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### **FALL 1995 CALENDAR**

September 6	Neighborhood Watch
September 10	Harbor Cruise
September 18	Beautification Meeting
September 20	History and Archives
September 24	Wine Tasting
October 26	Annual Meeting
October 29	Adventure Club Parade Ghost Stories
November 11	Puzzle Challenge
November 23	Thanksgiving Mass St. John's 10 a.m.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Over the next month, the Board of Directors of the Point Association will be developing a Mission Statement that will be used as a guide for the Association not only for the immediate future but also for the next decade. This document will be consistent with the Preamble and Aims and Policies of our present by-laws.

In Article II of the by-laws, the aims of the organization are as follows:

1. General improvement and enrichment of the resources of the Point.
2. Beautification of approaches, street, properties, waterfront and other areas of the Point.
3. Protection of the neighborhood against detrimental structures, obnoxious enterprises and nuisances.
4. Encouragement and promotion of active interest in all properties with special emphasis on the historic character of the Point.

To complement these aims, the Point Association wishes to emphasize and encourage the following: fellowship and family pride, community involvement, civic awareness, voter education and voter responsibility. Moreover, the Association will begin the task to "know thyself" by undertaking the first ever self-survey and census of the neighborhood and membership. The activity of delineating the demographics should be done routinely at 10-year intervals. Specific goals and relevant endeavors will follow as a natural outcome to the Mission Statement. We encourage the membership to be involved in the process of setting goals. Please contact me at 849-4708.

Fall will be a busy season for special events. We have an interesting schedule set and we hope you take the opportunity to relax, have fun, and meet the people who help support us.

Finally, September 12th is Primary Election Day and November 7th is Election Day. We encourage you to know the candidates running in the First Ward and At-Large by going to public meetings where candidates are asked to speak to the issues. Register to vote if you have not done so already. (Roberta Majewski, 846-6194, and I, 849-4708, are registrars.) Vote in the primary as well as in the election. Our association has a good record for voting and we want to keep it that way. Remember, this present election promises to be pivotal in determining new leadership for the economy, tourism, and a quality of life for our city. Be a part of the process that decides Newport's future.

*Christine Montanaro*

## Point Association Fall Fundraisers

**Harbor Cruise ♦ Wine Tasting ♦ Ghost Stories ♦ Puzzle Challenge**  
**September 10      September 24      October 29      November 11**

### Fabulous Forties Harbor Cruise



We are still celebrating the Point Association's 40th Anniversary!

Please join us on the Fabulous Forties Cruise on the *Spirit Of Newport* Sunday, September 10, from 5 to 7 in the evening. There will be music from the forties you will be entertained by and if you have any forties clothes, wear them!

There will be delicious refreshments, a cash bar, silent auction and good company as we cruise the bay. Join your fellow Pointers on this fun night.

Tickets are \$15/person or \$25/couple. Call Sharon Schultz at 846-6762 to make your reservation.



### Wine Tasting

The second annual Point Association sponsored Wine Tasting will take place on Sunday, September 24, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Southeastern New England Coastal Wine Group will be featured with fine wines from Chamard Vineyards, Sakonnet Vineyards, Stonington Vineyards and Westport Rivers Winery. The wines will be served with select cheeses, french bread, and spring water. The tastings will take place at four historic Point residences, all within easy walking distance from one another.

Registration begins at St. John's Guild Hall, 61 Poplar Street, where you will find winery exhibits along with a map of the tour. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at Clipper Wine and Spirits, 48 Third Street. Last year's event was a sellout, so be sure to get your tickets early! Call Donna Segal, 848-7088, for more information.

### More Haunted Houses

The Halloween Fall Fundraiser of the Point Association will once again be the telling of tales of worry and woe, of haunted houses and the old sagas of suspicious sightings in Newport. Is your house haunted? Join the Point Association at the White Horse Tavern on Sunday night, October 29, for a reprise of last year's sold-out session of ghost stories.

Hosted by White Horse Tavern Curator, Anita Rafael, the evening's program will consist of local residents sharing their stories about their haunted houses and unusual happenings. Last year, the audience, dressed in funereal black, listened breathlessly to stories told by members of the group about such things as dogs barking at empty bedrooms, things going bump in the night, hearing footsteps on the back hall stairs, and mysterious deaths and occurrences. The tavern curator told the story of an actual trial in 17th-century Newport in which the defendant was found guilty by the testimony of a ghost and later hanged. In the darkened room on the second floor of the old pub, hushed guests listened as the curator also told the story of the apparition who continues to stalk the famous White Horse Tavern.

So, begin rehearsing your most bone-chilling ghost story for the party. At the end of the program, the audience votes by ballot and goose-bumps for the best story, the winners receiving a worthy prize. Last year's award was a gift certificate for the White Horse Tavern. The evening includes delicious morsels from the tavern's kitchen and bowls of punch, in addition to a cash bar.

Seating is limited, so watch your mailbox in early October for your invitation and information about tickets and reservations.





