

The GREEN

LIGHT



BULLETIN OF THE POINT ASSOCIATION OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

EXTRA IIII

The Greenlight's inimitable editor, Miss Edith Ballinger Price, is a patient at Newport Hospital and a speedy recovery wish is winged her way - via Sea Gull, of course - from all Pointers, friends and admirers. While the usual "Priceless" Greenlight edition will not be circulated this month, it can be said that the information herein is accurate and available because of Miss Price's well prepared and well organized material turned over to your emergency editor. There will be no August edition but look for your next Greenlight in September again under the fine hand of E. B. P.

Eleanor S. Weaver, Editor Pro Tem

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 8:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN'S GUILD HALL, POPLAR STREET.

- I. Awards to junior garden contest winners presented by Joseph Sullivan, Chairman.
- II. Special treat in store: Harold McGinn is lending his slides and commentary on "Newport 1960" which show many historic features of Newport and numerous Point attractions. Simon Nemtzow has kindly consented to present the program in Mr. McGinn's absence. Bring your friends along, they'll be sure to enjoy this meeting.
Refreshments of course, following the program.

~~EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING held July 13 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. George D. Weaver, Jr. The Pres., William Harrington, reported that progress is being made by the city in removing oil residue along Washington Street. This is a long and tedious job and, while we all hope for a miraculous clean-up, improvement in our shoreline is evident.~~

Mrs. Weaver, Chairman of the Afternoon on the Point, reported that flower boxes, completely planted, will be presented to the Point stores in gratitude for the many favors the owners have extended P. A. N. The store owners, also, have kindly consented to water the plants. Eight flower tubs will be placed in Battery Park and amiable Joe Sullivan has agreed to tend them. The fence immediately over the tracks on Walnut Street will be painted (we hope by the time you read this) and all the curbing, trees, and sidewalk weed growths will be cleaned by the Public Works Department. The weeding and general street clean-up

was quickly and generously agreed to by the City Manager, George Bisson, in response to a request from P. A. N. Mr. Bisson, also, extended congratulations to the Association for its efforts to beautify the area. Helping with the clean-up and beautification program are John L. Murphy and George Weaver. The committee arranging refreshments for the Afternoon on the Point consists of the Chairman, Mrs. Francis P. Carr, Jr., Mrs. Allen Bloom, Miss Marie Burke and Mrs. Alfred Feiner.
(see garden tour flyer for details)

The Board earnestly appeals to all P. A. N. members to plead the case of the flower tubs and boxes to family and neighbors, children and adults. Our neighborhood does benefit from such a pretty floral display, please treat it kindly. If this project is a success, next year will see an expansion of the floral decorations.

JUNIOR GARDEN CONTEST - Congratulations to the *winners, judged on July 14, who were:

1st. Prize(two weeks at Beach Pond Camp): Gertrude Duffy; 2nd.Prize (\$10.00 books certificate): Louise Duffy; 3rd. prize(1 year subscription National History Magazine): James T. Douglas; honorable mention: Patricia, Robert, Daniel and William O'Loughlin. Many thanks to the judges, Mrs. George Chaplin, Pres. Sachuest Garden Club; Mrs. John Deery, Pres. Seaside Garden Club and Joseph Sullivan, Pres. Newport Horticultural Society and Chairman of this contest event. A hearty well-done to all other garden entrants whose efforts certainly are helping to improve the appearance of our POINT: Peter Whalon, Matthew D. Weaver, Susan & Bonnie Brownell, James, John, and Mary Rothnie, Stephen SanFilippo, Victoria Kelly, Mark Manuel, Debra Manuel, Trudy O'Neill. We owe a debt of gratitude to Joe Sullivan for giving his time and energy to this project and, also, for donating dozens and dozens of plants to young and adult gardeners in the POINT.

(Presentation of the awards will be made at the July 27 meeting.
*Our prize winners will be listed in the Point Garden Tour on August 5 - see attached flyer.)

The PICNIC, which is P. A. N.'s reward and thanks to all junior gardeners, will be held Sunday, August 13 at 1:00 P.M. All contestants and their friends are to meet at the Willow Street driftway to embark on the hayride for fun, frolic and food under the supervision of Mike Murphy, Joe Dowd and their committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 27-8:00 P.M.-St. John's Guild Hall, MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(Thursday)
August 5-1:30 to 5:00 P.M.-GARDEN TOUR
(Saturday)
August 13-1:00P.M. 'til we get tired - PICNIC
(Sunday)
September 12-CITY ELECTION
(Tuesday)

The future may well hold many changes for the aspect of Newport harbor. It is pleasant to go back 110 years and look over Mary Robinson Hunter's shoulder as she writes in her diary at Hunter house, July 1851:

"Emma and I had a quiet tea together, after which we strolled about and down on the end of the wharf - a lovely scene, the water so tranquil that the shadows were unbroken and the glorious moon, the stars, the blue vault of Heaven, were reflected on its swelling bosom. The lesser objects were heightened in beauty and importance by their perfect resemblance in the quiet deep - the lights of the lighthouse and the houses near the shore. The fading western light became gradually overshadowed by the drapery that night throws over the earth - the merry voices of young bathers on the shore, the pleasure boats skimming the surface of the water; sights and sounds were all in harmony. Then the water began to show symptoms of commotion at the approach of two steamers rounding the Island - the large New York boat and the little Perry - snorting and groaning like huge sea-monsters till they discharge on our favoured shores their burden of human beings, reeking and faint from the heated cities. . But here, all, all is glorious that Thy hand hath formed !"

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NOSTALGIA FROM ARIZONA: W. J. Ladyman, jr. writes from Phoenix - but it sounds as if his heart is still on the Point --

" 'Bubba' Langley - that rich chocolate ice cream, those coconut patties, that chocolate molasses bar - and the real fruit flavor ice cream he put out, and only 'Bubba' could do it !

"And Westall's, with the once-in-a-lifetime vanilla flavor that I have never tasted since.

"I want to hear the band concerts at the Battery - and the concert interrupted by a thunderstorm. Remember Child's refreshment stand ?

"I want to smell the mussels baking on the Long Shore and see the civilians walking along the bank dash down and grab a handful, without invitation !

"I want to see those boot apprentices out there rowing on the bay, in the big awkward boats they used. . and I want to see the old-timers fishing for chogsets off Elm Street Pier.

"And Ladyman's store on Fourth of July. . we never did have a fiery blow-up, but it was always imminent, in spite of Mother Ladyman's slogan, 'Watch that lighted punk around those fire-crackers !'

"And the old Point Hummers Quartet. Pete Weaver, Ben Crowell, Joe Dennis and 'Bony' Devlin. Many a night they sat on our steps and sang real harmony. I slept upstairs in the front room on the Elm Street side. One night I was awakened by the Point Hummers Quartet singing, on our front steps. As I woke, I couldn't tell where I was, the singing was so beautiful. I thought I must be dead. . . this is Heaven. . . for only there could any music be so beautiful. . . "

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. . . Well, all of these things are gone from the Point, and we hear hints of a Rose Island Resort, skyscraper apartments on Goat Island, and an eventual Bridge criss-crossing the widespread bay. But - the sun still sets in grandeur beyond Conanicut, youngsters catch chogsets from the pier, sails still gleam in sunlight, and reflections twinkle across dark water at night. And memories lie deep and safe in the heart of anyone who has ever loved the Point.