



PORTSMOUTH *Historical Society*

October 2017 Newsletter

Harvest Social. Thanks to all who came to our Fall Harvest Social at Greenvale on September 28th. A great time was had by all 100+ guests. The venue of Greenvale was delightful and the evening was perfect. We are grateful to Nancy Parker-Wilson for enabling us to use this wonderful location. Many thanks also to all those members of the PHS Board who provided far more snacks than we could consume. The wine was great and the company most enjoyable. We expect that this will be an annual celebration.

Museum Painting. The painting of the outside of the PHS Museum is stunning. The fresh coat of paint really makes the building stand out. On 17 October painters will start the painting of the first floor and the Foyer inside the museum. We are very grateful for grants received to do this work from the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Foundation and the 1772 Foundation, supplemented by our own PHS funds. Your memberships and donations are very important for this work.

Upcoming events: On **Sunday 8 October from 2-4 PM** our museum will be open for the last time till spring. We are having a special event which we call "**History Comes Alive**". Actors from the Portsmouth Community Theater will portray several old-time Portsmouth residents and give short talks about Portsmouth events and people from the past. Please come and hear about their reminiscences.

On **Wednesday 11 October at 6:30 PM** the Portsmouth Free Public Library will have a lecture by an expert on historic photograph identification, Maureen Taylor titled "**The Last Muster: Photographs and Stories from the American Revolution**". The lecture is free,

but seating is limited, so please call the Library at 683-9457 for a reservation.

On **Wednesday 18 October at 7 PM**, our President will give an illustrated lecture "**Aquidneck Island Ferries and Bridges Through History**". This is an all-new presentation and it will be held at new venue for us, the **Common Fence Point Community Hall**. It is a large room and reservations are not required. In addition the food truck will be available from 5-7:30 PM and you can buy your dinner as well.

On **Monday 23 October at 10 AM** the PHS will provide the location the annual **Beirut Bombing Memorial Service**. This is an important event commemorating RI lives lost in a bombing of a barracks in Beirut many years ago. This is an event that last year filled the Church part of the museum. So get there early if you wish to attend.

You can see that PHS will be very busy this month and our Board of Directors are already working on plans for 2018. We will be meeting throughout the winter getting ready for a full year of activities.

A reminder: Thanks to all that have renewed their dues since June and if you haven't renewed, please check the website (portsmouthhistorical.org) and download the renewal form.

Please join us for our activities and remember we are always looking for suggestions from our members of things they would like to see us do.

Jim Garman
President

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