

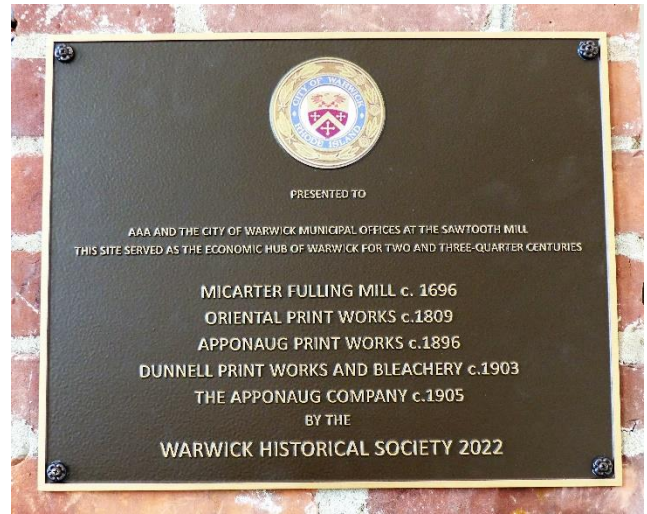
NEWSLETTER

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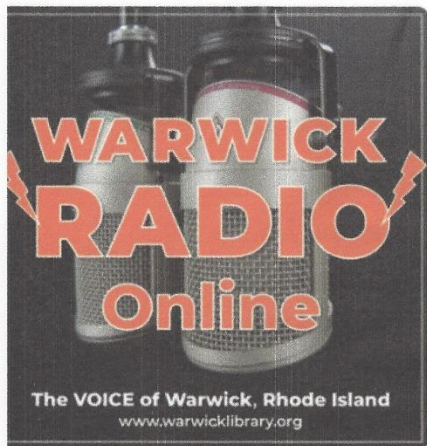
It was reported today a town in Idaho has already received more than 700 inches [58 feet] of snow. That is about as tall as a five story building! We have been fortunate this year to have avoided all of the snow storms that have affected states across the country. We can now look forward to hoping no hurricanes grace our shores. This year is the 85th anniversary of the great hurricane of 1938. We are coordinating a presentation commemorating this event with the Warwick Library for sometime in September. Members will be notified of the exact date and time.

With everything opening up after Covid we were fortunate to have guests at the Arnold house during the past year or so from Ohio, Kentucky, Guatemala, California, Minnesota, New Jersey and Kansas as well as neighboring states of Connecticut and Massachusetts.



As you no doubt are aware we recently presented a plaque to the Apponaug Mill as part of our plaque program. Our own Mayor Picozzi accepted the plaque on behalf of the city and AAA on the newly renovated sawtooth building of the mill. A number of our members and friends were in attendance. Our plaque program is funded entirely by donations. Please consider donating at anytime in order to continue the program into the future. =

Recently we have been a part of the library's Warwick Radio Online podcasts that are available to everyone. If you go to the library's website, on the home page scroll down until you see the following:




Warwick Radio Online: The Voice of Warwick, Rhode Island

By Warwick Public Library

A podcast for the City of Warwick with news and stories about the city's people, businesses, and one-of-a-kind culture.

