

HistWick Herald

Annual Meeting March 27th, 2014 Wickford Art Association at 6 PM

Join us for a fun and informative evening!

Catch up with your friends and neighbors with wine and cheese.

We'll hold a brief business meeting, and Sarah Tallarico, the Gallery Director, will tell us about the Wickford Art Association expansion plans.

And then we'll party again!



36 Beach Street

Wickford In Bloom MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, June 28th



Plans are in the making for another unique Wickford Garden Tour. Many homeowners, with yards of all sizes and shapes, including a Japanese designed garden, have agreed to open their gardens for this tour. Artists will again be stationed in many gardens enabling you to see how the artistic eye sees each garden while also giving you new ideas for your own garden. You'll also have a chance to enter a raffle to win a beautiful quilt or a \$1200 gift certificate for a complete Master Garden Plan.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, June 28th. It will be a time to view beautiful gardens, visit with neighbors and friends, talk with talented artists and perhaps learn about new flowers for your own garden. Best of all, your ticket purchase will help support community needs and historic preservation efforts of Historic Wickford and North Kingstown. Don't miss it. The last garden tour was wonderful.

HistWick is making a difference Don't miss this opportunity to renew your membership or join now!

In response to the overwhelming opposition from the owners of residential property in the area, the Town Council voted to limit the proposed Wickford Village sewer project to commercial properties only.

A key factor in that decision was the information provided by HistWick. As a service to their members, the Board of Directors of HistWick conducted a survey of the residential property owners within Wickford's historic district. The owners were given a summary of the November 25 Town Council presentation and discussion of Wickford sewer alternatives as well as a link to the recording of the council meeting so they could be fully briefed on the subject.

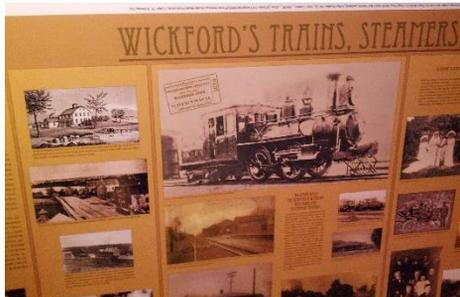
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HistWick is making a difference continued...

Each property owner was asked whether they supported or opposed bringing the sewer line to their street at the relevant cost per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) shown in the presentation. The survey results which were reported to the Town Council on January 10th show a clear majority opposed to the options under discussion. Subsequently, a new Alternative (F) was proposed, one which focuses on the business district but includes some residential properties. HistWick then made a second effort to reach residents impacted by Alternative F and sent a letter on January 25th with those results so the Town Council would have them before their next meeting on January 27th.

HistWick delivers on it's promise

“to preserve, protect and celebrate the historic village of Wickford”



HistWick created an Historic photo display, “Wickford’s Trains, Steamer and Village Life” which is hanging in the waiting room at the new train station. The display commemorates the impact of Wickford Junction and its history of train service to the area. By including sketches and early photos of colonial Wickford, the display captures the evolution of the village through Age of Locomotion and into the late Victorian period during which Wickford became the primary route to Newport.

A crowd attended the unveiling of the Historic photo display on WEDNESDAY, November 6, 2013. Introductory remarks were given by Ted Walls, the HistWick Board member and Associate Professor at URI who coordinated the project. Tim Cranston, our award winning historian, then gave a short presentation that was, as always, both interesting and enjoyable.



HistWick brings programs to it's members

At 2 PM on Sunday, September 15, 2013 Tim Cranston presented a talk on the historic nature of the stained glass windows at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on Main Street in Wickford. The event was sponsored by Historic Wickford Inc. and all were invited to attend.

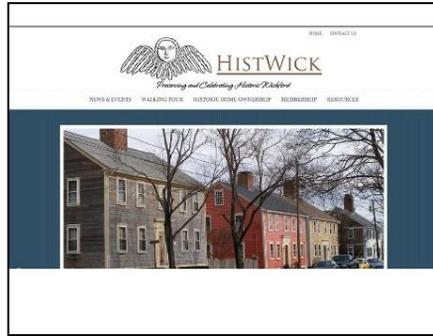
Tim Cranston examined the extraordinary works of art that are the stained glass windows of St. Paul’s. These masterpieces made from glass, sunlight, and color are not only amazing in and of themselves, but they tell a story about Wickford and its residents in the late 19th century. These artistic triumphs were created by artisans in London and New York City, and also by a very special Wickfordite. Attendees learned the story behind those to whom these windows were dedicated and about the “new” St. Paul’s Church they decorate.

