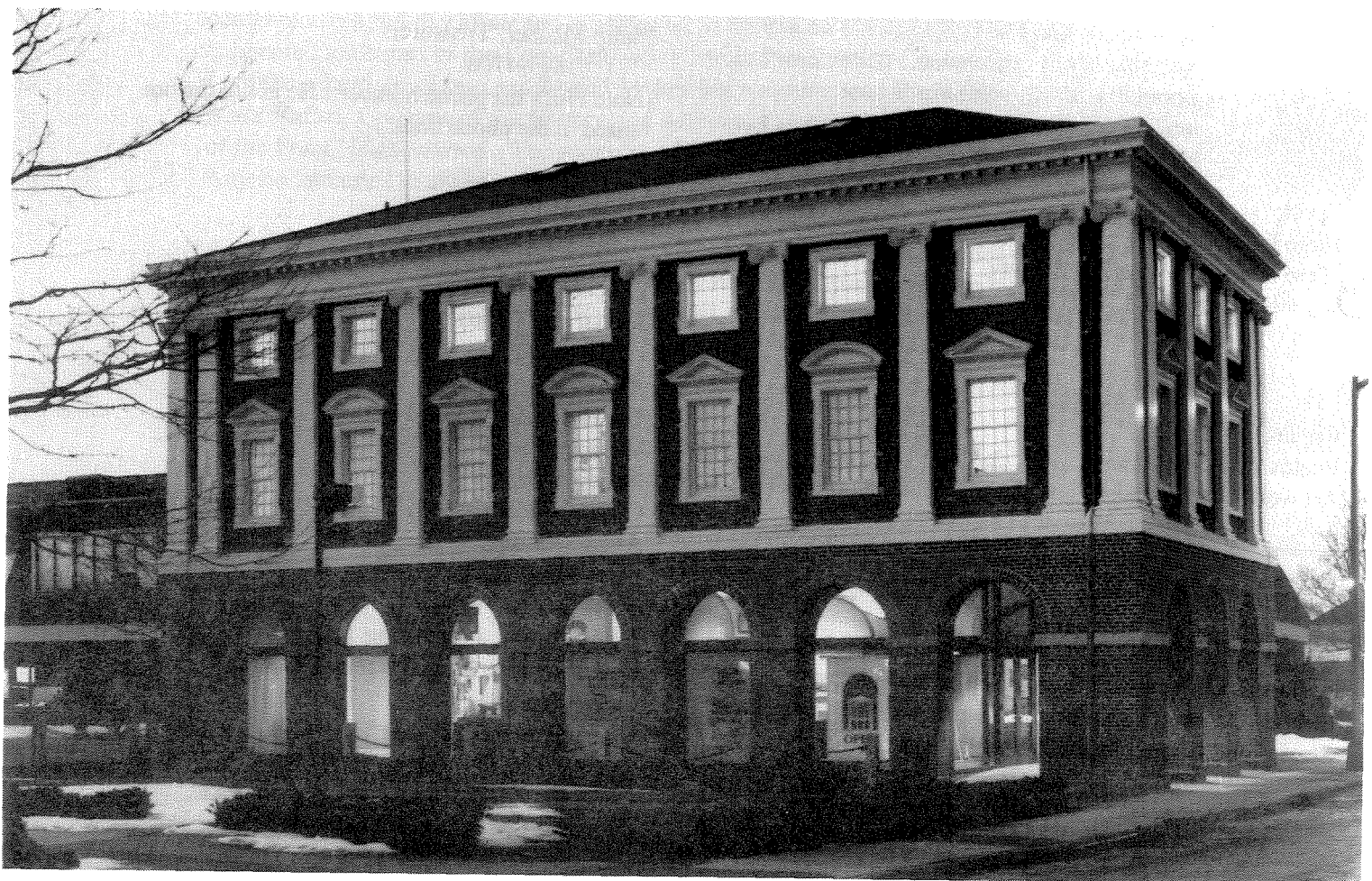


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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The last of the snow has melted only to leave in full view those admirable first flowers of Spring. The snowdrops and crocuses are signals that Winter is at our backs and we can now look forward to that time of year when the residents of the Point can do what they do best. It is no secret that our residents take restoration and renewal seriously. Some sidewalks have already been swept and some yards have already been raked. We are now all very eager to roll up our sleeves and get the show of Spring and Summer underway.

Regularly scheduled events for the next two months are the April general membership meeting, the Annual Plant Sale, and the Point clean-up. These events are described in detail in the text of this issue. As always, the Board urges everyone to participate and assist to the best of their ability. You will also notice that there is a preview of possible upcoming events for the Summer months. There is still time for all interested parties to aid in the planning to ensure success.

On Saturday, April 9, the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission will be sponsoring a conference entitled "Preservation Strategies for Livable Communities." The conference is a full day affair and is hosted by Salve Regina University. The Point Association is honored to be part of the 1994 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. In the morning, I will be a participant in a panel titled Mobilizing Neighborhood Resources. In the afternoon, Anita Rafael, Co-chair of the History and Archives Committee, will conduct a Walking Tour of the Point Neighborhood. The sponsors of the conference anticipate welcoming 300 people. Anyone interested in attending can contact Sheila Brush, Conference Coordinator at 277-2678.

Before I close, I would like to thank Donna Maytum and her faithful committee for yet another delightful Pot Luck Supper. A good number of people braved the bitter cold to join in and share their favorite dishes. It was just what the doctor ordered to end the cruel month of February.

