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# The GREEN LIGHT



## BULLETIN of the POINT ASSOCIATION

JUNE, 1958

### ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT

The Point Association will sponsor an exhibit of Arts and Crafts made by Pointers on Saturday, August 9, 1958, from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P. M. in St. John's Guild Hall, Poplar Street.

Only residents of the Point will be eligible to exhibit unless they have in their possession things made by Point residents of the past. We are in hopes of having things of this sort as it will add greatly to the interest of the exhibit. If you have anything along these lines, please fill out "entry blank" (see below) and mail promptly. For additional information call VI 6-3114.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT

There are many talented craftsmen on the Point and there are many more Pointers who make wonderfully interesting things with their hands. If you weave, knit, crochet, tat, embroider, make rugs, paint pictures, china, build ship models, or do any other creative work, please be sure to place your exhibit in the Guild Hall on August 9.

This will be an informal, neighborly affair with sandwiches being sold for lunch. Bring the entire family and look at all the interesting things "Pointers" are doing!

### ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT ENTRY BLANK

AUGUST 9, 1958, 11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P. M. ST. JOHN'S GUILD HALL, POPLAR STREET

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELE. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT OF SPACE NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ WALL? \_\_\_\_\_ FLOOR? \_\_\_\_\_ TABLE? \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROXIMATE NO. OF ITEMS \_\_\_\_\_  
WILL YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR SALE? \_\_\_\_\_  
WILL YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO TAKE ORDERS FOR? \_\_\_\_\_

ALL EXHIBITS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO ST. JOHN'S GUILD HALL, POPLAR STREET AND INSTALLED BY EXHIBITOR IN ASSIGNED SPACE NO LATER THAN 10:00 A. M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 9. THE GUILD HALL WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY, JUNE 8, FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 P. M. AND FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P. M. FOR THOSE EXHIBITORS WHO WILL NEED MORE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EXHIBITS.

IF TABLES ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE ATTACH LIST.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MRS. HENRY ECCLES, 101 WASHINGTON STREET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### ST. JOHN'S FAIR

DATE \* JULY 19, 1958 - ALL DAY  
DANCING AT NIGHT !!!

### JULY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Be sure to attend the July 24, 1958 General Membership Meeting. Revision of By-laws to be voted upon and Arts and Crafts Exhibit will be discussed.

POINT OF INTEREST

What is repeated here is pure legend and we hope it will be accepted as such. It is this sort of story that typifies our own colonial history, for Newport history is filled with such men and events as we are about to describe.

In the days when Rhode Island was an English Crown Colony and almost every male Newporter seems to have been bound by custom to serve his time before the mast, many of our forbears found themselves in the merchant navy - the armed merchantmen who preyed on the merchant shipping of whatever countries were at war with England at the time. These of course were the crews known as privateers. Now, for the unenlightened, about all that separated the privateer from the pirate was a slip of paper or "letter of marque" issued by the Crown which made what would ordinarily be an act of piracy perfectly legal. Much of the wealth that came to Newport came from the privateering ventures of her daring sailors. But what is to prevent the shipmaster who has spent years at sea - a man who has come to love the life of a sea rover - to continue the habits of privateering when it becomes no longer legal, to become a pirate in fact.

Simeon Potter may have been such a man. Legend would have it that after he had committed several acts which if they were not piracy, certainly bordered on it and after a most lucrative series of engagements in the Caribbean, he started back for his home port - Newport. Now why any of his crew assumed that he might be planning to withhold its rightful share of booty, we don't know; however, certain crew members became somewhat mutinous and Simeon put them ashore on a small island. They must have been a resourceful group of men, for they managed to catch another faster, homeward bound ship and Simeon found them waiting for him when he arrived here. Evidently the crew members had already "told all" and

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POINT OF INTEREST cont'd.

townspeople were provoked - privateering was one thing - piracy was something else again.

It is said that in order to "square himself" with the citizens he presented the Proprietors of Long Wharf with his home to be used as a school - the first public school here and it still stands at the corner of Marsh Street and Washington. Of course this made something of a public benefactor out of Simeon, but perhaps he was not too sure of the good will of some of his townsmen for he removed to Bristol and from then on sailed from that Port. We think it's interesting to note, that even today, there are in Bristol certain Spanish Colonial silver pieces that could have been brought in by Simeon.

There probably isn't a youngster now attending the present Potter School on Elm Street that wouldn't be surprised to know that his school was named for a privateer. We'll bet that if any of this story is true, it is the only school in America named for one!

E.H.B.

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ANSWER TO MAY "POINT OF INTEREST"

Shipwright Street was the east end of the present Bridge Street and "little Ann Claggett" tumbled into the "Cove" or "Basin" at her backdoor, where now are Cardines Field and the railroad depot.

E.B.P.

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POINT TREE PROGRAM

The tree warden, Mr. William Bowman, says it is too late in the season to put in the quota of 100 trees. He would like to break the sidewalks, shovel out the rubble, and fill the holes with loam, allowing it to settle in until Fall when the trees can be planted.

RUG CHANGES

Books of Chances for the beautiful hooked rug made and donated to the Point Association by Miss Carrie Ericson are being printed now. Members of the Executive Board will be passing them out and books may be purchased from the president, Mr. William Fullerton, VI 7-5163.

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BY-LAW REVISION

Due notice of by-law revision was given the general membership at the May 23rd meeting. By-laws will be voted upon at the July 24, meeting and the members are reminded that if by-laws are adopted, the members of the nominating committee will elected at this meeting. Copies of the revised by-laws may be obtained from Mrs. Richard Weiss, VI6-9457 and Mr. S. J. Weaver, Chairman of By-Law Revision Committee, will be happy to answer questions.

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POINT BULLETIN - Sara W. Weiss  
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Point of Interest - Mr. Edwin H. Brownell

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GARDEN CONTEST

The date of the Garden Contest is AUGUST 20th. Three members of the Sea Side Garden Club will judge all gardens that are registered before August 15th.

Register by calling TELE-VOICE VI7-3341  
Registration is free to all "Pointers".

Let's have an enthusiastic response to this project!

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TEENAGE GROUP

The teenage dances are still very popular and as many as forty young people have attended. Chaperones and refreshments are still needed.

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POINT MARKET

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