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# HistWick Herald

**!! Worshiping in Wickford : Walking Tour : July 16th, 2011 !!**

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*Walking Tour Sponsored by HistWick... by Mike Dacey*

On Saturday, July 16th, beginning at 2:00 PM HistWick will sponsor an historic walking tour for HistWick members entitled Worshiping in Olde Wickford, followed by a member social on the Greenway leading to the Old Narragansett Church. There is no charge for the tour, and HistWick will provide refreshments for the social.

Tim Cranston will lead the tour and take us to the sites and into the houses of worship of 18th and 19th century congregations. Space is limited on the actual tour, and reservations will be taken to capacity in the order in which they are received. There is no limitation for the social/reception following the tour.

The tour will last approximately an hour and 45 minutes and will end in the Greenway where the member social will be held. If we find that interest in this tour is greater than our capacity, we will host a second tour on another date.

Please register for the tour by replying to [HistWick1@Verizon.net](mailto:HistWick1@Verizon.net) and list names attending. If you are only able to attend the social following the tour, please let us know of that as well.

We hope you will find this opportunity of interest, and look forward to seeing you on the 16th of July.

Summer is finally here...enjoy it!

Mike Dacey, President

*Histwick is a not for profit corporation dedicated to historic preservation and community information for those interested in the village of Wickford. All dues and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

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## *President's Message ... by Mike Dacey*

In February HistWick formally adopted a new Strategic Plan at a special meeting with membership and the community, and further explored the plan with members at our Annual Meeting in March. As a result, three working groups of members have been established in three avenues of focus...Proactive Guardianship, Membership Programs and a Historic Signage project for Wickford Village. It is early, but we are already seeing positive results from the groups' efforts.

The Proactive Guardianship group, which meets on the last Tuesday of each month at the NK Library at 7:00 PM, already has several initiatives underway. One example, in its concern for the Hussey Bridge, is a letter sent to the RI Department of Transportation expressing HistWick's concern for the bridge. The Project Manager, who has agreed to meet with HistWick representatives to review the plans, indicates that the bridge's historic integrity will be maintained. He shared the fact that the department has detailed information on historic colors, design, etc., and that the bridge will look "exactly as it is, but with many surface improvements". He said that the state values this unique bridge.

The membership group (see Nora Hall's article) worked on a direct mailing to the local community, and have already recruited several new members. They plan a social for all members to welcome new members at the Wickford Art Association on September 16th.

The Historic Signage group is still forming and will schedule a meeting very soon.

I am very gratified by the work that has been done to date by so many of our members. If you have a desire to join any of these groups and assist in their work, please let us know by emailing HistWick1@verizon.net.

Enjoy the summer, and consider attending one of our Historic Walking Tours. We have one scheduled for July 16th and another planned for August 13th.

**Mike Dacey**

## ***New Members Welcomed to HistWick... by Nora Hall***

HistWick welcomes 34 new members. The increase in members comes as a response to a recent membership drive, and we hope everyone will join us in welcoming them at two upcoming events.

As part of the Strategic Plan presented in February, HistWick made a commitment to increase the organization's involvement in projects of benefit to the community. Following our annual meeting in March, a committee met to develop a plan to inform the broader community of HistWick's role and its goal to take more proactive positions in preserving and protecting the historic quality of Wickford. The committee sent a mailing to residents surrounding the Village and developed several events to welcome our new members.

The first event is a free members only walking tour on "Worshiping in Wickford" with Tim Cranston on July 16th.

The second event for all members is a cocktail reception to honor our new members. It will be at the Art Association on September 16th. Details of that event will be coming soon.

Members are invited to join HistWick at both events. Meet our new members, hear Tim's fascinating tales of Wickford and view the lovely art work at the Art Association. Take advantage of these great HistWick events to enjoy time with neighbors and friends.

Thanks to the fabulous Membership Committee; Kate Church, Ellen Dacey, Nancy Gauthier, Nora Hall, Ricky McLoughlin, Jane Rawlings and Carol Thomas.

A special welcome to our newest members:

Ellen and Dave Abell

Jane and Robert Brockway

James B. Brown

Paula Commendatore

Neil Dunay

Antoinette Favazza

Richard Fernie

Curtis and Scotty Fisher

John Fitzgerald

John and Elizabeth Fulweiler

Paul and Jeanne Gallego

Marjorie Johnston

Sandra Knowles

Steven and Paula London

Wayne McCarthy

Thomas Moakley

Dick Ranlet and Sharyn Saunders

Northeast Steel

T.F. Moran

Pam and Carl Neal

Adele Noack

Karen O'Donnell

Michelle Sammartino

Marianne Soscia

Joel and Sheri Stoessel

For information on how to renew your membership or become a member email [histwick1@verizon.net](mailto:histwick1@verizon.net)

## **HistWick Adopts A Spot ...by Nancy Gauthier**

**In an effort to keep The Village beautiful, HistWick has been maintaining the spot at the corner of Brown Street and Boston Post Road ,right in front of the Gold Lady. A group of us has been meeting one Saturday a month to weed the garden and trim the tree and hedges.It only takes about an hour because so many of our members have shown up to lend a helping hand.**

**If you would like to participate or if you know of another "spot" that needs our help and attention, please contact Nancy Gauthier at 499-3301 or email [clothingacgalore@aol.com](mailto:clothingacgalore@aol.com)**

**Also, please feel free to pull a weed or two when walking by...thank you !**

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### **Upcoming Events**

**‘Worshiping in Wickford’ Walking Tour with Tim Cranston for HistWick members : July 16th**

**Cocktail Reception to welcome new HistWick Members : September 16th at the Art Association**

**More Details to follow.**