## The Puzzle Challenge



Attention all puzzlers! Join in the Point Association's first *Jigsaw Puzzle Marathon* on Saturday, November 11, 2 p.m., at St. John's Guild Hall, 61 Poplar Street.

Groups of four people will compete as teams to complete a 500-piece jigsaw thriller and to solve the puzzle's mystery. The competition will continue to the bitter end when one team will emerge as the winner.

Each team member will be asked to raise a minimum \$25 from sponsors. Sponsors are encouraged to come watch the teams as they work to piece the puzzle together and find the solution. The winning team members will receive gift certificates to the restaurant of their choice.

Refreshments will be provided. The Bepuzzled Corporation is donating the puzzles for this event.

For more details contact Christine Montanaro at 849-4708.

### Welcome to Our New Members

Elise Black  
Larry and Jan Girouard  
Louisa Holt  
Pat Murphy  
David Paisner and Wendy Withington  
Bob and Amy Peck  
Roger W. Prouty  
Robert M. Rochefort

## Telephone Committee



Are you a communicator? Then perhaps you are just the person to join the Point Association Board as the Telephone Committee Chairperson.

What do you have to do? It usually works something like this. The membership needs to be notified about an event or happening. You and your committee divide up the Point membership list and begin calling. The number of calls that each person makes depends on the size of the committee.

Call Christine Montanaro at 849-4708 to volunteer. It's a great way to get to know people and be an active member of the Point Association.

## Beautification

This past spring was a busy season for the Beautification Committee! With the help of Scott Wheeler, Tree Warden, we were able to add many new trees to Storer Park and Marsh Street Island. Scott also organized the effort to remove some of the wild-growing bushes so that our walking areas look prettier. You'll soon see the small triangle of grass across from the causeway take shape with new plantings and flowers. This project is being undertaken by the Doubletree Hotel and Goat Island. Thanks, too, to some of our hardier weeders for coming out on hot summer days to remove weeds! Enjoy the rest of the summer and the coming fall by walking in these areas and noting the improvements.

Deborah Herrington



Scott Wheeler (right) and his crew planting a tree on the Marsh Street island this past June.

### Beautification Planning Meeting

Monday, September 18  
7 p.m.

St. John's Guild Hall - 61 Poplar Street

Everyone is invited to attend a planning meeting to help decide new beautification projects for the Point. We will discuss and generate ideas for making the Point greenery and parks more beautiful.

Please RSVP your attendance to Paul and Nancy Quattrucci at 846-2434 or Deb Herrington at 848-9735.

Bring your ideas for changes you would like to see happen!

## History and Archives

After taking the summer off to "recharge", the History and Archives committee is getting ready to start meeting again on a regular basis. The next meeting is planned for:

Wednesday, September 20

10 a.m.

Nina Lynette Home

87 Washington Street

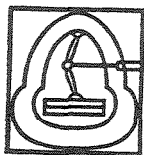
(Please use the Cherry Street entrance)

Even though the heat and humidity of the past summer got to many of us, there was some progress made. A shipment of archival supplies, ordered by Anita Rafael, was received and is now unpacked. The mylar sleeves for photos, special acid free folders and boxes will be used to organize and store the collection at the Nina Lynette Home. Also, a form was developed to catalogue the various pictures, books, letters, minutes etc. Thanks to Joan Youngken and the Newport Historical Society for their help with this form.

We also made the news! Through the efforts of Dick and Cheryl Poholek, Point Association Publicity Co-Chairs, History and Archives made the *Daily News* in June. The article helped to get out our S.O.S. which stands for Save Our Stuff. There were several phone calls from interested people and even some new "stuff" arrived for the collection!

And the July and August installments for the *Newport This Week* 40th Anniversary series included excerpts from newspaper articles found in the collection.

There's lots more to do and everyone is welcome to join! Meetings are casual and fun, with a lot of reminiscing going on. It's also a great way for those new to the area to learn about the Point! Call Rowan Howard, 847-8428, or Kay O'Brien, 847-7311, for more information.



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## Point Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 26

St. John's Guild Hall

61 Poplar Street

7:00 p.m.

Gather to talk to friends and neighbors

7:30 p.m.

Business meeting begins

Election of Officers

Presentation of Born on the Point Certificates

## Neighborhood Watch

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6, 7:30 p.m., at the Sanford-Covell Villa Marina, 72 Washington Street. Officer Quinn will be present to answer questions and hear concerns. For more information, contact Anne Cuvelier at 847-0206.

## Telephone Pioneers

On your walks through Storer Park this summer perhaps you noticed two benches donated by the Telephone Pioneers. The benches, located on the south side of the park by the Goat Island Connector, are inscribed with the words:

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The Telephone Pioneers, a group of current and retired Nynex employees, has adopted Storer Park for one of its projects. Members will be forming work details to clean the park of litter. We would like to thank them for their hard work and generosity.



