



# PORTSMOUTH

## *Historical Society*

### Portsmouth Historical Society Newsletter for September 2018

The Portsmouth Historical Society is in the midst of our busiest time of the year. Although we try to spread out our scheduled events, it seems every year that we get a bit backed up around now.

Last week we hosted a reception for the **Lord Mayor Lee Mason of Portsmouth, United Kingdom**. It was a full weekend hosted by the Society and members of our 375<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee. We had a reception at the Museum last Friday evening and the Lord Mayor was the recipient of numerous gifts from the Society and local political representatives. The Society also received several gifts from him including a print of the painting of the USS Constitution visiting Portsmouth harbor in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. A driving tour of Historic Portsmouth Saturday was followed by a wine-tasting at Greenvale Vineyards and later attendance at the US-England Polo Match at the Glen. A fine time was had by all and the Lord Mayor had a “jolly good time”.

On Sunday 26 August, noted Revolutionary War author **Christian McBurney** gave a “**Battle of RI**” lecture at the Museum. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoy hearing about the local battle which was fought 240 years ago right here in Portsmouth.

**Upcoming Events:** ON **Wednesday 19 September** the Society’s **Book Club** will meet at the Portsmouth Library at 6 PM. The book to be discussed is **A.O. Scotti’s “Sudden Sea”** an analysis of the impact of the 1938 Hurricane on RI. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the Library. Please join us on the near anniversary (21 Sept) of that cataclysmic storm that devastated our state and all of New England.

The next night, **Thursday 20 September** join us at our **Harvest Social (5:30-7 PM) at Greenvale**. This event is free to our members and a nice opportunity to sample the fine local wines and enjoy conversation with Society members. However, our society always needs donations to do our important work.

On **Sunday afternoon, 30 September at 2 PM** Gloria Schmidt will host at our Museum a program **“Celebrating Portsmouth Women”**. Local artifacts will be on display and at 3 PM we will have a round-robin presentation of a number of women who have contributed to Portsmouth’s history. Copies of **Gloria’s book “Portsmouth Women”** will be available for purchase (\$5). Come join us for this presentation of the wonderful contributions of Portsmouth women.

Our Historical Society Museum will continue to be open Sunday afternoons from 2-5 PM until Columbus Day. If you haven’t made it yet, please come to see our displays in our newly-renovated museum.

**Outside events:** on 19 September (reception 5:30, lecture 6PM) Steven Ujifusa, cousin of Linda Ujifusa will offer a lecture on his book “Barons of the Sea” at the Redwood Library (redwoodlibrary.org for details).

Also, the Glen Park Working Committee is honoring **Grace Kinnunen** for her many years of dedicated service (Glen Park Thursday 20 September at 2 PM).

**Membership Renewals:** If you have not yet renewed your membership, please take the time to do it now. We depend on your support for our programs and events. You can renew on the web at [www.portsmouthhistorical.org](http://www.portsmouthhistorical.org) using the Pay Pal button if you wish. Remember your membership is valid for 12 months starting from the month in which you renew. Please renew **NOW** if you haven’t already.

See you soon at all of our events!

Jim Garman   
President Taking Pride in Portsmouth’s History