



Step out of the sun and back in time at the Jamestown Historical Society museum on Narragansett Avenue.



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space across the island and the bay are stunning.

Restored in 2000 and maintained by volunteers, the old grist mill is open for educational groups, historical buffs and anyone interested in visiting one of the most engaging spots on the island.

Built in 1787 from a 17th century English design, the windmill provided power to grind corn for over a hundred years. Within the bonnet of the windmill is a giant wheel with cogs that connect to a vertical shaft.

Powered by huge blades turning in the prevailing wind, the gears worked the 3,500-pound mill stones to grind the meal.

The miller made frequent adjustments to the gears since the speed of the wind vanes would change the pressure on the stones. He had to be as experienced and decisive as a ship's captain. Properly ground corn was the secret to a tasty meal.

The windmill is open on weekends from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m., July through September, and by appointment. There is free admission.

**Historical Museum**

The Historical Society museum is on Narragansett Avenue, right across the street from Jamestown