Christine Montanaro

POINT CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 30, rain or shine, is the designated date for clean up on the Point. All of you who wish to join in the effort, please arrive at 9 a.m. at Storer Park. It will help if you would bring along a rake. The clean up is concentrated in Storer and Battery Parks. We do need your help! So many of us enjoy our parks during the spring and summer months. People are apt to keep them tidy if they start out clean. So let's all pitch in this year to make our neighborhood as lovely as we can. We'd like to plant pachysandra around the base of trees in Battery Park to protect the bark against mowers. If you have an overgrowth, we would appreciate your kind contribution to the cause.

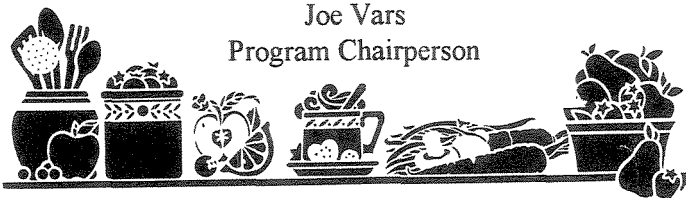
Please remember the "Adopt a Block" program whereby you might help out an elderly or sick neighbor to cleanup for spring. Many thanks and I'll see you April 30, rain or shine!

Carol Marinan

GENEROUS THANKS TO THE POT LUCK ORGANIZERS

The Pot Luck Supper this year was a "delicious" success - as usual. Thanks go out to our hard-working crews, especially Donna Maytum who chaired and organized the event and Angela Vars and the telephone committee who so diligently called and solicited all the wonderful chow for this affair, the set-up crew, the break-down group, the kitchen brigade and on and on and on. If we've forgotten anyone or left anyone out, please accept our sincere thanks. The Point Association is always appreciative of Pointers helping Pointers. It was wonderful to see small children at this annual event. They are our backbone and to show them a neighborhood get together I'm sure will instill in them community spirit, civic pride and "volunteerism." We also appreciate St. Paul's Church Hall which is a wonderful meeting place and the ease and function of its facilities for such an event. We were somewhat concerned about attendance because of the severe winter weather, but the members' stamina proved us wrong with no need to have worried.

Joe Vars
Program Chairperson



POINT ASSOCIATION SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our Spring General Membership Meeting will be on April 28 (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in St. Paul's Methodist Church Hall on Marlborough Street. A regular review agenda will take place and current issues will be briefly discussed. The program speaker, following the business meeting, will be a valued friend of the Point Association, the Director of Education for the Preservation Society of Newport County, John Tschirch. An extremely busy person, he has consented to present a special illustrated program for our spring gathering. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Mr. Tschirch has spoken recently for the Newport Historical Society winter seminar on "The Creation of the Gardens at the Elms (1900-1914)." This summer he will be guest lecturer on the QEII to England and just prior to our spring assembly he will have conducted a symposium which concludes about an hour before our meeting. A very knowledgeable and personable gentleman, we are fortunate to have Mr. Tschirch speak at our meeting. Please join your fellow Pointers and guests to hear this colorful speaker bring his subject to life, "Gardens of the Great Houses of England in the 18th Century." Please encourage a prospective new member and join us on April 28 for a very special program and Spring Membership Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Joe Vars
Program Chairperson

POINT PLANT SALE

Here comes our traditional spring rite when Point gardeners meet at the corner of Pine and Washington Streets in Anita McAndrews' yard to exchange and purchase "grown on the Point" plants.

Some of the most knowledgeable gardeners on the Point are "as usual" giving their help and sharing their expertise. We are grateful for all donations and look forward to finding many lovely, healthy plants supplied by special friends of the Association.

Over coffee and cookies it's fun to see each other after the long winter and talk and plan gardening with neighbors. We'll see you bringing in your plants on the 20th and carrying off new additions for your garden on the 21st.

Joan Stickley
Plant Sale Chairperson

Point Plant Sale
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*Anything heavy can be picked up the morning of
May 20 on a truck; please note, however,
that by then we may no longer be able to dig up
your firmly rooted plants.*



"SEE AND LEARN" TOURS PLANNED

A very special August program is being planned for Point Association members and guests. Each Tuesday in August will allow us to "See and Learn About Rhode Island and Massachusetts." The bus tours, will include a box lunch, any admissions, bus fee and a donation to the Point Association. All this in lieu of an annual Point Street Fair. The tours on Tuesdays in August will be to:

- The RISD Museum including the new Art Gallery and a tour of historic Benefit Street on the East Side of Providence.
- Allen Haskells Nursery and Aviary in the north end of New Bedford, the Duff Rotchford House and Gardens plus the historic Whaling Museum.
- The Roger Williams Zoo (new exhibits) and Greenhouse, including the Bonsai display.
- Plimouth Plantation, in Plymouth, MA, an educational excursion into the beginning of our New England.
- Tranquil Gardens in Rehoboth, MA, a nationally known supplier of day lilies and iris. The gardens and shop surrounding a large pond are both tranquil and beautiful.

Join us for these interesting trips. There is no driving. Lunch together with friends and enjoy an interesting day of learning.

Exact information will be forthcoming but to encourage your interest we are doing our announcements now. Approximate cost per event will be \$30.00. Watch for future announcements at the Spring meeting.