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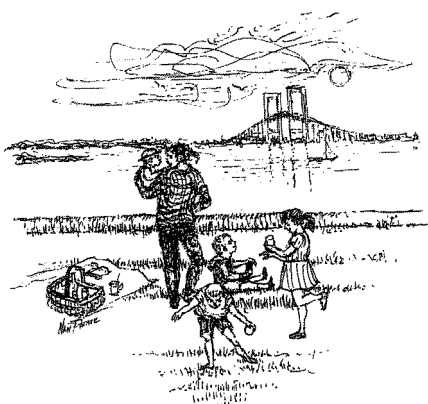


## School Days

The photograph on the cover of this issue shows the 1942 Kindergarten class at Callender School, which was at the corner of Willow and Third Streets. Louise Sherman has identified those in the photograph as: (Top Row) Leroy Regan, Betty Ann Hale, Ralph Cooper, Adelbert Alexander. (Row 2) Ricky Johnson, Bruce Mattinville. (Row 3) Jacqueline Mallory, Bernadette Cross, Albert Bausman, Clifford Myers. (Row 4) Ada Brown, Barbara Capron, William Del Nero. (Row 5) Ruth Blood, Ann Northrup, Charlotte Ausmus, Gerald Brady. (Bottom Row - Seated) Catherine Ausmus, Janet Devilin, Catherine Potter, Robert Sherman. Standing - Donald Chase, Miss Nellie Gleason.

Miss Gleason retired June, 1958 after 48 years of teaching.

## Point Picnic



Nan Pease has drawn this charming reminder of our annual Point Association picnic on Anne Reynold's waterfront yard. Thanks, Anne, and to you, Nan, for capturing the spirit and fun of this special time on June 22nd with its perfect weather and great company.

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## Membership News

Wonderful location, delicious food and good company! That was the consensus of the 175 people who gathered at Villa Marina for the annual Point Association Membership Cocktail Party on August 24. The strong winds sent some inside the house - or perhaps it was the goodies on the food table. Others enjoyed sitting on the porch enjoying the beautiful scenery. Wherever they were, everyone seemed to have a good time chatting with friends and neighbors.

There are lots of people who made the evening a special one. Many thanks go to Anne Cuvelier, who once again hosted the party at the beautiful Villa Marina; Sue Gudikunst, Deb Herrington, John and Rowan Howard, Kay O'Brien and the Schultz family, Doug, Sharon and Carolyn for greeting arriving guests; John Majewski and Phil Mosher for another fantastic job as bartenders; Angela Vars for organizing the food people brought, and to our President, Christine Montanaro, who is always there to make sure things run smoothly and everyone enjoys themselves. It was a great evening!

Soon it will be time to send out the membership renewal letter. Many of you renewed your membership for 1996 while at the cocktail party. You can also renew today by filling out the form on page 19 and sending in your dues. Otherwise, expect to receive your letter around October 1st. Patron and sustaining members will once be listed in the Spring issue of the *Green Light*.

We try to keep the mailing list as accurate as possible. You can help out by sending us change of address information. Also, if you have a second address, such as for the winter, let us know and the dates you want your association mail sent there. Thanks for your help.

If you have any questions about your membership, or know of anyone who might be interested in joining, please call me at 846-2907.

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## Pointers in the News

It has been a busy summer on the Point, and this has been reflected in our local media.

Pam Kelly, President of Rue de France, recently participated in a White House conference on small business. She and 17 others from Rhode Island met with delegates from other states for four days, shaping a small business agenda to guide federal legislators and policy makers.

Once again, the beautiful gardens of the Point were showcased during the Secret Garden Tour sponsored by the Benefactors of the Arts. The gardens of Anne Reynolds, Sue Bowen and Jon Powers, Ilse Nesbitt, Roger and Kathryn Kirby, Don and Rowena Dery, Pete and Toni Peters and Doug and Mary Riggs were highlighted in the press. Thanks to everyone who shared their beautiful gardens.

And speaking of gardens, the winners of the 13th Annual Newport in Bloom contest were announced in August. Point residents and businesses receiving awards were: Joan Wilson, Sarah Gilson, Denise Drapeau and Connie Herd in Residential Area I, The Willows of Newport in the Small Business Category, and the Newport Islander Doubletree Hotel and Newport Marriott in the Business Category.

George Gillis and Janet Kelly Gillis were recently highlighted in a *Newport Daily News* story. They own Kelly + Gillis, a folk art and fine jewelry shop on America's Cup Avenue. George, a former television journalist, and Janet, an architect, enjoy their new joint career of running a retail business, finding it very rewarding.

Congratulations to Hank Foster, who was pictured in the *Daily News* winning a Newport Recreation Department 45 and older Singles Tennis Tournament in June.

Anne Ramsey Cuvelier was featured in the *Daily News* for starting a Neighborhood Watch Program here

on the Point. Thank you, Anne, for your fortitude.

As one of the new owners of Colonial Travel, Ingrid Coddington has been in the news. The offices have moved to a new location at 170 Spring Street, with a great staff ready to meet all of our travel needs.

The Boghossians' beautiful Victorian home on the corner of Walnut and Washington was featured in ESPN's Extreme Games advertising.

