Ice pack around Newport Bridge construction, photographic negative, January 13, 1968.

JOHN T. HOPE COLLECTION, NHS 2017.004
Visitation of all kinds grew at the NHS by over 30% this past year. While the bulk of the growth was in digital attendance, the Museum of Newport History & Shop and the satellite exhibit at the Resource Center together drew significantly higher numbers than in several recent years.

Does this represent a visiting public which is more interested in history today than last year? A change in the way we have marketed ourselves? Or was this just a good weather-year for visiting Newport? We are currently examining data to try to answer that question.

At the same time, the growth in number and quality of our digital offerings has made our website a more visited, more useful tool for people planning a visit to Newport or looking for more information about our history. If you have not recently done so, take a look at www.newporthistory.org!

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Newport History Tours

WALKING TOURS
Discover Colonial Newport
Golden to Gilded
Holiday Lantern Tour
Road to Independence
Rogues & Scoundrels

SITE TOURS
Colony House
Great Friends Meeting House
Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House
Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House

SPECIAL TOURS OF THE MONTH
Creative Survival
Rum and Revolution
Colonial Jewish Newport
The French in 18th Century Newport
Legends and Lore
The Uncommon Women of the Common Burying Ground

Group Tours

SCHOOL GROUPS
Bay Farm Montessori
Colt Andrews School
Davisville Middle School
Glenn Hills Elementary
Meadowbrook Waldorf School
North Kingstown Middle School
North Providence High School
Providence Country Day School
Roger Williams University
Rogers High School
Salve Regina University
St. Margaret’s School
St. George’s School
Wickford Middle School

History Space Events
A Revolutionary Spinning Bee
Undressing History: Active Pursuits, Women’s Sportswear c. 1900
Interpreting Difficult History for the Public
A Colonists Wardrobe
18th Century Tailoring
The Newport Stamp Act Protest & Martin Howard
Sixth Annual Living History Event: The Burning of HMS Liberty
Visit the Apothecary

Living Historians portraying a Spinning Bee at the Sixth Annual Living History Event.
History Space
Partnership Programs
Redcoats at the Redwood, Redwood Library and Athenaeum
Undressing History: Active Pursuits, Women’s Sportswear c. 1900, Rhode Island Historical Society
Interpreting Difficult History, Boston Freedom Trail Foundation
What Cheer Day: Sports and Games from the 18th Century, Rhode Island Historical Society

Special Events
The Newport Show
Fourth Annual Culinary Adventure: Speakeasy Soirée

Programs
Colonial Survival & Modern Revival: Newport in the 1960s - John Tschirch, Mapping Newport- collaboration with Newport Restoration Foundation
“The Epic History of America’s Most Notorious Pirates” - Eric Jay Dolin
2018 Annual Meeting - Website launch and “The Vintner and the Indian” - Dr. Elaine Forman Crane and William Claggett Exhibit Opening: My small Ability
Outlander Cast Season Four Finale Party in partnership with Outlander Cast podcast
John Clarke’s World, guest lecturer Cherry Bamberg
Theophilus North: Thornton Wilder’s Love Letter to Newport, in partnership with the Thornton Wilder Family
Colonial Survival & Modern Revival: Newport in the 1960s - John Tschirch, Mapping Newport - collaboration with Newport Restoration Foundation
From Saints to Bootleggers: The Struggle for Temperance and Prohibition in Rhode Island, guest lecturer Robert Geake
Shoes & Their Secret Stories, guest lecturer Dr. Kimberly Alexander
Remembering Slavery, the Rhode Island Slave History Medallions Project, guest lecturer Joanne Pope Melish

History Starts Here: Newport Historical Society Annual Meeting & Award Ceremony
July 4th Open House at the Colony House
First Freedom Open House Tours of the Great Friends Meeting House & Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House, in collaboration with the Four Faiths program
“Frère et Concitoyen”: A Newporter in Revolutionary France, guest lecturer William Simpson
“I am an honest woman”: Female Revolutionary Resistance along the Seacoast, guest lecturer Dr. Emily Murphy

Exhibits
Craftsmen and Consumers: Transatlantic Commerce in 18th Century Newport – Museum of Newport History, February 2019-present
“My small Ability” The Life and Work of William Claggett – Newport Historical Society Resource Center, December 2018 to September 2019
50th Anniversary of the Newport Bridge – Museum of Newport History, May 2019-present
History Mystery: The Newport Towert – Museum of Newport History, July 2019-present
Newport History Videos
(Available Online)

Will Simpson – “Frère et Concitoyen”: A Newporter in Revolutionary France

Museum of Newport History – History Starts Here

Robert A. Geake – From Saints to Bootleggers

Ruth S. Taylor – Interpreting Difficult History for the Public

Theophilus North: Thornton Wilder’s Love Letter to Newport

Cherry Fletcher Bamberg – John Clarke’s World

Quinn Burgess – Undressing History: Active Pursuits, Women’s Sportswear c.1900

Big Ideas for a Changing World Essay Contest 10th Grade Winners

SPONSORED BY DWIGHT & SUSAN SIPPRELLE

Young people do care about history.