Joe Vars
Program Chairperson

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES

Finally there was a winter's morning when we could battle the snow banks and gather at the Howards' at 51 Second Street to pool our thoughts, memories, and souvenirs of yesteryear. It was fun and rewarding with ideas to pursue and some treasures to peruse. I tell my neighbor, Louise Sherman, it's like Christmas as she leaves old photos, stories, historical bulletins, etc., on my back porch.

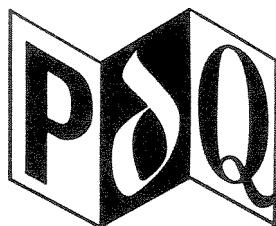
Old news clippings bring back many memories such as the April 26, 1962 *Newport Daily News* "Miss Edith Ballinger Price, Newport artist and author, and one of the leading supporters of the Point Association since its inception was honored on her 65th birthday ... Miss Price will leave Newport soon to make her home in Virginia." Louise noted that "her nine layer cake was made in the shape of the Green Light Lighthouse, and it started to tilt and collapse and we all laughed it was so funny but it helped to make the occasion less sad for her going away." Miss Price will be receiving her *Green Light* at 214 70th St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451 as she celebrates her 97th birthday, April 26th.

Do let us know if you'd like to be a part of this Point preservation of our history and archives.

Rowan Howard, 847-8428
Kay O'Brien, 847-7311

TREE INTEREST REWARDED

The National Arbor Day Foundation has once again named Newport a Tree City USA. Last year more than 200 trees were planted along streets and in parks with funding from the Newport Tree Society's Commemorative Tree program, the Neighborhood Tree Co-op, the Newport Electric Corporation and matching federal grants. Peter Simpson, our tree warden, will be busy once again as winter loosens its grip.



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MARINE TERMINAL TASK FORCE

The Task Force to study a Marine Terminal for Aquidneck Island has had several meetings to gather information, organize our agenda and to contact those individuals and organizations that share our concerns and/or can provide additional information regarding this project.

We have written many letters to neighborhood associations, owners of Goat Island, government agencies involved, government officials, both local and state, environmental agencies and organizations, and any other individuals whose position on a marine terminal and specifically Goat Island as a site, would assist us in planning our strategies.

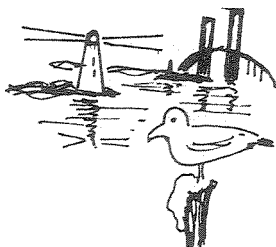
We have had some responses and have had telephone conversations with several people involved and feel that at this point there is no need for panic. It is important that we remain informed and continue to pursue any individual and any organization or agency that is involved in this overall plan and we will continue to do that.

The DOT is scheduled to have another meeting in April which will address the marine terminal and cruise ship issue. We have not received the specific date as of yet. This meeting will provide us with more up to date information and will most likely direct where we need to go with the Task Force.

The overall feeling from our correspondence is that Goat Island as a site is much less of a consideration than originally thought, which certainly is good news!

I will update the Point Association as needed and certainly we will stay abreast of any developments regarding the marine/cruise ship terminal.

Donna M. Segal
Co-Chairperson



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 28 7 p.m. General membership Meeting
St Paul's Methodist Church
Marlborough Street
Business Meeting &
John Tschirch, Guest Speaker
- April 30 9 a.m. Point Cleanup Day
Meet at Storer Park
- May 21 9-12 Point Plant Sale
101 Washington Street

COMING EVENTS FOR 1994

Point Scavenger Hunt
Collecting Point Facts and History

Cruise and Silent Auction
on board the Spirit of Newport

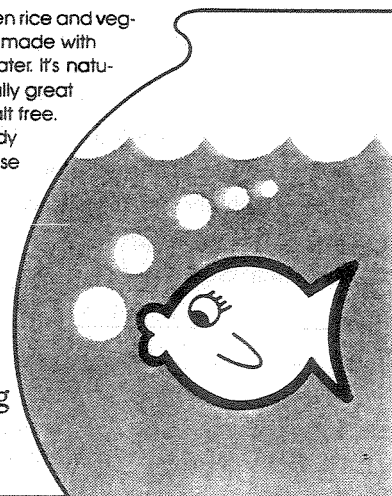
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AN INTRODUCTION AND INVITATION TO NEWPORT'S HISTORY

During the last two or three years, Pointers have watched with eagerness for the restoration of The Brick Market. The old building stands at the foot of Washington Square, somewhat neglected, where Thames and Long Wharf meet. We knew something exciting was on the way when we saw the heavy plastic sheets, hung on the north side, protecting that surface from weather. Careful masons removed one by one each rosy-red brick, scraping off the old cement, then replacing each brick into its original place. The classical front of the building now showed to great advantage, gleaming with the new glass in the windows and fresh white paint outlining the whole. Titled "The Museum of Newport History," The Brick Market has become the very heart of the city. From it we find out how and when we began, how we changed and developed during the 300 odd years.

Inside, by a clever arrangement of walls and pathways, we follow the exhibits, spending as much time as we need to understand each one. In the first the preponderance of ships, small boats and large is everywhere. Little boats were rowed back and forth, taking all manner of stuff to the other side of the Basin. A larger sized boat rigged to haul water out to the great ships at anchor serves as a model, so well designed and made. In many corners, tucked away are the really small cat-boats, so busy and self important. On the walls great lists are written with care. They are the inventories of what went into these ventures. The fine lettering on these accounts deserve their own admiration.