Hunter House caretaker Nellie Cavaliere was photographed in a recent article celebrating the Preservation Society's 50th year. The Hunter House on Washington Street was the first building saved by the society in 1945.

Tom and Loretta Goldrick were pictured enjoying the Newport Historical Society's Harbor Tour aboard the Rum Runner.

Kit Hammett was honored in the *Senior Times* as the Senior of the Month for her numerous contributions to Girl Scouting. She was also honored in the Fall issue of *Newport Life*. Congratulations Kit!

And last, but certainly not least, we saw many photographs of people staying cool and enjoying the fine parks in our neighborhood. And do you remember the photo of the Kirby's dog Oskar peeking through the cat door?

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### Organizational Meeting for the Broadway/Kay-Catherine-Old Beach Road Architectural Survey Project

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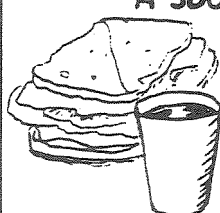
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## Adventure Club News

The kids of the Point have had another fun summer playing at Battery and Storer parks, swimming off the Elm Street and Van Zandt piers, wading and collecting shells at Blue Rocks and playing at the playground at Cardines Field.

The Adventure Club met weekly during the months of July and August and had many fun experiences. Special events included a mini Extreme Games,

Pet Day, and a trip to the Newport Art Museum. The group is winding down now that fall is approaching, but will meet several times throughout the year.

Join us for our next events, the Halloween Parade in October and the Holiday Celebration in December. For more information call Beth Lloyd at 849-8071 or Jill Spohn at 849-2155.

### *Upcoming Adventure Club Events . . .*

#### **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

Sunday October 29  
2:00 p.m.



Join us at Battery Park  
in your Halloween costume  
for a parade down Washington Street  
followed by refreshments and fun!

#### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

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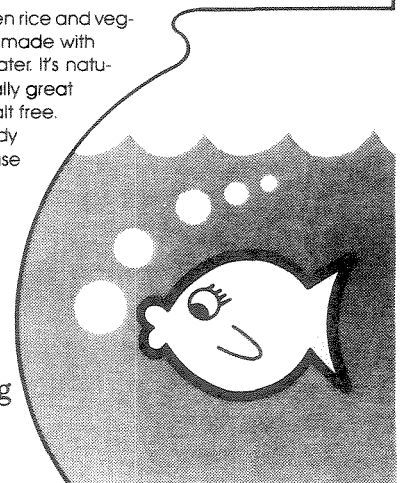
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## Shops and Businesses on the Point Part Two

Thanks for the tremendous response to the article that Angela and I wrote in the Summer 1995 issue of the *Green Light*, entitled "A Fortieth Anniversary - Do You Remember?"

You filled in blanks that we were unaware of, unfamiliar with or unknown to us and recalled fond memories and incidents that occurred when we were all younger.

I had a call from former Postmaster Bill Harrington from Naples, Florida, concerning shop owners and people who lived on the Point. John Mazza at the Grand Islander, who had the wonderful garden on Third Street at Katzman Place, contributed information. Letters also came from Florida, Maryland, Centerdale, Rhode Island, along with phone calls, visits and notes from Newporters, who fondly told us "I Remember When."

Bill Harrington, who retired more than 19 years ago, filled in many blanks. It was Mr. Marks' plumbing that was in the shop opposite Cozzens Court on Thames Street. (Other bits of information substantiate this.) He also mentioned Brookside Market at Thames and Bridge. Several notes told us it was Tripps Market on the corner of LaSalle Place and Third Street. Marks Plumbing moved over to the corner of Chestnut and Third. But our friends "who know" also said there was a bakery there . . . a small one, but nevertheless a bakery.

**NOW HEAR THIS!** Another store opposite Madison Court on Poplar Street was Louis Ambler's store, and opposite 7 Poplar Street was Abrams Market. Bill mentioned the James family who lived at 7 Poplar. Imagine red bricks being made on Cross Street. Mr. Rizzo had that business there many years ago.

Eugene LaParle and Gilbert Bradfield sent copies of articles about stores and locations on the Point around

1920-1930. The articles mention a Spiers Market at Cross and Elm run by the mother of the owners of the Spiers store at Van Zandt and Second. They mention Defrays at Chestnut and Third, which must have been the location of the bakery before the plumbing store was there. Everyone seems to agree that there were at least 28 stores on the Point during the early years of this century.

The affection and enthusiasm with which everyone speaks reveals the close familiar atmosphere that was here on the Point even in that era.

John Mazza's article contained a photograph of the "Seasonal Store" at Battery Park that thrived during the summer evening concerts. Catherine Phillips, daughter of Curtiss James from Bridge Street, writes that Westall's Ice Cream was in what is now the Rhumblin Restaurant and Mr. Westall lived upstairs. Most proprietors lived on the premises of their stores, we are told.

She tells of the store at the corner of Washington and Bridge operated by Morris and Sophie Slom during World War II. It was the North Ferry restaurant, opened after the Ferry Landing was built to take the workers to the torpedo station. The workers parked their cars where the Rommels' house now stands on Bridge Street.