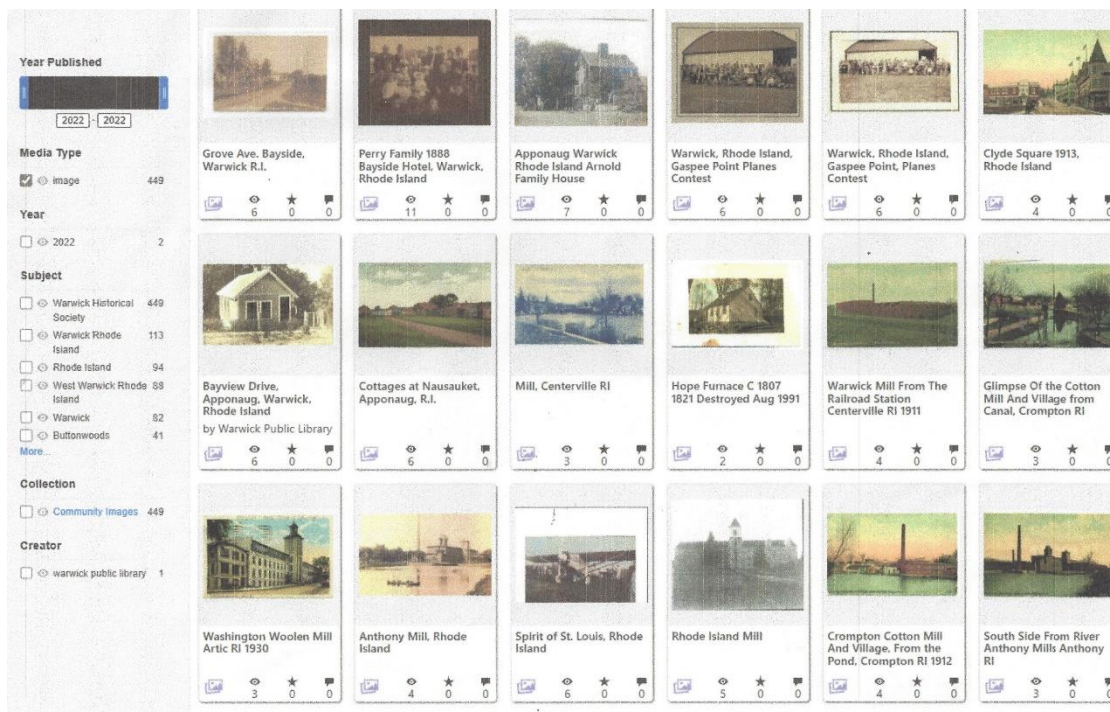
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When you click on it you will see a listing by date of all the podcasts to date. The Warwick Quiz shows we provided so far are dated 7/19/2022, 10/11/2022, and 1/10/2023. The 12/20/2022 podcast describes events of the '38 hurricane and certain other storms. We are preparing two additional ones. One on prominent historical women of Warwick is scheduled for April 8, and one on information about prominent people in Warwick's historical cemeteries, with a date to be determined.

We are also making available to the library the additional entire collection of photos in our database that they are expanding and organizing into a digital collection that will be available to everyone in the future. This is a large undertaking spearheaded by Jules Belanger at the library and will be part of the total Warwick Historical Society Collection in their Ask and Learn Division, Local History online.




This is just a sample page. You will be able to sort by various topics.

We continue to add to our collection all the time. On any given day we are apt to be contacted by someone wanting to donate something. One of our most recent donations was a fully restored trunk with the original bill of lading that had been on the inside cover that stated it had arrived in Oakland Beach. If only the trunk could talk and tell us about all its adventures.


The trunk came into my possession when cleaning out the house my father had grown up in, in Auburn, Massachusetts. My uncle told me it belonged to their grandmother, Bridget McDermott Doyle (1867-1955).

Bridget was born in Huddersfield, England, daughter of John McDermott (of County Sligo) and Margaret Crow (of County Clare).

They were a working class family, and by the age of 14, Bridget was employed as a mill hand at a textile mill in Huddersfield (1881 census). The family emigrated in 1883, arriving in Boston, and settling in Oxford, Massachusetts. Bridget married Patrick Doyle in 1890. It is possible she took the steamer trunk on a wedding trip.

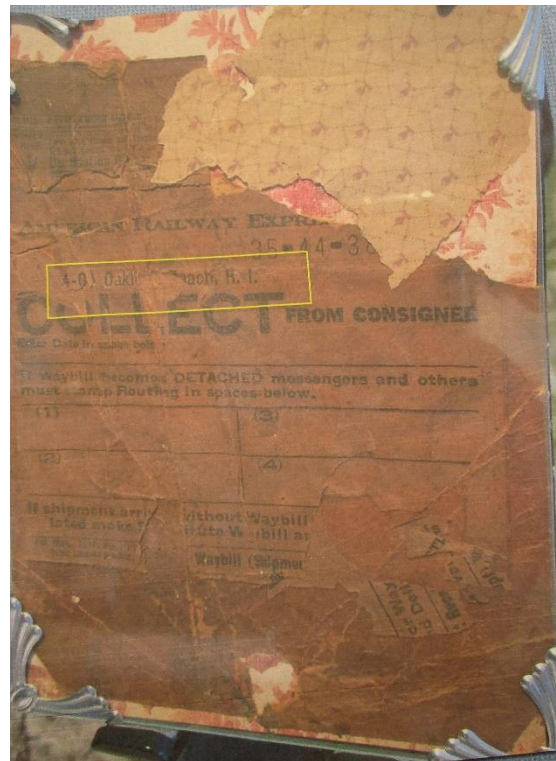


Bridget McDermott



Patrick Doyle, son John Henry, wife Bridget McDermott Doyle

Ann Cooney Trombly



Another item we received recently was the sign shown below. This came from the lakeside home on Lake Shore Dr in Hoxsie. The home was originally used as a sanatorium for children with TB.



Membership time is coming up. You will be receiving your packet in May.

The past can speak to the future-----Unknown