

HistWick Herald



Holiday Kitchen Tour, December 2, 2012



Your membership to HistWick entitles you to join the fun! Barbara Carroll, President

Have you ever wanted to see the inside of some of the homes on Pleasant St? Would you like to expand on your social circle? We can assist you in this quest! Become a “docent” for our Holiday Kitchen Tour on Sunday, December 2, 2012 ! HistWick is having a Holiday Kitchen Tour and we need docents for just a few hours of “meet & greet” in these lovely homes all decorated for the holidays. Please contact Nancy Gauthier at clothingalore@aol.com



There is also another fun opportunity to “meet & greet” at our annual Pot Luck Dinner at St Paul’s Parish Hall , also on Sunday, December 2, 2012, 5:30 – 8:00 PM. This evening is ALWAYS great fun. We have a generous and welcoming group of perpetual participants that I know you enjoy working with and getting to know!!

Speaking of fun !! HistWick is always looking for fresh ideas and different approaches to our committees, JOIN the Board, JOIN the committees ! We would be happy to have you on board. Contact barbaracarroll@msn.com to join the board

Member’s Update

- ★ Since our very well attended March Annual Meeting with a program on the new Wickford Junction Train Station your newly elected board representatives have been meeting monthly and working to host member activities of interest, and to provide support for several community initiatives.
- ★ During the late spring HistWick sponsored two member historic walking tours with Tim Cranston...one in the Elmgrove Cemetery, and another in the West Main Street section of town known as Quality Hill. Both were well attended and enjoyable, due to Tim’s vast knowledge of our local area history.
- ★ HistWick recently made a \$1500 donation towards the printing costs of Tim’s third volume of the series “Walking in Olde Wickford”. This volume will cover the area of Quality Hill and Talbot’s corner. The book will be available shortly. I know that we all appreciate Tim’s efforts in documenting our local North Kingstown history.
- ★ In September HistWick was asked to consider financial support for Wickford’s Festival of Lights celebration. With the tight economy some local merchants were not able to provide their usual level of support, and the celebration was in jeopardy. HistWick made a \$250 donation in support of this community event. The town also made a sizable donation to help out this year as well. The celebration will take place on the first weekend in December.
- ★ Recently your board also voted to provide sponsorship of \$250 to Preserve Rhode Island, supporting the awards ceremony recognizing historic preservation efforts throughout the state. Our Vice President, Sheila McDonald and her husband Tom, attended the ceremony representing HistWick.

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- ✦ Over the last several months a few of our board members have worked with a consultant to update and modernize HistWick's web site. Please go on line to www.historicwickford.org and explore our site. The improvements are not all finalized, but I think that you will find the site very informative and updated. We have also provided links to other historic resource sites, both locally and nationally. Special thanks to board members Carol Thomas and Nora Hall for their leadership on this project.
- ✦ We are seeking more members to participate in several HistWick initiatives, and welcome your inquiries. Please email HistWick1@verizon.net and let us know of any interest you may have and we'll provide you additional information.
- ✦ After many months of planning, our bi-annual holiday kitchen tour *Wickford Decks the Halls* will be held on Sunday, December 2nd from 2:30 – 4:00 pm. Tickets are available from all board members, and at several stores in Wickford. Additional Docents are still needed to assist at the various homes. Please contact Kate Church at kdchurch@juno.com if you are available to help.



Historic Wickford Presents
Wickford Decks the Halls! - A Holiday Kitchen Tour
Featuring Eight Unique Historic Homes
December 2, 2012

Historic Wickford (HistWick) will present Wickford Decks the Halls!, A Holiday Kitchen Tour, in Wickford Village, on Sunday, December 2, 2012, sun, rain or snow **from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.**

Complementing the Festival of Lights celebration in Wickford Village, **eight unique historic homes, all located on picturesque waterfront Pleasant Street**, will be open for viewing and feature kitchens, keeping rooms and dining areas showcasing festive holiday decorations, distinctive table settings and creative holiday arrangements. Proceeds from the holiday tour will benefit HistWick and the North Kingstown Food Pantry.