They are all real - these enterprises. They supported the successful city of Newport - some across

the Atlantic, others to the Caribbean. Look at the names in these chronicles. Is your name one of them? Several prints of these owners demonstrate a stern yet proud ship captain or owner of a line ship.

As we move into our next pathway a tremendous change takes place. The Age of Steam arrives, leaving the Age of Sail to dwindle slowly. The prints on these walls are now of steam ships, with paddle wheels, smokestacks and huge engines within to take the ship on her way. The times also have changed, being much more elegant. Pleasure became a part of this new period. The Fall River Line carried Newporters to New York City and back, with dancing and card-playing to make life pleasanter.

World War I took over the city. The Training Station was extremely active, as the large number of boats filled the harbor. Huge buoys, anchored between Rose Island and the Training Station., supported six or so destroyers. Their gray paint was seen on every Naval installation. It seemed as if World War II came immediately after World War I, but there was a time in between. Goat Island rapidly became a great factory for the production of torpedoes. In fact the museum has its own torpedo on the first floor. It was too heavy to be carried upstairs.

Now we have come to the end of this part of the exhibition. The pathways will carry you through different times and new perspectives. "The Museum of Newport History" is actually your history of this amazing and wonderful city. Visit it often, so you really know it, and can talk about it to others. We are proud of the Brick Market. There is nothing like it anywhere else.

Esther Fisher Benson

We have used many old prints and photographs of The Brick Market in previous issues as it looked in different ages and stages. The cover photograph showing its recent restoration was taken by Del Bogart and loaned by the Newport Historical Society.

Editor's Note: We asked Fisher to convey her introduction and invitation. She did not tell you that you can hear her describe the Point neighborhood in the last museum area. We join her in conveying thanks and admiration to the Historical Society and the Brick Market Foundation and to the unique exhibit designer Stuart Parnes from Mystic Seaport.

TRIBUTE TO A POINT TREASURE MABEL HULL WATSON

The Point neighborhood has the good fortune to have an abundance of residents who possess the attributes which combine to create a friendly, harmonious environment.

But, once in awhile, one person settles in who sets a standard for all to emulate. Just so is Mabel Hull Watson, who manages to touch all who know her. With her innumerable talents, positive philosophy, commitment to community and quiet elegance, Mabel has had time and energy to say, yes, whenever called upon. During the earliest days of the Point Association Mabel was there with support, wisdom and encouragement. Simultaneously, she offered her talents to Newport Restoration, Inc., the Preservation Society, Red Cross, etc. All these endeavors occurred while raising a family and fulfilling her multiple natural gifts which included needlework, fabric design and oil painting, to name a few.

The Point neighbors and friends will forever be indebted to Mabel for sharing her talents, kindness and love. On the 15th of April, Mabel will be celebrating her 100th birthday and the entire Point will be resounding with HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes!

Eleanor Weaver

Editors note: Mabel's friends will remember her many years on Washington Street. She has been at the Grand Islander the last several years.



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EILEEN PETERSON

Eileen Peterson, wife of the late Kenneth L. Peterson, died on February 5, 1994 at the Grand Islander Health Care Center. The Petersons moved from New York, where Eileen had been personal secretary to Richard Rodgers, in 1973 to Newport, living in a colonial house in the Point area. At the time of her death she was a resident of the Nina Lynette Home. Eileen was very active in many projects; the Point Association, writing for the *Green Light*, the Newport Art Museum, and the Redwood Library. We will miss her wonderful sense of humor and her sharp, helpful answers.

Esther Fisher Benson



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I REMEMBER! I REMEMBER!

MARSH STREET AND ENVIRONS

Before the connector road to Goat Island cut across the old Point neighborhood, Marsh Street residents faced each other across both sides of the street. We continue Carrie Ericson's remembrances from the October 1977 *Green Light*. Of course the street was named for the marshy area surrounding the cove basin of yesteryear.

Next to the school house (according to Peg Sullivan now deceased) the house was built for her grandmother's sister "old Hannah Nash" who then lived downstairs in the rear of her front room store. She sold snuff, kindling wood, candy and other small articles. She was a big woman with horrid false teeth, enough to scare any child. The Sullivan family lived upstairs. Peg and her brother Jack worked many years for the *Newport Daily News*. Peg was about the last of the old Pointers to live on Marsh Street. In the next two-family house lived Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bachellor with their large family of blond children. They were the parents of Mrs. Gladys Bachellor Booth, who writes many interesting articles for the *Green Light*. Over the years many families lived here, including the Oakleys, Mitchells, Milhams, James and Linns. In the rear cottage lived Mr. and Mrs. Collins. Mr. George Eddy owned the next two houses and his daughter Julia Radford lived in the rear cottage. Other families who lived in the next few houses were the Millers, Olsons, Fitzpatricks, Lewis and Fords. In the big house on the corner of Second Street lived Mr. and Mrs. Callahan, grandparents of the late Dr. Callahan. Later Mrs. Minnie Dennis Skapinitis lived here. In the cottage on the opposite corner lived Mr. and Mrs. Hall, grandparents of Mrs. Dorothy Lewis West. Later on it was occupied by the Havican family. Next stood an old barn, with a strip of land used as an alleyway and shortcut to Bridge Street, where Mrs. William Lawton who owned this property lived. She was the grandmother of Mrs. Gladys Lawton Hicks and James I. Lawton. Next to the alley lived Mr. and Mrs. Gerrie and family, and being Scotch they were very active in the Robert Burns' celebrations. For years, Mr. Gerrie was a night watchman at the old Boston Store. Margaret, their daughter, married Thomas Eadie, who was a Naval Officer, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and a famed Navy diver. The cottage on the

corner of Third Street was occupied by Mart Gladding, owner of one of the fishhouses on Briggs Wharf. Opposite this was land called Peckham's Lot, where big drays were left, as today's parking lots are used. A road extended through to Bridge Street, where an iron drinking fountain stood for the horses. East of this was Friend's Lumber Company, then came car tracks, where the trains switched back and forth, unloading ice, grain and lumber.

