

## ABOUT TOWN

### Jamestown to celebrate Arbor Day

In celebration of National Arbor Day, the Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee will be planting a tree beside the Jamestown Museum at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

The tree is a dogwood, cornus x rutcan Constellation. This cross between the native dogwood and the Japanese dogwood was developed by Rutgers University of New Jersey to resist dogwood anthracnose. This fungus disease was introduced into this country in the mid-1970s and is killing the native dogwood. The tree was selected by Betty Hubbard of Jamestown for the Museum site.

### Kennedy assassination topic of library lecture

The Friends of the Jamestown Library and the Jamestown Historical Society present Jamestown resident, David Kaiser, a history professor at the Naval War College, today, Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Kaiser is the author of "American Tragedy: Kennedy, Johnson, and the Origins of the Vietnam War" among other works. His most recent book, "The Road to Dallas: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy" will be the subject of this talk.

In a starred review in Library Journal, reviewer Karl Helicher says: "A scrupulously researched account, which may be one of the best books yet on the assassination...Kaiser posits that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman

although he did not act alone: the murder plot was hatched by Mafia bosses Santo Trafficante, John Roselli, and Sam Giancana as revenge for Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy's relentless pursuit of the mob and for the vast sums of money they lost when Castro closed Cuba's mob-controlled casinos. Other startling revelations are that Oswald might have been a CIA agent, even though he was promised a large sum of money by the mob to kill Kennedy, and that Jack Ruby killed Oswald on orders from the Mafia, to which Ruby was connected. This detailed, often chilling account stands out among the overwhelming number of assassination books."

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 423-7820.

### Farm tools on display at island library

Farming was the primary occupation on Conanicut Island for almost 250 years – from its settlement in the mid-17th century until steam ferries began to bring tourists and summer visitors in the late-19th century. Farming remains an important part of the island culture.

The new exhibit in the Jamestown Historical Society display case in the lobby of the Jamestown library displays some of the farmers' tools and other reminders of the agricultural activity of the last three centuries. Over twenty objects used by island farmers are on display, each with its own identification number. A key, identifying each numbered item, is on top of

the display case.

The objects in the exhibit are selected from the Jamestown Historical Society's collections. The Jamestown Historical Society is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to preserving, collecting and sharing our island's history. Founded in 1912, the Society maintains and operates the Jamestown Museum and three 18th century historic sites, the windmill, the Quaker Meetinghouse and the Conanicut Battery. All sites are open to the public.

The Jamestown Historical Society is a valuable resource for students, educators, historians and anyone interested in learning more about the area's rich heritage. Consider becoming a member today at: [www.jamestownhistorical-society.org](http://www.jamestownhistorical-society.org) or call 423-0784.

### Chamber scholarship deadline is April 26

The deadline to apply for a Jamestown Chamber of Commerce scholarship is Saturday, April 26.

Each year the Chamber awards two \$500 scholarships to Jamestown residents pursuing business studies or taking continuing education classes for career development.

Students looking to take a college business program, or adults looking to take night classes for career development, are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available at Baker's Pharmacy or online at [www.jamestownRIchamber.com](http://www.jamestownRIchamber.com).

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### High school parent group to meet

The North Kingstown High School PTO will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in the media center.

Plans will be finalized for the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, May 14 and Principal Gerald Foley will present his monthly report.

This is a good opportunity to find out what is happening at North Kingstown High School.

### Quilt game ready to play in library

A number of quilts in the lobby of the library are there to test the knowledge of children and adults who look at them.

The April art show is an old-fashioned game that asks participants to try to name all the birds, animals and other objects sewn on to the quilts.

Sheets are posted to check answers and every age can play along. In addition, an instructive display board details the basic steps to take to create an appliqué character quilt.

Jamestown Jocelyn Donaghue, who is the Visual Arts Director at the Courthouse Center for the Arts, created the quilts. She is a current member and former board member of the Conanicut Island Art Association and a founding member of the newly formed Jamestown Arts Center. Library gallery shows are curated by Jillian Barber and sponsored by the CIAA.

### Shores group to meet

The Jamestown Shores Association will hold a meeting on April 23 at the Senior Center on West Street.

The meeting will begin at 7pm.

Neighbors are invited to get up to date on all the latest issues and to enjoy coffee and dessert with friends.

### Old books on sale at library

A library discard book sale at the Jamestown library will be held on Saturday, April 19, through Monday, April 21 during library hours.

Some much-loved volumes will be available at great prices.

The library has had to weed out more than 800 fiction and non-fiction titles in the last year to make room for new materials. Many of the weeded books are old favorites and some duplicate classics. All discards will be priced to sell at \$1 each.

There will also be one table of specially priced books and sets.

The regular hours of the Jamestown library are Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday noon to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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