Not only do they care, but they also understand that events from the past and how we interpret them can shape our future. And, with a little encouragement (OK, maybe a lot), they can express it in ways that are meaningful and moving.

This is the third year that the Newport Historical Society sponsored a contest that asked Rhode Island high school sophomores to write about something happening in their community that had the capacity to create change – to make history! The winners got a trip to see the award-winning Broadway Show, Hamilton: An American Musical.

The students who enter the contest are not much younger than Alexander Hamilton, John Laurens, Lafayette and the Schuyler sisters were on the eve of the American Revolution. And like these young adults from America’s past, today’s youth are equally worried about the world and their nation. They care deeply about how past and current events both big and small will impact the future.

This year, winning essays discussed the nature of work, and how it is affected by technology and inclusivity, how journalism shapes the world we think we know, about struggles with mental illness, and how the diverse American population can be a source of strength. The essays are contemporary and historical, and they reflect an impressive group of young people thinking hard about their world.

2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

Fiona Christensen, Middletown High School, “College Education”

Emma Darcy, Exeter West Greenwich High School, “Medicated Assisted Treatment in Rhode Island”

Esmerelda Flores, Central Falls High School, “Reducing the Stigma of Depression”

Nkèke Harris, East Bay MET, “Pajeb Osoowemoouk (Till it is, Shall be Changed)”

Grace Haskell, Middletown High School, “Anyone Can Work”

Madeline McCarthy, South Kingstown High School, “Youth Empowerment”
Tara Monastesse, Toll Gate High School, “Journalism in the New Age”

Kaitlyn Salinas, Middletown High School, “Stability in a New Country”


Emma Ventura, Middletown High School, “A Modern Industrial Revolution”

College Interns and Work Study

Harold Kahane, Summer 2019 collections intern – Phillips Academy Andover

Evan Elichalt, Spring 2019 collections work study – Salve Regina University

Kerry McAuliffe, Winter 2019 archives intern – Simmons University

Madison Schettler, Spring & Fall 2019 collections work study – Salve Regina University

Mathew Shore, Spring & Fall 2019 NHS Resource Center volunteer – Salve Regina University

Kayley Stevenson, Fall 2019 collections work study – Salve Regina University

Buchanan Burnham Visiting Scholars Program

VISITING CURATOR:

John Tschirch, Visiting Curator of Urban History

BUCHANAN BURNHAM SUMMER SCHOLARS IN PUBLIC HISTORY CLASS OF 2019:

Joey DeFrancesco – B.A. in Anthropology, Rhode Island College. Researched abolition and anti-abolition in Newport, 1835-1866

Sydnee Odei-Ntiri, Salve Regina University McGinty Fellow – B.A. in History and Culture and Historic Preservation (double major), Salve Regina University. Produced a finding aid for the Free African Union Society records at NHS.


MaryKate Smolenski – History and Museum Studies Graduate Student at Tufts University; B.A. Anthropology and History (double major), George Washington University. Researched and produced a
Research by Scholars

God’s Little Acre
Confederate voluntary exile to Latin America and the slave trade in Brazil
Maritime contacts with the Australian colonies, 1790-1820
Fife and drumming; Odell Chapman drums
Newport Fire Department
Victorian cemetery art
Newport Gardner
18th century mahogany trade
Richard Morris Hunt
History of early Quaker families in Newport and their activities

Yachting
French occupation of Newport
Brenton family genealogy
Colonial furniture trade
Genealogy of Revolutionary War soldiers
Griswold House, Newport Art Museum
Mabel Norman Cerio and conservation contributions
Edward King House and garden
Giverny artists, 1887-1888
Elihu Coleman and New England anti-slavery

Redcoats at the Redwood
During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Newport Historical Society received regional and national media coverage. Much of this publicity was obtained through print publications such as newspapers and magazines, but increasingly we receive attention through regional and niche topic bloggers.

NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Forbes
GoLocalProv.com
My Backyard News
Newport Life Magazine
NewportNow.com
Newport This Week
Providence Business News
RI News Today
San Francisco Chronicle
South Coast Today
The Providence Journal
The Newport Daily News
Warwick Beacon
What’sUpNewp.com
What’sUpRI.com

THE NEWPORT SHOW:

American Fine Art Magazine
Antiques and Fine Arts Magazine
Antiques and the Arts Weekly
Classical 95.5
Delaware Antiques Show Catalogue
Newport Harbor Guide
New England Home
Newport Daily News Special Section
Newport Rotary Club
NewportOut.com
Providence Business News
Philadelphia Antiques Show Catalogue
Providence Monthly
South County Life
The Magazine Antiques
The Westerly Sun
The Winter Show Catalogue
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Washington Winter Show Catalogue
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A Selection of Image Requests from the NHS Collection

The Newport Historical Society’s extensive photograph collection is used on a daily basis by various researchers. We assist book publishers, authors, filmmakers, scholars, genealogists, architects, builders and local home-owners in locating rare images of Newport’s unique historic landscape and former residents. Below you will find a sampling of how our collection has been utilized, and where images have been published, throughout the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

expected pub. 2022 P738; P5601

**BOOK – A Cultural History of Ideas in the Age of Enlightenment,** expected pub. April 2020
53.3 - Potter family overmantel painting

**DOCUMENTARY – The Lafayette Escadrille**
by Paul Glenshaw, Darroch Greer, Humanus Documentary Films Foundation  P9318


Molly Brown House Museum’s 2020 suffrage exhibition glassplate negative of Aime Dupont Studio pamphlet – Slavery in the Making of the Nightingale-Brown House by John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage
53.3 - Potter family overmantel painting

**ARTICLE – “Patrick W. Dwyer” Rhode Island Roots,** summer 2019 by Michael F. Dwyer Camp Devens
draft photograph

*Newport Harbor Guide 2019* boathouse of Arthur Curtiss James; 2009.3.125; 99.4.169
Ardent Advocate: Selected Letters of William Ellery from the Newport Historical Society Collection

William Ellery was one of the most prominent citizens of Newport and Rhode Island from the mid-1700s until his death in 1820. Ellery was a merchant, attorney, politician, political appointee, and intellectual whose tireless work on behalf of his fellow citizens has not been fully recognized and appreciated. *Ardent Advocate: Selected Letters of William Ellery from the Newport Historical Society Collection* was an attempt to rectify this using manuscripts and objects from the Newport Historical Society collection (his letters can be found in countless repositories).

The idea for the book can be credited to Dr. John Parillo whose unwavering interest in Ellery led to numerous hours of research in our manuscript collection where he came upon lots of Ellery letters. These letters confirmed what John already knew, William Ellery was a multi-faceted, connected and dynamic man – and John encouraged everyone he talked to (including the staff here) to learn more about Ellery. Someone who happily shared John’s passion for Ellery is longtime member and friend of NHS, John Bagwill (his wife Lee is an Ellery descendent). John enthusiastically took on the task of raising funds to help support the book project. Many thanks to both Johns, and to all of the project supporters.

Like most projects, this book is the product of great collaboration: Bert Lippincott and Ingrid Peters spent hours transcribing original manuscripts and putting the contents into context. Cynthia Johnson, an admirer of Ellery, wrote the introduction. Sarah Long took the photographs, and Gayle Bordlemay was the designer. Elizabeth Stevens provided sage counsel and editorial oversight.

Library Accessions 2018/19

2018-1-1 “Exeter Town Council Records 1742/3-1771”
Rhode Island Roots Special Bonus Issue, April 2018. Rhode Island Genealogical Society.


2018-11-1 World War II Rhode Island by Christian McBurney et al. (History Press 2017).


2018-21-1 Rhode Island Historical Resources Archive, Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission Reports:

US NAVAL HOSPITAL NEWPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT. MELVILLE NAVAL HISTORIC DISTRICT NAVAL STATION NEWPORT. Gift of the US Dept. of the Navy, October 2018.


2018-23-1 John Clarke’s World by Cherry Fletcher Bamberg FASC and Judith Crandall Harbold (Rhode Island Genealogical Society 2018) Gift of the authors, autographed *NHS research, graphics.


2019-12-1 Privateering in King George’s War 1739-1748 by Howard M. Chapin (Providence 1928). Additional copy gift of Jocelyn Sherman.
2019-13-1 **Privateer Ships and Sailors** by Howard M. Chapin (Toulon, France 1926) Additional copy gift of Jocelyn Sherman.

2019-14-1 **Rhode Island Privateers in King George’s War 1739-1748** by Howard M. Chapin (Providence 1926). Additional copy gift of Jocelyn Sherman.


2019-20-1 **Ancestors of Joseph and Brenda (LaMond) Sullivan, Book II 1576-2018** by Brenda Smith (LaMond) Sullivan. (Genealogy House 2019). Gift of the author.


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