Now, back to the south side of Marsh Street, where all of the houses are now gone - The corner house on Washington Street, when I first remember it, stood vacant. The door was cater-corner, and in here, by the dim light of the gas lamp on the corner, the neighborhood kids were taught to dance by Dave Fitzpatrick. As a result, some nice dancers hailed from the Point. Later on, King's Wet Wash Laundry stood here. Mr. Robert Curry owned the next big house and some who lived here were Bill Sullivan, Frank Kelly and a Souza family. In the rear was a cottage, called the Round House, occupied by a Dwyer family. The next three cottages were owned by Mr. Thomas James. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dennis, with their fun-loving family lived in one, and many a neighborhood dance was held in their back yard. Next door lived Mrs. Weaver, with her daughters, and one son, George, the father of the present George Weaver. In the rear cottage, Mr. Goode, a fisherman, and his family lived. His son, John, a retired Merchant Marine officer, recently died. The next small cottage has been moved to the north end of the city. At one time Julia Scanlon and her aged mother lived there, later, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Cleary. On the corner facing the big house of the Callahans, downstairs were housed the Snyder family, and up the Harveys, parents of "Flo Harvey of basketball fame." The other corner was the cottage of Mrs. Easton, mother of Mrs. Olive Goulart. Many parties were held in this home, and in later years Bingo. All the prizes were home-baked food and goodies. In the rear stood a big barn, since this was the day of horses. Beyond this, over on the tracks, was a roundhouse where the steam engine was turned. Next to the Eastons, lived a Dunbar family, also Mrs. Annie Manning Greenwell and her sister Gladys, and, I believe, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell. The last house

down, the Case house, later raised up due to the flood waters, was owned and lived in by Fletcher Lawton, an alderman, who also owned one of the fishhouses on Brigg's Wharf. He later lived on Elm Street and lastly on Walnut. The Case house was moved to Bridge Street, restored and connected to the William Lawton house. I must not forget to mention the MacKenzie-Winslow hay and grain shed, near the tracks.

Through Marsh and over the car tracks we would run, as a short cut to Thames Street. All along lived

friendly families of different faiths and nationalities. I attended school with Bill and Maggie Gerrie, Ollie and George Easton, Mae Snyder, Mabel Francis, Gladys Bachellor, Bill Sullivan and George Weaver. All this is gone and Marsh Street is the connecting link to Goat Island. I hope these few lines bring back familiar names and families. Time passes on. Changes take place. The south side of Marsh Street and another part of the Point is gone.

Carrie Ericson

LEST WE FORGET THE WINTER OF 1994

What another storm?

lost count - 15th - 16th or what?

scraping, flashing snowplows

fender benders

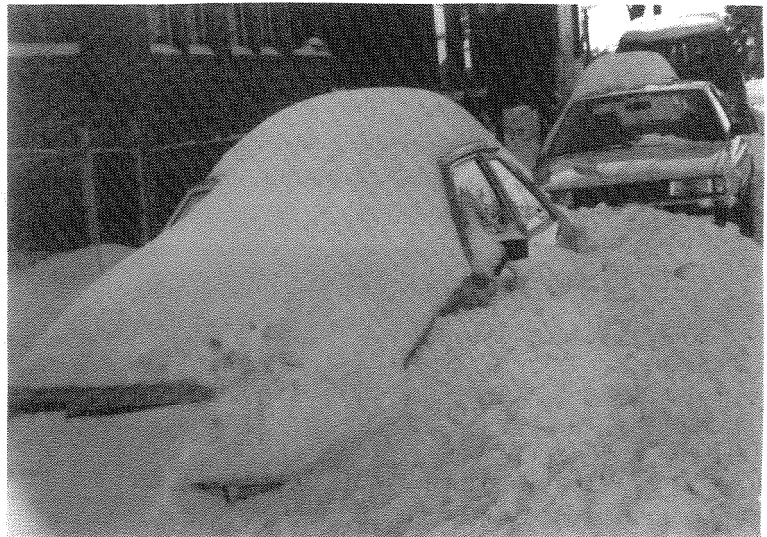
more salt and sand

spinning wheels

lost sidewalks

sea smoke over the bay

ice floes



Who's that under all those hats, coats, scarves, mittens, boots?
my neighbors

cabin fever

bread and milk brigades

interrupted pet routines

cross country skiers

creative ways to open car locks and doors

worn out snowshovels and snowshovelers

firemen clearing hydrants



GARDENER'S CORNER

Squirrels are eating my crocus bulbs!

