



PORTSMOUTH

Historical Society

June 2017 Newsletter

JUNE IS RENEWAL MONTH. If you haven't renewed your membership, it is now time to do so. See the form attached below.

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. First, let me give a special welcome to those 72 new memberships we have received so far! That is an indication of great progress as we work hard to get the word out about our town's wonderful history. We are also welcoming a number of new corporate memberships as well.

- 1. The Museum is open!** Every **Sunday from 2-4** our museum buildings are open. Come see the great collection of archives we have gathered relating to our town history. Especially see the new annual exhibit, created by our Curator staff "Out of the Attic", a collection of 15 displays of various historic items that have come from our attic. (By the way, what is in YOUR attic? We take locally related donations). Every Society member should make an effort to come see our exhibits while we are open Sundays until Columbus Day.
- 2. Annual Meeting-Monday 19 June-7 PM at the Museum.** Please join us for our annual meeting. We will provide a number of reports by various members of our Board of Directors and I will talk about the current status of the Society, as well as our very active plans for the future. Also it will be a chance for members to see the current displays from our collection. Refreshments will be served.
- 3. Building Painting:** Work by the painting contractor, The Preservation Coop of Warren, has begun. An earlier generous grant from the RI Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission as well as a recent grant from The 1772 Foundation have enabled us to hire a contractor to paint the outside of the building and work is underway. We are awaiting the results of additional grant requests.
- 4. Docents:** We still could use a few docents to help greet visitors on Sundays when the Museum is open. Please think about helping us show off our collection.

5. **Volunteers:** There are number of other volunteer-opportunities available with the Society. The Curator's Committee under the leadership of Nancy Crawford can always use some help when they meet each Wednesday morning. Let us know at PHSInfo@portsmouthhistorical.org how you can contribute.
6. Please check our website portsmouthhistorical.org for the great amount of Portsmouth history information stored there. And take our survey there. Results of the survey will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.
7. **Upcoming Events:**
- 14 June: 3rd graders will tour the Historical Society's buildings led by Gloria Schmidt
 - 19 June-7PM-Annual Meeting at the Museum
 - 6 July-Showing of the Town's copy of the Declaration of Independence at Town Hall
 - 8 August-Lecture on the Battle of RI by author Christian McBurney at the Portsmouth Free Public Library

If you haven't yet renewed your Society membership, please tear off this form and send it in with your dues:

Portsmouth
Historical Society
Membership
Application

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 City _____ State ____ Zip ____
 Phone () _____ Email _____

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 Historical Society
 P.O. Box 834
 Portsmouth, RI 02871

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- Contributing \$50
- Supporter \$ _____ All donations appreciated

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