



PORTSMOUTH

Historical Society

July 2018 Newsletter

It is time once again for our Society's monthly newsletter. It has been a very busy time for our Society as we swing into the summer season. We have been doing some "touch-up" work to our museum buildings and our collection. We recently received from member Tony Fontaine a collection of 82 real photo postcards from the hurricanes of 1938 and 1954. Many of these images have never been seen by our historians or our curators. They have been put into an album and visitors to our museum can now peruse them when they come for a visit on Sundays from 2-5 PM.

Memberships: The Membership Committee reports that annual dues reminders went out to most of our members the past month. They also want to remind those of you who have not renewed to please do so at this time. The mailing included a renewal form and an addressed return envelope. You can also pay by PayPal on our website at portsmouthhistorical.org. Your dues play a vital role in all that we do. Thank you so very much.

Upcoming Events: (See our web "Events" page for details)

Monday evening 9 July: Commemorating Lt. Col. William Barton's successful nighttime raid to capture General William Prescott in 1777, an experienced group of East Bay sea kayakers will trace the Bay route of Barton's men from Warwick Neck to Aquidneck Island, landing at Weaver Cove (on the "Burma Road", south of Melville) around 7:30 PM Monday evening. They will be greeted by members of our Society to celebrate Barton's operation, before heading back across the Bay. Members and friends of the Society are invited.

Tuesday 17 July, 5:30 to 7 PM, at our Museum: We are pleased to have **Fred Zilian**, local historian, to deliver a lecture on Anne Hutchinson on the occasion of celebrating her 427th birthday. The lecture is free and open to the public. Join us!

August 27th: Author Christian McBurney will return to deliver a lecture on the Battle of Rhode Island, which took place in August 1778, 240 years ago. Watch for the time and location.

Tuesday, 18 September: Our **Portsmouth History Book Club** will meet at the Portsmouth Free Public Library; The book to be discussed will be **“Sudden Sea: The Great Hurricane of 1938”** by R.A. Scotti. As that is close to the 80th anniversary of that massive hurricane, this will be a very timely discussion.

Thursday, 20 September: We will have our annual **Historical Society’s Harvest Social** hosted by Greenvale Vineyards.

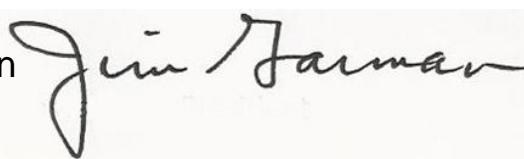
Sunday afternoon 30 September at the Museum: We will have a special program **“Celebrating Portsmouth Women”** led by Gloria Schmidt.

As you can see, it will be a very busy summer and fall here at the Society.....and please do not forget that our museum is open Sunday afternoons from 2-5 PM. Come see our new exhibits.

Volunteers: We feel strongly that volunteers are a vital part of keeping our Society and buildings well. Even if you can only help for a few hours or on a special project, we can use you. We have a slide show on our portsmouthhistorical.org website home page that provides information and points-of-contact where you can help. Please volunteer! Lending just a few hours will help greatly.

By the way, a video of our Society’s Annual Meeting, held on 18 June is also available on our website.

Jim Garman
President



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