

# Two historic homes part of JHS annual tour

The annual House Tour sponsored by the Jamestown Historical Society is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The two historic homes featured on this year's tour are Belvedere located at 36 Walcott Ave., and The J.B. Lippincott House located at 177 Beavertail Rd. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at either Belvedere or at the J.B. Lippincott House on the day of the tour only.

The older of the two houses, Belvedere, was built by Admiral David Dixon Porter and his wife, George Ann Patterson, in 1888. Admiral Porter went to sea at age 13 as a midshipman and met his wife, the daughter of Commodore Daniel T. Patter-



Lippincott-O'Neill House

son, while serving under her father. From 1865 to 1869 he was the superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and was promoted to admiral in 1870, succeeding his

foster brother, David Farragut, as the Navy's top admiral.

The house, designed by Charles L. Bevins, is a 1-1/2-story, clapboard-and-shingle clad cottage with long shed dormers

across the front and rear, and a shed roofed piazza across the front. The top story was removed in the 1940s.

David Adams, great-grandson of Admiral and Mrs. Porter, will be on hand on the tour date to greet the visitors and talk about his ancestors.

The second house on the tour, at 177 Beavertail Rd., was built in 1892-93 for J.B. Lippincott, son of the founder and later president of the J.B. Lippincott Co. publishing firm. In 1885 Lippincott married Joanna Wharton, daughter of Joseph Wharton, whose house, Horsehead, already stood across Mackerel Cove. Upon Lippincott's death in 1940 the house descended to

his daughter, Marianna Lippincott O'Neill. Her descendants still own both the house and the separate carriage house (which is not included on the tour).

The Lippincott house, originally called Meeresblick (bay view), was designed by the architectural firm Pritchett and Pritchett of Philadelphia, and built by Charles Soule of Jamestown with much of the specialized work subcontracted to firms from Newport. The lower story of the house is built of local stone, while the upper levels are shingled.

The JHS Annual House Tour will be held rain or shine. For additional information, call Mary Heath at 423-3333.

## LETTERS

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Communications, R&R Gallery, the Secret Garden, Spinnakers, Taste Design, Inc., Theatre Family Restaurant and Trattoria Simpatico.

Thank you to all the members, and friends and family of members who helped at the festival: Dennis Mello, Elsie Medeiros, Veronika and Manuel Neronha, Fran Lopes, Bob Moorehead, Chefs Meggan and John, Jim and Lisa Rafferty of Bridges, Inc., Antonia and Stephen Froberg, Ana and Frank Rosa, Michelle and Jamie Layman, Stephen Braga, Alcina Blair, Carol and Joe Medeiros, Erin and Bill Marsh, Linda Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morinho, Mr. and Mrs. Renaud, Delores and John Reposo, Kathy and Erin Dutra, Kathy Buddock, Joan Dupee, Brian and Mary Ellen Dutra, Laurie Dutra, Kathy Brownell, Gail Tatangelo, and Bob and Donna Peckham.

A special thanks to Per Peterson and Linda Hill for the wonderful job they did on the Holy Ghost float for the 350th parade.

We apologize if any names were left out. Please tell us if that has happened so we can correct it. Thank you very much to everyone who attended.

The Holy Ghost Society

## Thanks for Press chorus coverage

On behalf of the Jamestown Community Chorus, I am writing to thank the Jamestown Press for all your help in publicizing our 18th Annual Talent Show and Raffle last week. The Press' vigilance in keeping the event visible through articles, listings, and photographs was greatly appreciated. Thank you, too, for sending Sam Bari to the auditions to take pictures and write an article, and for the Walrus column.

We had a capacity crowd and the event was a resounding success. Many thanks to all at the

Jamestown Press!

We look forward now to our fall season. Rehearsals start Sept. 10, at 7 p.m., at the Central Baptist Church, and our holiday concerts will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9.

Jessica Wilson  
Jamestown Community Chorus

## Band needs help with fund-raising

The Jamestown Community Band wants to thank Jim Pemantell for joining the band Sunday evening at the Concert on the Green and narrating our theme of "350 years of Music in Jamestown." We are grateful for how much he added to the mood of the evening.

While working with him we also learned about his running a marathon this fall as a fund-raiser. He will run in honor of 10-year-

old Payton Watson, daughter of Frank, a sergeant with the Jamestown Police Department and Liz Goode Watson. Payton was diagnosed with leukemia, received a bone marrow transplant and is now recovering at home. Frank and Liz suggested he raise money for "the Tomorrow Fund," a group of people who provide financial and emotional support to families to help them make it through one of the most difficult times a family can face, their child's cancer treatment. "The Tomorrow Fund" is funded entirely through donations. If any readers would like to support his goal of raising \$5,000 by Sept. 7, a check made out to "The Tomorrow Fund" can be mailed to him at: Jim Pemantell, 224 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835.

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