The talk was followed by a reception on St. Paul’s Greenway. Admission was free.



HistWick's Website is here for you!

HistWick's web site provides members with easy access to updated information and guests with interesting detail about Wickford Village and the work of HistWick. It is full of interesting information and growing each day. It not only contains HistWick news and events, but provides a wealth of data as well as links to other historic organizations...locally, regionally and nationally.



There are five main sections:

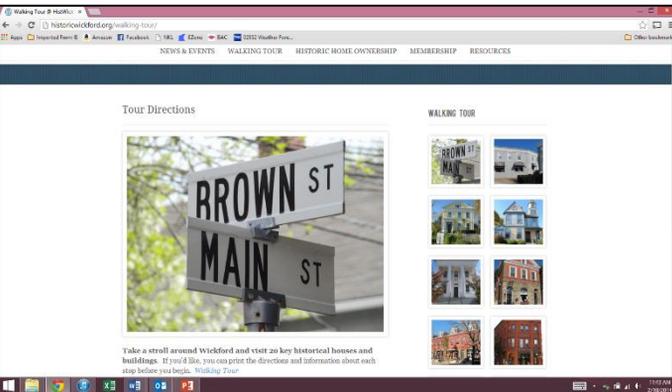
- News & Events
- Walking Tour
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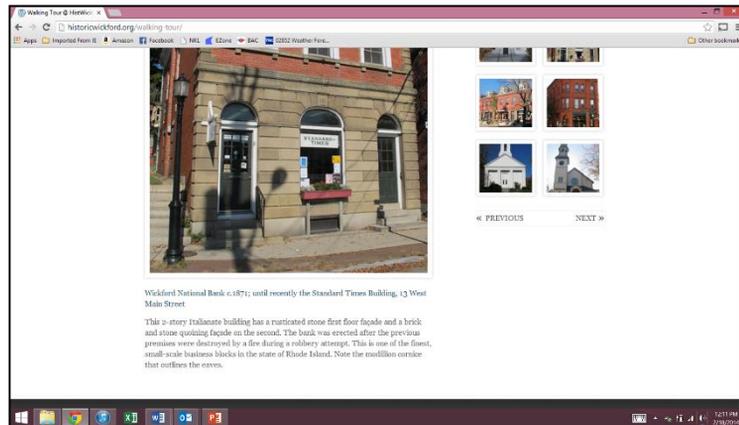
Try our Walking Tour....

Have you taken the walking tour yet? You may want to try this the next time you have friends or family visit.

All it takes is a smart phone. Stroll along our beautiful streets, following the tour stops and share interesting information about the various stops and buildings in town.



1. Start at the corner of Brown Street and Phillips Street (Route 1a) – near the **Hussey Bridge**.
2. Walk down Brown Street heading north to Main Street. (Stops 1-4)
3. Note two key buildings at the main intersection in Wickford (Stops 5-6)
4. Turn right on Main Street and follow this almost to the end. (Stops 7-14)
5. Make a short detour right onto Bay Street (Stop 15)
6. Turn back and cross Main Street, heading down Pleasant Street (Stops 16-17)
7. Turn left on Friend Street and left again onto Fowler Street (Stop 18)
8. Make right onto Church Street and follow it back to Main Street. (Stops 19-20)



Speaking of the Hussey Bridge...

Did you know that HistWick took the initiative several years ago to contact the state when we heard they were planning to renovate our historic bridge.

Planning is well underway and they have agreed to several of our suggestions – for lighting and an historical plaque – and have reached out to us several times to share their plans.

If you are interested in more detail, contact Mike Dacey.

Please support HistWick!

- Join us at our meeting on March 27th
- Send in your 2014 dues if you haven't already
- Contact us to join a committee or the Board





Preserving and Celebrating Historic Wickford

HISTWICK

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 us at histwick1@verizon.net

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 4th volume of the series “ Walking in Olde Wickford by Tim Cranston. This book covers the history of Hamilton Avenue & West Wickford ... One House at a Time

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