

HistWick Herald

!! HistWick Annual Meeting, September 11th. !!

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Dear Friends and Fellow HistWick Members,

Notice of HistWick Annual Meeting: September 11, 2018

Please join us for the HistWick annual meeting to be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 11th, at the Wickford Yacht Club, 165 Pleasant St., Wickford, R.I.

The event will start with a wine and cheese reception and at 7:00 pm will continue with a short business meeting followed by the first public showing of *The Wickford Walk*, a HistWick sponsored video produced by North Kingstown native Charlie Weber. This video celebrates the historic marker project through a tour of HistWick narrated by Tim Cranston and interviews with the artists that provided the marker illustrations.

Plan to attend the September event. *You will be greatly impressed by the quality of Charlies' work.*

A Re-cap of HistWick Activities: 2017 to 2018

Over the last two years, HistWick has sponsored a range of activities. Our holiday Pot Luck Suppers and Annual Meetings brought scores of members and volunteers together to learn about HistWick's involvement in several community projects. These popular community events offer fellowship, community, and learning opportunities for those that attend.

In the summer of 2017, more than 200 members, volunteers, town residents, and those from afar interested in gardening and design took part in the very successful HistWick Garden Tour, visiting more than a dozen gardens. This successful fundraiser raised money for HistWick to provide windows for the renovation of the Old Town House, contribute to the Historic Marker Project, and support Tim Cranston's latest book project. HistWick also donated part of the proceeds from the Garden Tour to the North Kingstown Food Pantry.

HistWick member, Carol Thomas, continues to update and maintain our web site www.historicwickford.org. We encourage members to visit the site to see the new postings.

HistWick continues to offer local residents the uniquely designed historic house plaques that identify dates of construction and names of the first residents of many of Wickford's homes. Perhaps you have noticed the many homes in the village displaying the plaques. You may want to consider a plaque for your home.

Over the last 3 years a committed group of HistWick members researched, designed and produced a series of six Historic Markers now installed throughout the village. Visitors and local residents can walk our streets and lanes and learn of Wickford's historic, architectural and maritime significance. A grant from the Rhode Island Foundation and the assistance of the town's Planning Department supported HistWick's work on this project. The Historic Marker project continues with the development of several more markers.

All of these efforts and more add to the positive image and community building for Wickford village.

HistWick Holiday Kitchen Tour: Sunday, December 2nd

One of HistWick's most popular events, the Holiday Kitchen Tour, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event coincides with Wickford's Festival of Lights. Those from near and far with interest in historic homes, kitchen design, and home decor and the just-plain curious will visit 10 to 12 kitchens in the village. So please circle the date on your calendar today. The event's proceeds support historic preservation in the village and the local food bank.

The HistWick kitchen tour planning committee is now in high gear and would like to identify a few more kitchens. We will also need dozens of docents to station in the homes and their kitchens. If you would like to be part of the tour, or know someone that might be interested, or would like to be a docent, please contact: Sheila Skiffington (sheilaskiffington@gmail.com); Mary Ann Hackett (maryannahackett@gmail.com); or Nancy Gauthier (nancy.gauthier@aol.com)

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Tuesday, September 11, 2018: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Wickford Yacht Club

165 Pleasant St., Wickford, RI

Wine and cheese reception

Annual meeting and program to follow