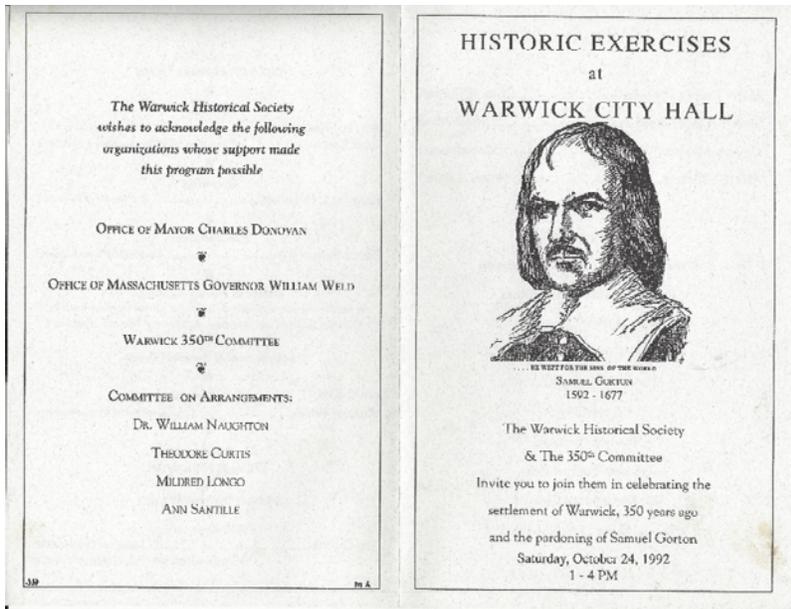
Another Civil War item has been donated to the society by the Dickerson family; an original fife.



In recent weeks we have been going through boxes retrieved from the attic containing old society documents, scrapbooks, photos and old newsletters dating back to when we first moved into the Arnold house in 1965. It has been a fascinating journey through time. Everything has been scanned and is now included in our database. Here are a few interesting things we found.



Newspaper article from 1971



When the society obtained Samuel Gorton's pardon in 1992.



A Colonial Affair on the grounds in the late 60's

There is a lot more. Come and visit us and view our collection. We are open every Wed from 11-2 and by appointment.

**REMINDER:** Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) Select WHS as your charity. They contribute directly to us at no cost to you.

*"In some cases those that volunteer are always the same people. Are you always on the sidelines or are you able to step up and help?"* -----Byron Pulsifer