

Our long anticipated Horsehead Gala was a grand and successful event! Over 450 people attended and we raised more than \$40,000 – about 8-percent of our total capital campaign goal. Thank you to all who came, donated auction items or services, or used the occasion to give to the capital campaign.

Harry and Josy Wright, our hosts for the event, have our unending gratitude. Horsehead is unique. There is no other place in all of Rhode Island that offers the beauty we enjoyed on July 28.

And a special “thank you” to Gale Bay and her wonderful committee for organizing the party and for seeing it through all the ups and downs such a large event involves. The wealth of detail they managed – from the design of the invitation through the final cleanup – is almost unimaginable.

Capital Campaign Time Capsule

Our capital campaign is now in full swing. Starting Aug. 11 – the first day of Jamestown 350 Week



Jamestown Historical Society News

By Rosemary Enright

– we will be inviting every Jamestown-er to write a message to the future for our time capsule. At the end of the campaign in December, the time capsule will be sealed to protect the contents and placed under the floor of the museum. We’re planning to put a small plaque right above it to remind Jamestowners of the future to open it in 2057.

The official “memory card” will be available at the Jamestown Museum any afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. during Jamestown 350 Week and thereafter whenever the museum is open until the end of the summer. We’ll have a table in front of the museum during and af-

ter the parade on Aug. 12, so when you visit the new town hall council chambers after the parade, you may walk across the street and get your card. You may say anything you want on your card. You may draw a picture or write a poem. You may tell a story – fact or fiction. You may record what you think the future will be like.

The cards cost \$10 for children under 12, and \$25 for adults. The donations go to the JHS Capital Campaign. (If you have already contributed to the capital campaign, the card is free.) Please help the historical society preserve our past by contributing your thoughts from the present for the future.

Annual Meeting

On the Thursday of Jamestown 350 Week – Aug. 16, JHS membership will gather for our annual meeting in the Jamestown library meeting room. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. with the annual report from the president and the election of officers for 2007-2008. At 7:30 p.m., Peter Healey will speak about the Jamestown Bridge, “1940-2007: the Demolition.” Healey is supervising civil engineer for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and was Project Manager for the Jamestown Bridge demolition.

Members and non-members are invited. Come hear about this important event in our recent history from the man who was there through it all.

Jamestown 350 Week

Jamestown 350 Week is almost upon us and the JHS is working hard to make it a memorable week.

An exhibit of memorabilia from the 300th anniversary in 1957 went on display in the JHS case in the library foyer earlier this week

The original Jamestown Land Agreement of 1657 will be on display throughout the week in the Wright Museum in the library. Come and see where our history as a colonial settlement began.

On Thursday, Aug. 16, at 10:30 a.m., and again at 2 p.m., Jane Bentley will lead a historic walking tour down Narragansett Avenue from the Jamestown Museum to East Ferry.

From Wednesday through Saturday, Our History: Quest and Questions will send hikers and bikers, and even drivers in cars, around the island from Beavertail to Windmill Hill searching for the answers to questions about our history. The JHS is co-sponsoring the event with the Teen Center and Rolling Agenda.

We have two new offerings at the museum that have been donated with the proceeds to benefit the JHS. Martha Milot has written and illustrated a children’s story about the windmill and the miller. The tale and its illustrations are delightful. Nick Schaus and Barry Cook have written and produced a DVD about the history of Narragansett Avenue. Their interviews with residents and business people on the avenue span a wide range of opinions about the future of the street.

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Gardening open house at URI

Gardeners interested in learning new ways to improve their vegetable gardens are invited to an open house at the University of Rhode Island’s demonstration vegetable garden at East Farm on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

The open house, organized by URI Master Gardeners, is designed to show off the 5,000 square-foot demonstration garden during the peak of the growing season to provide gardeners with tips for growing better, healthier produce. Various vegetable gardening activities will be on display throughout the day.

A variety of cooking demonstrations are planned, including one by Chef Normand Leclair, cookbook author and founder of the Red Rooster Tavern. In addition, a wide range of activities will be offered, including an ‘Ask a Master Gardener’ booth and workshops on irrigation and composting. Visitors are encouraged to bring a cup of soil for a free pH test, and volunteers will be on hand to explain what may be needed to improve it.

The garden is located adjacent to the URI Master Gardener Field House at the East Farm Research Facility on Route 108 in Kingston.

For more information, call 800-448-1011 or 874-2900.

Lawnmower keeps chugging

Local resident Jeanne Archambault is the author of “Larry the Lawnmower,” a colorful picture book that is full of island scenes. It is now available in its second printing.

Archambault’s second picture book, “The Leaping Grasshopper,” was printed in December 2006.

Both autographed books are available at the Secret Garden, Jamestown Designs, and R & R Gallery. For more information, visit the Web site at www.jitterbugbooks.net.

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