The New England Rock Garden Society Bulletin suggested dusting bulbs with a little garden sulfur to make them unappetizing to squirrels and other rodents. As sulfur is often used as a mold preventative on lilacs and garden phlox, it would help there, too. I plan to use it on beans and peas so the birds won't like them - maybe.

A new product the society bulletin mentioned is a pesticide/repellent derived from garlic. It is said to have lasting effect for six months.

Both ideas sound too good to be true. The garlic spray sells for \$19.95, the sulfur for almost nothing.

What can I do about White Fly?

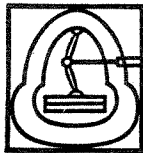
Sooner or later these pesky bugs annoy us all - tiny white specks erupt in a cloud at a touch. They exude a shiny scrim a sticky waste that glues their little bodies to the surface beneath them.

Malathion is the deadly poison of chemical choice. I've often wondered if its nasty smell is put in it by the manufacturers - the smell of heating gas. Are there people who earn their living by inventing bad smells?

The organic cure I knew was a quick wash with Dawn detergent (no other!) and a long hard wash with the kitchen spray.

Recently the New York Times had two readers' suggestions. Aim a small fan toward the plants. They don't say why - maybe fatigue. Another used a small hand vacuum to suck them away. I'll try that one outdoors when summer comes.

Anne Reynolds



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BULKY WASTE

A notice in the February *Green Light* called "Dates to Remember" announced dates for city wide pick up of bulky waste.

This operation is the former Junk Week by another name. Perhaps the new name "bulky waste" is more upscale and official sounding, but trash by appointment? "Bulky Waste" an unsavory euphemism for good old junk.

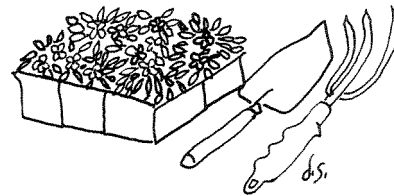
Before bulky waste, Junk Week yielded treasure for eager collectors. Householders have always put old furniture on the street to be used again by other householders. It worked both ways. The bench on my front porch was born again on Junk Week when Louise Sherman and her buddy Alice Weldon manhandled it down Third Street to the safety of Louise's garage. My children sandblasted the iron ends and put it together again for my Christmas.

This year for Christmas there was a fine pair of garden shears sharp enough to cut off a dog's whiskers. (Poor Sally!). They were found at the dump. Another new life.

The fascinating, ugly item that some folks threw out was a find for me one Junk Week. I was hunting along Friendship Street when I saw the two wonderful benches that are now in my yard. They can be converted to a table with benches with the turn of a handle. They are too heavy for me to lift, but that morning my adrenaline put one in my wagon and raced back to get the other one.

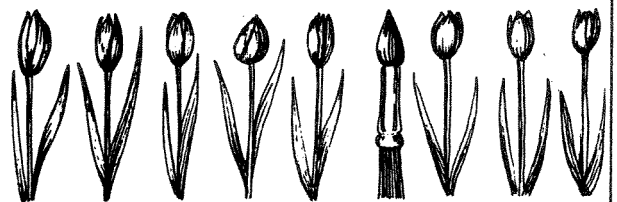
I have seen my benches advertised for \$499.00!

Anne Reynolds



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FOOLED!

On a gray early March day, I did a double take as I looked out of my back window. How could I be seeing such a welcome forsythia bush in full bloom against the rain and snow? It was tall, bright yellow, and a wonderful sight, but was I dreaming? Taking a walk around the block to feast my eyes with a closer look, I had to laugh. It was a luxuriant, brilliant and unusual witch hazel in the Currans' backyard at 11 Pine Street. Witch hazel usually blooms in February, and I think I must have been away other years and missed this exciting hint of spring. April is our usual yellow month - forsythia, daffodils, dandelions and, here on the Point, the prolific marsh marigolds.

Kay O'Brien



WHAT A MESS!

Don't blame the dogs! It's not just sand and debris on our sidewalks. Some pet owners have not been very conscientious about keeping Point parks and sidewalks clean. Should we carry extra plastic bags with us to pass out to those who walk their pets without them? That's one thought but hopefully civic pride will take over as the weather improves. Please!

SECRET GARDEN TOUR

Plans for the annual Secret Garden Tour are now firm. The dates are:

Friday, June 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 12, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The plant sale will be on Saturday, June 11, all day, at the Hunter House with local gardeners as donors. Posey Hall will be there as always to help her friend and niece, Joan Stickley, who will be chairman this year. This sale is a popular adjunct to the tour as guests can go home with a bit of what they fancy - often from the very gardens they fancied.

The Newport Garden Club will be creating the Floral Festival at St. John's Church which is always a lovely respite from the heat of the day and particularly beautiful with flowers everywhere.

This year for the first time a book about the Secret Gardens is for sale. It has photographs of the gardens with a text describing sites and the gardeners' flowers. A nice keepsake and a reference for gardeners who need to know plant species to replicate plant combinations in their home gardens. It will cost \$12.95, tax included.

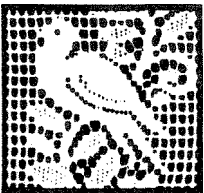
Tom Haslem will cater box lunches at St. John's Parish Hall. It's fun to eat at the tables at the church yard or at the parks and piers nearby.

Everything the tour offers may be paid by check to the Benefactors of the Arts at 33 Washington Street. Advance tickets are \$12.00, after June 9 the cost will be \$15.00. Lunches are \$10.00, and must be ordered in advance.