“This is a self-guided walking tour along the village’s waterfront that is sure to bring one back to earlier days as attendees explore the collection of picturesque eighteenth and nineteenth century historic homes decked for the holidays,” stated HistWick President Barbara Carroll. “Church bells will ring and carolers will fill the streets with holiday cheer!”

There will be a number of special attractions this year. A number of homes will feature live music. One will display a number of homemade quilts and another will feature an Olive Oil Tasting by Narragansett Bay Oil.

Holiday tour tickets cost \$25.00 in advance and \$30 on the day of the tour. In advance of the tour, tickets may be purchased at Blue Hydrangea, the Book Garden, The Wickford Collection, Wickford Gourmet and Wilson's. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour, Sunday, December 2, 2012, at St. Paul's Parish House, located at 76 Main Street in Wickford Village. The tour program will be available on the day of the tour at St. Paul's Parish House.



HistWick's new web site is a sight to behold and a joy to navigate thanks to the monumental efforts of board member, Carol Thomas and web designer Cathy White of New Leaf Computer. Both worked to create a site that will provide members with easy access to updated information and guests with interesting detail about Wickford Village and the work of HistWick.

The site is fluid, and new information will be added on a regular basis. This winter will see the addition of information on Historic Home Ownership and Renovation Tips and there will be frequent updates on what is happening within the organization. It could become your "go to" site for Wickford events. The link is <http://historicwickford.org/>. There is even a page which describes the website. Click on "About Our Website" on the right side of the home page.

The site will also allow us to do our part for going green as we plan to send the newsletter and other event information electronically. In the next few months we will be making a concerted effort to compile a correct email list so that we can do our small part for conservation. Of course if you prefer to receive hard copy, we will mail the newsletter and other information to you. If you're in the market for a new web site, we highly recommend Cathy of www.newleafcomputer.com. Her attention to detail and knowledge of the web are excellent! Kudos also to Carol who did a great job of bringing HistWick into the 21st Century.

HistWick's Annual Pot Luck Dinner Coming Soon!

- When:** December 2, 2012 --5:30 - 8:30
- Where:** St. Paul's Parish Hall 56 Main Street
- Who:** All members of HistWick and the Wickford Community
- What:** A time to gather for wonderful food and good company
- Why:** To meet new people, catch with old friends and celebrate the holidays



Please bring your favorite dish to serve 10 people. HistWick will provide cold drinks and dessert.
A - L Main Dish
M - Z Salad or Side Dish

In conjunction with the Deck The Halls! Wickford Kitchen Tour, HistWick will raffle two gorgeous, hand-made items. **Raffle winners will be selected during the Annual Potluck Dinner** on December 2. This will be your last chance to buy a raffle ticket.



One lucky winner will take home a beautiful Lighthouse Quilt created by our own Mary Padbury of Pleasant Street.

Another equally lucky winner will become the proud owner of a hand-painted table runner by Ellen Dacey, another extraordinary member of the Kitchen Tour Committee.





HISTWICK

Preserving and Celebrating Historic Wickford

Annual Membership

HistWick's mission is to preserve, protect and celebrate the historic village of Wickford, RI.

Membership is open to anyone interested in preserving, protecting, improving and celebrating the quality of life in the historic village of Wickford. We encourage you to become members of HistWick, attend HistWick meetings and help build a clear, unified voice for (or against) issues affecting our community.

Take this opportunity to join HistWick and unite with a group of people committed to historic preservation.

- Individual/Family Membership \$25
- "Supporter" \$50
- "Donor" \$100

Members at the "Donor" level will receive a copy of the third volume of the series "Walking in Olde Wickford" by Tim Cranston. This book covers the area of Quality Hill (West Main Street) and Talbot's corner.

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