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Jamestown & Newport Ferry to run

Ferry service between Jamestown village, Fort Adams, Rose Island, and Newport Harbor will begin Memorial Day weekend, with veterans riding free.

The 45-passenger ferry Jamestown will start running weekends from May 27 through June 18, then every day through Labor Day. Returning to weekends in the fall through Columbus Day, including express

service to the Newport International Boat Show Sept. 14 through Sept. 17.

There will be 12 departures daily from Conanicut Marina, 1 Ferry Wharf, Jamestown, beginning at 8:30 a.m., connecting with the RIPTA Newport-Providence Ferry departure from Perrotti Park, and then connecting with the Block Island Ferry departure at Fort Adams State Park.

Additionally, there will be 11 departures daily from Bowen's Landing, Market Square in Newport, beginning at 10:06 a.m. to Fort Adams, Rose Island, and Jamestown village.

Fares for the 2006 season are \$8.50 for a one-way crossing or \$15 for an all-day, on-off pass. Inner harbor fares to and from Fort Adams State Park are \$5. Bikes are \$2 each.

For more information, call 401-423-9900 or visit ww.conanicutmarina.com to view complete schedule.

Garden club's plant sale includes boutique items

The Quononoquott Garden Club has added a second tent to its annual Plant Sale scheduled for this Saturday, May 20, at East Ferry from 9 a.m. to noon. A rain date of Sunday has been set.

In addition to the thousands of quality perennials, this year the club will create a "Boutique-by-the-Bay" to showcase the many talents of its 40 members.

Club President Gloria Westlake said the club has been working since January to create the wide array of objects that have been sewn, painted, or decorated by a member of the club.

"We started with painted birdhouses a few years ago," Westlake said, noting that they sold so well, "we decided to see how far we can go" with boutique items.

Among the items for sale are painted mirror and picture frames, decorated gardening totes, hats and aprons, and "garden art" items like small plaques with sayings, Westlake said.

In the primary tent, the club has collected perennials, grasses, and shrubs from gardens all over the island. They have an extensive collection of hosta, Solomon's seal, and other shade lovers, and "the rain has made everything bigger and greener than ever," Westlake enthused.

Dozens of geraniums in all the most popular colors will also be

available at the sale.

All proceeds will go toward civic beautification projects in Jamestown.

In recent years, the club has used the proceeds to purchase benches and trash receptacles at East Ferry, to give a facelift to at the Memorial Museum Garden at the fire station, and to plant trees and daffodils in many locations around the island.

The club was started in 1949 and is a member of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs.

Historical society wants more 'memories'

The Jamestown Historical Society is still seeking memories about the old Jamestown Bridge. They can be e-mailed to SDMaden@aol.com or mailed to the Jamestown Historical Society, PO Box 156, Jamestown, RI 02835. All of the memories will be posted on the society's Web site, jamestownhistoricalsociety.org, in the near future.

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Most citizens do not understand the rationale underlying various forms of immunity. Therefore, when immunity dictates an outcome in a notorious criminal proceeding, it invariably leads to a public outcry, based primarily upon misinformation.

Immunity can protect a person who commits a wrongful act from prosecution or punishment, and, in certain instances, it can operate to severely restrict that punishment.

Forms of immunity have influenced the outcome of some of Rhode Island's most prominent criminal proceedings. In one case, involving multiple murders by a juvenile, it prevented punishment from being imposed beyond the juvenile's 21st birthday. In another recent case, it appears that the veil of immunity may have protected certain government employees from prosecution for actions (or inaction) undertaken in their official capacity.

Live radio and television coverage of judicial proceedings in important cases serves the public interest, by allowing the citizenry to learn about how one of the least understood areas of our government operates. Wide dispersal of knowledge and accurate information about judicial processes is essential in our society.

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