On the corner of Bridge and Marsh was King's Laundry. In 1918 the Point Furniture Exchange was at 18 Elm Street. Thanks to Catherine for such glowing descriptions of Point merchants.

Norma Manuel Foltz writes to us from Pocomoke City, Maryland, telling of Vincent Esposito's barber shop on Thames Street. Even I had my hair cut there before it changed to gray!! She says the furniture store we inquired about on the corner of North Baptist and

Thames was started by Edwin S. Manuel (a used furniture store). She enclosed a billhead from the moving and storage business at 1 Cherry Street. We all remember Manuel Brothers. They also owned the old Gum Factory, now named "221 Third Street."

An extremely informative letter from Gloria Goulet of Greene Lane arrived and I marvel at her recall. She mentions Whitfords' Drug Store on Thames Street, Gilbert Ramos Store, Razza's Grocery Store (later Toppa's), a shoe repair store called Cappuciano's. On the corner of Coddington and Thames was Nemtzwow's Furniture Store. Across Thames was Sanfillippo's Tailor's and Weaver's Drug Store (originally Perrotti's Drug Store).

Gloria recounts three Katzman brothers having their businesses on the Point: Barney at Poplar and Third; Hyman (Hymie) at Walnut and Second and Phil at the now closed Stock Market on Third Street. Jestig's Market was where O'Leary's Oil used to be at 27 Second Street. On the corner of Bridge and Second was Mr. Vasillou's Store. Mr. Bruno's Shoe Repair was on Bridge Street next to Westall's. Mr. Basile's barber shop was at Elm and Third. There was an appliance shop where Arnold Park is now (at the junction of Thames and Cross) operated by Mario Berlutti and a tailor shop run by Mr. Bobadello. Gloria Goulet's maiden name was Dennis, thus her memory serves her well as the Dennises still live on the Point. Thanks, Gloria, for your letter and your continuing support of the Point Association. Your recollections allow us to visually scan these streets and see those shops as their owners, standing in the doorways, greeted

their customers many years ago.

A letter from Barbara Hurley Beach comments on two *Green Light* articles: the 40th anniversary one and the article on the rebuilding of the Hackett house at 45 Second Street by Mr. Wiseman. She lived there with her grandparents as a child. She even went to school with Angela a few semesters ago! She also mentions the booth at Battery Park that sold ice cream and popcorn during summer concerts. (Angela sends fond regards, Barbara, and we both thank you for taking time to share your thoughts with us.)

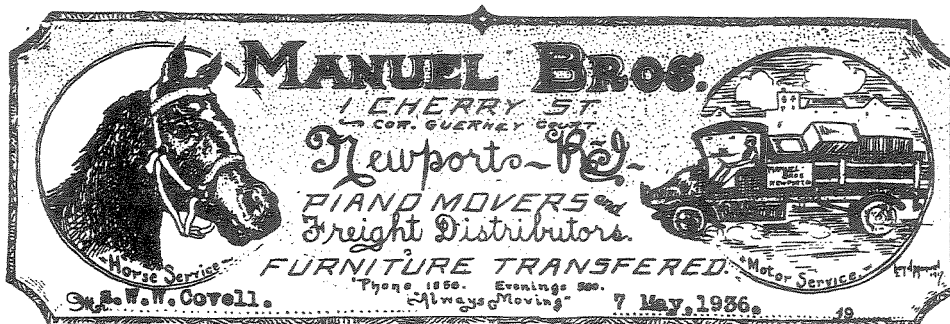
A letter from Bowen Sweet points out that Lord Monuments was at the corner of Farewell and Walnut before the old wooden bridge was torn down. He also recalls many of the stores mentioned by other writers. Another Pointer not to be forgotten!

Dot Sacrey's enthusiasm was overwhelming when the last issue came out. Before I even got my copy she came to my flower shop to tell me about her recollections. She mentioned that the Mermans, Adelsons and Schmeltzers had the Standard Wholesale Company at 18 Elm Street.

It's easy to gather a feeling of closeness after reading these remembrances and to realize that diversity is still here on the Point, with its great mix of nationalities, religions, professions and backgrounds. How proud we are to say we're "Pointers."

Joe Vars

P.S. Gloria Goulet was the recipient of the floral arrangement from Waters Edge promised in the Summer *Green Light* for the most information.



1930's billhead from the Manuel Brothers on Cherry Street

## Voter Information

### Meet The Candidates Night

A *Meet the Candidates Night*, sponsored by the Point Association, was held August 28, 1995, at St. John's Guild Hall. Newport First Ward and At-Large Council Candidates were given the opportunity to present their platforms and answer questions. The League of Women Voters moderated the event. Because the Green Light went to press that same evening, a more detailed account is not available. But a summary of the meeting, along with other voter information, will be sent to Newport Point Association members.

### Primary Election Day is September 12th

*The primary is very important!* Its purpose is to reduce the field to no more than two candidates for each council seat. Be sure you vote to determine which candidates will be on the slate November 7, General Election Day.

