

HistWick Herald

!! Annual Meeting : Wickford Yacht Club: March 29th. !!

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Our Next President, Barbara Carroll... by Mike Dacey

Transitional Thoughts...

As we end one year for HistWick and begin another, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the time and energy that so many of you regularly make to insure that HistWick is a vital and relevant organization in our community.

Over the past 3 years as President, I have had the privilege of meeting and working with so many of you on a wide variety of projects and initiatives. Whenever the call for help went out... whether for setting-up at a Pot Luck Supper or attending an important Town Council meeting... members stepped forward to do what needed to be done. Thank you for your willingness to share your time and talents for the benefit of our community.

We are most fortunate to have Barbara Carroll step forward to serve as HistWick's new President. I have known Barbara for many years, and know that she not only has great enthusiasm, but also the leadership skills that will move HistWick forward in the future.

Barbara has lived in North Kingstown for the last four years and can often be seen walking her dog Fogarty through the village of Wickford in the morning before heading to the Beach Rose for breakfast. Her daughter, son-in-law and grandson also live in North Kingstown.

A native of Chicago and a resident of Rhode Island for over 30 years Barbara is a real estate agent for Lila Delman Real Estate.

"Living in Wickford over the last four years has been wonderful and I welcome the chance to give something back to the community" Barbara recounts. From her real estate background she would like to see HistWick develop materials to help prospective home buyers understand what living in a historic district entails with regard to home ownership something that is not currently available from other town sources.

With the approval of the membership we welcome Barbara to the leadership of HistWick. Please continue your support of HistWick under Barbara's leadership

Planning for 'Wickford In Bloom'... by Nora Hall

**. Wickford In Bloom
July 14, 2012**

Even after this mild winter, it's hard to believe that time for HistWick's Extraordinary Garden Tour is fast approaching. Wouldn't you love to get on the bandwagon and join the team that will make it happen?

There are many aspects to this event, and we're putting a call out to ALL members to get involved and join in on the fun—yes it is fun because it's a great group of people who come together for this special summer happening.

Please consider:

Chairing or co-chairing the event.

Joining the many experienced committee members who give their all to one another and to the project.

Becoming a star of the town and offering your garden for viewing.

The kick-off meeting to plan this traditional Wickford event is scheduled for April 6th. We hope you'll attend and be wowed by the enthusiasm for this special community event. Please contact Nora Hall at 295-8372 for more information. We're looking forward to working and sharing with you.

HistWick Gets into the Spirit...by Mary Ann Podolak

HistWick will be participating in the annual "Spirit Day" at North Kingstown High School Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This popular community event provides an opportunity for representatives of area environmental, historic, health, municipal, and civic organizations to meet and inform the public of their activities and goals. The day includes entertainment and lots of activities for children, as well. We'll be there to share information about the past, present, and future of HistWick.

Stop by our display in the cafeteria and say hello!

HISTWICK'S ANNUAL MEETING

Refreshments-Social, brief Business Meeting & Program

Join us 6:30 PM, Thursday, March 29th

Wickford Yacht Club

165 Pleasant Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852

...back to the future?

Join us for a fun evening and an informative program presented by “those-in-the-know”, taking a look back on the 19th century railroads that ran through Wickford and their impact on the community, as well as an update on the new commuter rail station about to go online. An interactive Q&A will follow.

Speakers include:

Tim Cranston - local historian,

Richard Greenwood - Deputy Director of the RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

Jim Eng - RIDOT's Project Manager for the new Wickford Junction Station.

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Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting : Thursday, March 29th, 6:30 p.m., Wickford Yacht Club 165 Pleasant St., Wickford

Program: Wickford Junction Train Stationback to the future?. Railroads in North Kingstown, past and present.

Spring Walking Tours with Tim Cranston : Dates to be announced

Elmgrove Cemetery: Learn about Wickford history through the unique perspective of the stories ‘behind the stones’ focusing on the final resting places of the prominent families that made our village what it is.

Quality Hill: Quality Hill became the place to build after the wakeup call that was the Great Gale of 1815. This tour will focus on the prominent and interesting individuals that populated this part of the village across the centuries.

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Tim Cranston’s new book Walking in Wickford - The History of Elamsville and the Wickford Business District

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