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If you've ever been attacked, quite literally, by a black back gull desperately trying to protect its hatchlings, then you know we are motivated by self-preservation as well as environmental concerns. Furthermore, this limited access period is stipulated by the state CRMC. Boaters may anchor off-shore, of course, but you're encouraged to come ashore only at the lighthouse landing where hard hats and umbrellas are available.

TOUR SCHEDULE: In the spring, we offer tours only to schools to study birds. Several area public school and Swinburne School are scheduled this year. Our regular public tours of the lighthouse will begin on Saturday, July 16 with an open house.

OVERNIGHTS: Our overnight "Light House-keeping" opportunities are available year round. That is, you may stay at the lighthouse by the night, week or month for a fee if you're also willing to help with the chores. We have had a lot of interest in reserving the two museum rooms since we were featured in Boston's "Chronicle" program recently. The lighthouse will also appear in the month of May in the in-flight magazine of American Airlines, so make you reservations soon!

For more information or to help with any of our de-light-ful activities, please call Charlotte at 401-847-4242.

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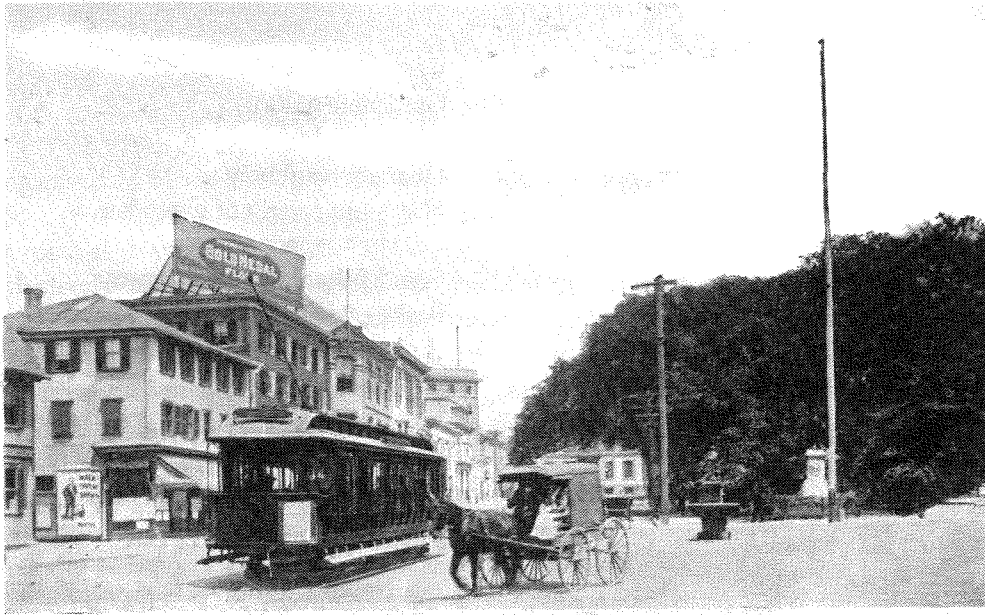
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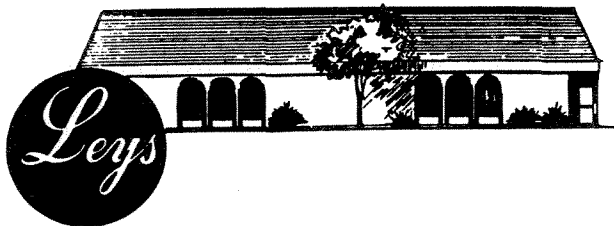
HISTORY ON POST CARDS



This post card shows Washington Square in the early 1900s. It is a wonderful contrast of the old and the new of the day by showing both a horse carriage and a trolley car. The horse fountain in front of the park stood there for many years. Note the billboard for Gold Medal Flour. It would not be allowed today! Also on the left on the corner of Broadway and Duke Street a sidewalk sign advertises Walk Over Shoes. This is the corner which the Bank of Newport now occupies.

The back of this card reads "WASHINGTON MALL, NEWPORT, R.I. A small triangular park around which centered many of the interesting events in Newport's history. In the square are situated the Old State House, Army and Navy Y.M.C.A., Opera House, Perry House & Statue of Oliver Hazard Perry "Hero of Lake Erie."

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It's that time of year to get your Newport resident parking stickers so you won't find a violation tag on your car after May 1 between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. on most of our streets. Applications must be filled out and include valid registration and driver's license and proof of residency. Your \$2 sticker will be issued at the Collections Office at City Hall or can be obtained by mail. Call the Collections Office for further details. The lines are long at the last minute so don't wait or fall victim to the \$20 parking fine. A word of warning from someone who did!

Kay O'Brien

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A letter from Napa, California tells of the death on December 9, 1993 of Anna Marquette Gray, a Point Hummer. She was christened at St. John's Episcopal Church and married there in 1944 to Harry Gray, a career Navy man. Together they traveled the world, finally settling in Napa in 1964. "My wife, Anna, loved your *Green Light*. She always would read of someone she knew."

Harry Gray

OF INTEREST

For land and sea the grants have come. Recently the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission awarded two grants to Newport for historic preservation activities. \$8,000 will help finance the investigation of underwater sites in Narragansett Bay possibly from the 18th and 19th centuries. \$3,000 will be used to survey and photograph existing markers in the Common Burial Ground.