Christine Montanaro has encouraged each of us in her President's letter "to be a part of the process that decides Newport's future." This means being informed about the candidates, registering to vote, and then actually going to the polls on election day and voting.

Need to register to vote? You can go to City Hall or call Christine (849-4708) or Roberta Majewski (846-6194), who are registrars and can sign you up. If you have any questions about the voting process, contact the Board of Canvassers at 846-9600.



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## Gardening Corner

Hot, humid and no rain predicted. This year there was no ban on the use of water in gardens. But even the most diligent hoseings can only keep most plants alive for next year and many look mighty crispy.

Some plants can be counted on. Perouskia (Russian sage) has soft violet-blue flowers. It doesn't mind being slashed to size and never fails. Balloon flower has a deep taproot and a profusion of blossoms which repeat several times July through September if they are properly deadheaded. Using them for bouquets is perfect. Phlox evokes bored looks when I suggest it, but it puts on a brave show in August if properly thinned (take out a lot of shoots in May and apply sulfur sparingly at that time). Aster Fricarti is a late August delight which looks nice with all of these flowers.

Caryopteris, a shrub which sometimes dies to the ground so is treated as a perennial in this climate, will probably bloom in early September. It is a mist of blue with bluish leaves that goes nicely with sedum spectabile, Autumn Joy, which is truly a joy. A little chunky for my taste, but healthy and it has flower clusters like flat broccoli heads.

I must admit I have been grateful to the impatiens in the front of one border and the giant dahlia plants which bloom late. I don't take them up in the fall. Sometimes they live over the winter, but they are some trouble to store and cheap to buy every spring. I start them in pots and then transfer them to the gardens. Rabbits are too fond of them when they are young and tender.

For shady places under high trees the fall anemones look nice with cardinal flowers and fall aster.

A last suggestion is Eupatorium (mistflower) which blooms late and looks healthy with soft flowers. Don't plant them in your minimum care garden as their seeds fly everywhere!

Anne Reynolds

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## Denise Drapeau Sailor - Photographer

A lighthouse, a blue harbor, and a sailboat - no other subjects bring Newport more strongly to mind than these three that were combined in a Drapeau photo used for the cover of the Summer 1995 *Green Light*.

Born in Tiverton, Rhode Island, Denise Drapeau is now a Point resident. She has lived in Newport for 18 years. Newport is the ideal place for her, says Denise. Newport is sailboats, sail races and cruises, and Denise is often aboard, lending her sailing expertise, photographing the winners in action.



Photography is Denise's passion. She graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design and set up a business in Newport: Flash Back, which was situated on Thames Street and is now in the Brick Market. Denise will dress you up in hoops or bustles, plumes or poke bonnets, and photograph you as you might have

been - in a past century. "It's fun," Denise says, "and it pays essentials."

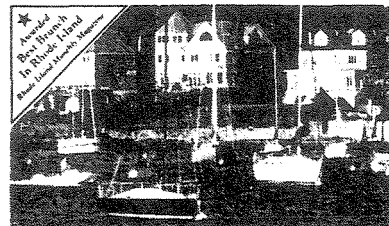
Essentials include her marine photo business: Green Flash. Denise is always on call - to crew a boat or photograph the race. She is a fine sailor and has crewed on big yachts, sailing south to the Caribbean. Many of these ocean voyages are yacht deliveries, and Denise is happiest, she says, when the Dominican Republic is the final port of call. She tells of being aboard one Australian yacht whose captain had adopted a seven-year-old Dominican boy. With the mother's approval, the Aussie took the boy aboard ship and carried him off to a better life.

Denise has a 17-foot chase boat of her own. When she is not hauling the main sheet with one hand and balancing her camera in the other, Denise is out in her own craft, searching for the perfect sailing image.

Drapeau is published in many sailing and tourist magazines. The work of which she is currently most proud is a collection of photos concerning the Dominican Republic. Next winter, she hopes, will include a voyage to Panama.

Anita McAndrews

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## Weekend Getaway "Lighthouse Style" Was the Best Yet!

Our Memorial Day weekend getaway for my wife's birthday surprise was at the Rose Island Lighthouse on Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island and it was a fun experience! It got us involved with "lighthouse keeper" duties and allowed us to just plain kick back and savor the area's sheer scenic beauty and that wonderful salt air.

As members of the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, and veterans of its famous New Year's Day hot potluck lunches and toasty bonfires on the island's rocky beach, we were aware of all that the island had to offer (including its residents, hundreds of territorial minded sea gulls).

We were transported to the island in a lobster boat captained by Charlotte Johnson, the Foundation's Executive Director and the woman instrumental in the lighthouse restoration project.

Long deserted and in disrepair, the lighthouse has been lovingly restored by members of the Lighthouse Foundation to what it was years ago. Its light is once again sending out a signal. Now it is a desirable spot for



an overnight stay at a moderate lodging fee.