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NEWPORT PRESERVATION ALLIANCE



The *Newport Preservation Alliance* (NPA) was organized in November 1991 as an umbrella group of local organizations. Incorporated in October 1993, our purpose is to speak with a unified voice in order to more effectively address local issues centered on historic preservation. From our earliest discussions, through local forums and discussions with state and local preservation agencies, one overriding concern has surfaced. That concern, simply stated, is the continued articulation of policies and the achievement of goals that will further the admirable qualities of Newport's built environment. These issues relate to a number of areas in Newport's future development. Whether it be the restoration of Newport's notable architectural or natural features or the improvement of the quality of life through educational programs, historic preservation can visibly improve the community.

Some objectives of the *Newport Preservation Alliance* are 1) to protect and to preserve Newport's National Register Historic Districts and Properties and to enhance the quality of life and new development in the city's historic areas; 2) to identify areas and buildings in the city appropriate for nomination as National Historic Districts or Properties, and to foster their preservation; 3) to educate, inform and guide the citizenry and government regarding: (a) the significant surviving elements of Newport's heritage requiring preservation, (b) the benefits and methods of preservation; 4) to build support among a broad based constituency, including civic organizations, local

interest groups, political and community leaders, to promote historic preservation as a key to the improvement of quality of life and urban revitalization in Newport; and 5) to act as an information resource for the common problems in historic preservation, linking national, state and local government bodies with each other and with interested citizens' groups and other organizations.

Following the initial meetings in 1992, a group of dedicated volunteers stepped forth and formed a steering committee to provide the organizational basis for the Alliance. Meeting a minimum of once monthly, with many lunch meetings in between, the steering committee drew up a draft outline of strategies and programs modeled on those of the Providence Preservation Society's successful approach. These items will be used to form the essential structure of a long-range plan.

The early steering committee subsequently became the Board of Incorporators and with a few changes the Alliance now has a Board of Directors and Officers: Professor John B. Hattendorf, President; R. Brooke Roberts, Vice-President; John P. Canham, Secretary; Michelle Christiansen; Edwin W. Connelly; Charlotte Johnson; Christine Montanaro; Don Occasso; Christopher T.H. Pell and Daniel Snyder Jr.

It is important to note that we have come this far through the dedication of the volunteer members of the Board, past and present, and Nancy Ellen Giorgi, our consultant and staff organizer. Special thanks are due to Daniel Snyder and the *Newport Historical Society* for their role as facilitator of our early meetings. The *Newport Historical Society* also helped with the initial organization of the Alliance. In November of 1993 the Society received a grant of \$2500 from the Preservation Services Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the purpose of establishing the *Newport Preservation Alliance*. The Alliance's newsletter *NPA News* is funded by this grant.

Editor's note: The Point Association Board voted at its January meeting to become formal members of the *Newport Preservation Alliance*. More information about the NPA can be obtained by phoning 848-5240.



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COOK'S CORNER

Are you as tired of snow as I am? It has been a good winter for soups and casseroles and I hope you used some of those from last issue.

You probably used some leftovers in those recipes. Here are some other ways in which you can use them. It is always a challenge to use up those bits and pieces found in the back of the refrigerator . . . if they haven't already turned green. At our house I use so many leftovers that Tom always asks, "Who got the firsts?"

CASSEROLES

Make casseroles out of pasta simply by adding your leftovers and a simple cream sauce. Macaroni and spaghetti double after cooking while egg noodles remain the same.

Two cups of cooked pasta and one cup of white sauce should make six servings.

Add leftover cheese, meat, bacon, vegetables. Whatever you have. You can either layer them or mix them together.

Top with bread crumbs, sliced tomatoes, etc. and heat in a 350 degree oven until brown on top.

MASHED POTATOES

Mashed potatoes can be made into potato cakes by adding a beaten egg. Mix thoroughly, add Italian flavored bread crumbs until stiff enough to form into cakes. Fry in melted butter or margarine until golden brown on each side.

You can add chopped onion, leftover fish or chopped vegetables.

Leftover meat, gravy and vegetables may be combined and topped with mashed potatoes to make Shepherd's Pie.

BREAD PUDDING

You may substitute leftover Danish and coffee cake for the bread called for in bread pudding recipes. If there is filling or icing, either cut down on the amount of sugar or omit entirely.

SALADS

Cold diced meat, such as beef, ham or chicken make good additions to salads.

Marinate leftover veggies in either Italian dressing or oil and vinegar and serve on a lettuce leaf.

Leftover rice with dressing and meat or vegetables added makes an acceptable salad.

Try adding cut up fresh oranges to rice, mix with orange marmalade thinned with a little milk for a dressing.

Leftover macaroni can be made into a salad by the addition of vegetables and meat and a mayonnaise dressing.

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You have probably noticed the format changes in this issue of the *Green Light* with more to come. As you know, the *Green Light* has been mailed every other month. Here is what is anticipated. The June issue will arrive as scheduled, but after that, by vote of the Board, the *Green Light* will be published on a quarterly basis - following the seasons, fall, winter, spring and summer. This gives the staff a little more flexibility but does not mean the Association will cut down on activities. You will be notified of special events by phone, postcards, or flyers.

There are lots of ties that bind us together. Keep your eye out for newcomers to the neighborhood and invite them to join the Point Association, get the *Green Light* and take part in our activities.

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