While a guest at the lighthouse in the middle of the Bay, you really seem to be in a world of your own. Our spacious, well-appointed quarters overlooked the Newport-Pell Bridge (a dazzling sight at night, with its twinkling lights). What a sunset you can experience as the sun slips behind Jamestown!

The gulls on the island are the permanent "feathered friends." They let you know it, too - - they have a sentinel (leader) who watches out for them, and sounds a screeching alarm when you pass by. Public access is limited to groups of not more than 10 persons between April 1 and July 15 to protect the nesting birds.

The original lighthouse was built in 1869 on the southwest bastion of Fort Hamilton. The Rose Island Lighthouse first beamed its fixed red light over lower Narragansett Bay on January 20, 1870. A fog bell was established on August 10, 1885. The lighthouse was rendered obsolete by the construction of the Newport Bridge.

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Preservation Commission, the Rose Island Light was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on April 4, 1987. Providing help on the project were the light's past keepers and their families, the Lighthouse Foundation's Board of Directors, and local, state and federal officials.

The lighthouse has now become a living museum. Using firsthand input from the families of the keepers, the Foundation has faithfully restored the first floor museum to the 1912-1922 period. It has an upright player piano in the music room, a pitcher pump at the pantry sink and a wood/coal burning range, plus two bedrooms.

The second floor contains the comfortable quarters of the present-day "keepers-of-the-week" (and a spectacular 360-degree view of the Bay). Appliances and utilities are in place and can be used for preparing light breakfasts, lunches and even romantic dinners.

Foundation members, keepers, and overnight guests are also permitted to take a climb up to the lighthouse tower for a breathtaking view of Narragansett Bay.

Some of the duties of the keepers include: measuring high and low temperatures and rainfall in the previous 24-hour period and noting it in a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) log; having knowledge of the cellular telephone and marine radio in the event of an emergency, raising and lowering the American flag, and keeping the log book at the keeper's quarters.

We recommend Rose Island for an overnight stay and plan to visit this peaceful site again soon. It is a place to feel nature, stretch your eyes to the vast horizon and just take in all that God has given us. You will come away restored and refreshed.

It is a good idea to make your reservations well in advance. Contact Charlotte Johnson at 847-4242 or write to her at P.O. Box 1419, Newport, RI, 02840.

W.B.F. Reardon



## Friends of the Waterfront On the Point

In the last few weeks, Friends of the Waterfront sponsored two events. The Bike Tour was very successful and had many out-of-towners participating for an up-close ride along the waterfront from the Chapel by the Sea to Fort Adams. Vic Farmer prepared an excellent map for the tour, which is available by calling 847-1355.

Friends and neighbors gathered at Van Zandt pier to inspect the sadly deteriorated condition and to discuss a future fundraiser. It was a reunion for Jim Steele with many old-timers. We reminisced about the fun we had on the pier in the "good old days." Everyone agreed that the pier should be restored to its former glory. A fundraiser will be tied in with Clean-up Day on the Point next Spring.



## *Secret Garden Tour*

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The Benefactors of the Arts would like to sincerely thank the residents of Newport's Point Section for their gracious hospitality during June's Secret Garden Tour. Your beautiful neighborhood and outstanding cooperation helped us make this year's tour one of the most successful to date.

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## History on Post Cards



The legend on the front of this post card reads "Newport Cottagers leaving the National Lawn Tennis Tournament at the Newport Casino, Newport, R.I." The Casino and the Tennis Hall of Fame have been in the news this summer with Chris Evert's induction into the Hall of Fame and former President George Bush's attendance at the ceremony. They certainly didn't dress like these tennis fans back in the early 1900s. It always

amazes me when I see photos of this sort that the subjects would wear so much clothing in the summertime! Several of the ladies appear to be mopping the perspiration off their faces with their handkerchiefs as they walk. They would probably be appalled at what is worn on both the courts and in the stands at the tennis matches today!

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## **A Celebration Of British Cathedral Music Afterglow**

A brief note about the *Celebration* that was held at St. John's, July 18-23:

I think the feeling of most of us who had the privilege of hearing the Gentlemen and Boys of All Saints' Church, Northampton, England, sing was summed up by Mrs. Goddard who asked, "What will we do without them?" For the 1500 people who came through St. John's doors, beautiful and well-trained sounds were offered to the glory of God and the edification of all who came. The 27-voice choir sang 13 services during the six days of the *Celebration*; a veritable marathon of some of the finest music ever composed.

A profound "Thank-you" is due to those Pointers who hosted the English visitors - they came as complete strangers and departed as dear friends. And to all of you who came to St. John's and joined our celebration.

Brady Johnson

## **Bell-Ringers Of The World, Unite!**

St. John's is looking for individuals who would be interested in forming a bell-ringing guild, to make joyful noises for various events such as before the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass, at the end of weddings, and other occasions, civic or otherwise. We would hope to have a good number of people, so we can develop a rotation of ringers. If interested, call Brady Johnson at 846-7564.

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## **Alexander Nesbitt**

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Alexander Nesbitt on July 23, 1995. Alex and his wife, Ilse Buchert Nesbitt, came to the Point 30 years ago as co-founders of the Third and Elm Press. They and their two sons, Alexander (Sandy) and Ruppert, have been an integral part of Point activities. A noted graphic designer and internationally respected scholar in the field of design history, Alex enriched our lives with his gracious manner and many talents.

Anita McAndrews has written the following tribute in honor of Alex Nesbitt:

He will be sorely missed by young and old. But Alex's departure gives us another light among the stars. His spirit remains with us, teaching us again that only the body grows old, is discarded, that the wise spirit renews itself, is reborn.

It is humbling to write of a man whose friendships spanned almost a century. I knew so little of Alex, but loved so much those times I could be near him, absorb some echo of his brilliance. How we waste our days! We could be talking with an Alex Nesbitt; instead we spend our time tangled in "busyness."

A generous man. A witty man. One of those rare souls who found a bit of good in everyone - and something in this world to laugh about. Alex was fierce defending his truths. I never heard him be unkind.

I think of Alex this way:

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## Cook's Corner

Here are some wonderful recipes from one of my favorite cookbooks "The Victory Garden Cookbook." If you haven't seen this book, you really should try to get a copy. Not only does it have the usual recipes but some more unusual ones plus a great deal of information about veggies.

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We are all familiar with carrot cake recipes. Here is another one using carrots. For this one you don't have to grate all those carrots. Just cook them up and mash them. You can substitute margarine for the butter and still get good results.

### CARROT-ORANGE BARS

2 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
3/4 cup softened butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1/3 cup orange juice  
2 tsp. grated orange rind  
1/2 cup flaked coconut (optional)  
1 cup cooked mashed carrots

Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg; set aside. Cream the butter and sugar; beat in the egg and vanilla. Add the flour mixture alternately with the orange juice and rind. Stir in the coconut (if you wish) and carrots. Pour into a greased 8x11-inch baking pan and bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 35 minutes. Cool and glaze if desired. An orange glaze would be nice.

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Here is another use for cucumbers besides in a tossed salad. I use shell macaroni in place of linguini.

### PESTO PASTA SALAD WITH CUCUMBERS

1 lb. cucumbers, peeled, seeded and diced  
into 1/4 or 1/2 inch pieces  
Salt  
1 lb. linguini  
2 Tbsp. olive oil  
1/2 cup pesto sauce  
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Toss cucumbers with salt and let sit. Cook linguini, drain and cool under running water, drain again and toss with olive oil. Drain the cucumbers and press out moisture. Toss the pasta with the pesto sauce and cucumbers. If you like, sprinkle with the parsley before serving. Serves 3-4.

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This last recipe is interesting to say the least. I have to admit I haven't tried it yet but I do intend to.

### PARSNIP-PECAN CAKE

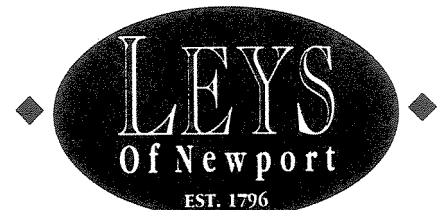
Preheat oven to 325 degrees

1 1/4 cups salad oil  
1 1/4 cups sugar  
2 cups flour  
1 Tbsp. baking powder  
1 Tbsp. baking soda  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. salt  
4 eggs  
3 cups grated raw parsnips  
1 1/2 cups finely chopped pecans

Combine oil and sugar thoroughly. Sift together dry ingredients. Add to oil and sugar mixture, alternating with eggs, beating well after each addition. Mix in parsnips, and then pecans. Pour into a buttered 10-inch tube pan. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Cool in pan for 10 minutes before removing.

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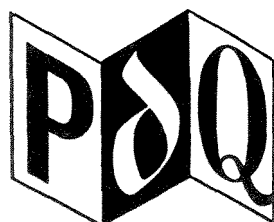
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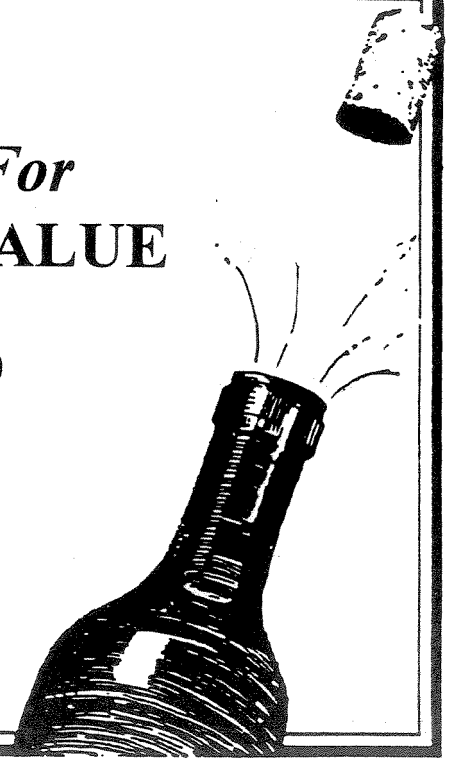
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