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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday
of the month, 7:00 p.m., at St. John's Guild Hall
and are open to association members. If you have a
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The President's Letter

Marcia and I are pleased to be back in Newport after an absence of over two decades. We are especially pleased to be settling in on the Point, fixing up our house and beginning a garden. 295 bulbs are in the ground - with luck they will provide some color to our yard in the spring.

The Point is a marvelous place to live. As a neighborhood, it has few equals in the United States. On a walk through the Point you can't miss its uniqueness: the diversity of the architecture, the historical heritage, the narrow tree lined streets, the beauty of the ocean, and the neighbors who stop to talk with you.

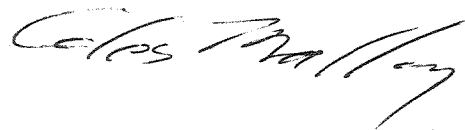
It is great to see young families moving to the Point. With them comes a renewed vitality and a commitment to a safe and caring community. If you missed the Halloween parade this year, be sure to catch it next year. The enthusiasm and fellowship are contagious.

As your new president, I inherit an active organization with many committed volunteers and a strong tradition of promoting community spirit and improvement. We have an excellent mission statement and are making real progress on the issues facing the Point. I believe the Point Association is headed in the right direction. Now our task is to maintain this momentum.

I especially want to thank Christine Montanaro who did a superb job leading us through the trials of the last four years. Her commitment and tireless efforts have made a positive difference to our neighborhood. Thank you, Christine.

We have some important issues ahead of us: traffic, the sale of the Potter School, Goat Island development, a cruise ship terminal, noise, party houses, the shipyard, and repair of the Van Zandt Pier. We also have some good times ahead: the holiday reception, a pot luck supper, the plant sale, wine tasting, the picnic, and a harbor cruise. In the spring we can watch the results of the Beautification Committee's efforts rise from the ground. We hope all of our members will join us, both in working on the issues and enjoying the good times.

If you would like to help or have a suggestion, please call me at 849-5659. Or, at the risk of being handed a paint brush, stop in and see Marcia and me at 121 Washington Street.



1996 Annual Meeting: A Synopsis

Pointers came together on Thursday evening, October 24th, at St. John's Guild Hall to exchange accounts of the association's 1996 activities. The energy level was high as old friends greeted one another and new faces were welcomed. Christine Montanaro called to order her last meeting as president. The association's business at hand commenced.

Ben Gilson read the secretary's report which was accepted as read. Phil Mosher reviewed the budget (see page 19). A few inquiries respecting the uses of reserve funds were made. Capt. Rommel noted that the *Green Light's* budget seemed lean considering the breadth of the quarterly publication. He wanted to be sure that enough money was allocated to support this vital communication link. All inquiries and comments were satisfied and the treasurer's report was accepted.

Paul Quattrucci gave the Beautification report with the help of slides illustrating all that has been done to further enrich the Point's charm. Pictures of many Pointers volunteering their hardihood sprucing, pruning and planting were shown. The six new benches facing west at the water's edge of Storer Park were highlighted. Paul also showed where trees would be planted by the city in Storer Park. Toni Peters asked of the fate of the fishermen's benches that had been removed from the west edge of the park. Paul explained that these benches had fallen into disrepair and that the city has no plan to replace them at this time. Deb Herrington discussed the city's tree planting program, applications were available for those interested in participating. The program was developed to encourage planting trees

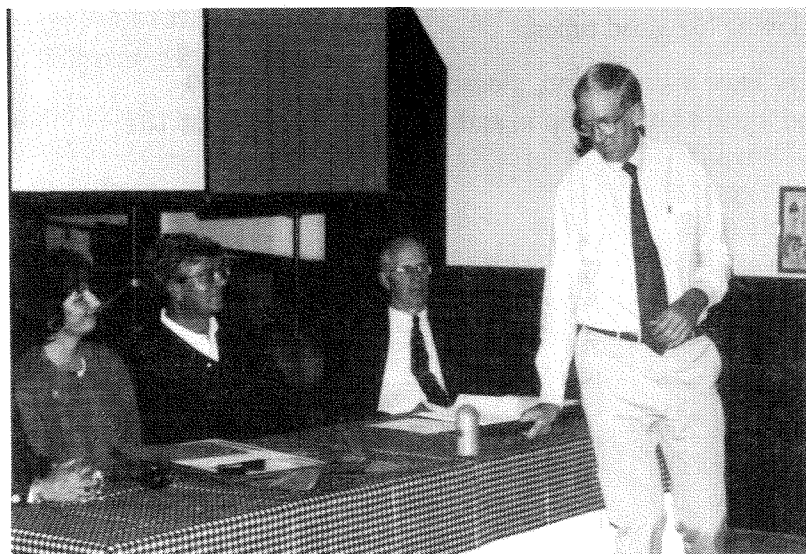
along our streets. She invited everyone to participate in the November 9th park cleanup and bulb planting.

As other committee chairs gave their reports, it became apparent that we are a lively organization. All the work done throughout the year by so many dedicated people is to be commended. A Born on the Point certificate was presented to Charlotte Edwards. Adé Bethune rose and with great pleasure informed everyone about the joint venture with Star of the Sea and the Rhode Island Housing & Mortgage Finance Corporation to preserve and develop the former Cenacle property (see story on page 12).

Joe Vars, reporting for the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers: Coles Mallory, president; Anne Bidstrup, 2nd vice-president; and Loretta Goldrick, corresponding secretary. Our new president was handed the gavel by Christine Montanaro, symbolizing the "change of command." Though Christine's feet are quite petite, her shoes were very hard to fill. We are lucky to have such a qualified successor! (Find out more about the new officers on pages 10&11.)

Following the business meeting and refreshments, the assembled were favored with an audio/visual presentation given by Dr. Ed Madden, owner of Stella Maris. The program related the challenges, both physical and psychological, that many venerable artists faced. The program concluded with images of Vincent Van Gogh flashing across the screens. Outside the streets of the Point seemed even more enchanted as a cool fall wind blew off the water and we all returned to our homes under a starry, starry night sky.

Beth Cullen



Retiring president Christine Montanaro, treasurer Phil Mosher and recording secretary Ben Gilson watch as new president Coles Mallory adjourns the business part of the October annual meeting.



Welcome to Our New Members

Ronald and Dorothy Beerkircher
Callie Clarke
Bruce Cournoyer
Bart Dunbar and Lisa Lewis
Marybeth Hunte
Judith Leet
Anna Wood Murray
Suzanne and Albert Novak
Peter Palmerino
Stephanie Schmidt
Pam Shanni
Clark and Polly Sheffield
Henry A. Wood

Wine Tasting

The Point Association hosted its third annual Wine Tasting fund-raiser on Sunday, September 8, 1996. The weather cooperated and all who attended had a wonderful time visiting in the gardens of Pete and Toni Peters, Anne Reynolds, Tom and Loretta Goldrick and Stella Maris Inn, owned by Ed and Dorothy Madden. Beautiful floral arrangements in each of the gardens were provided by Water's Edge Flowers, Chaves' Gardens, Broadway Florist, and The Victorian Rose.

Mr. Donald Breed, wine critic of *The Providence Journal*, hosted the event and shared his knowledge and critiques of the new world wines that were featured. The selections from Canada, Chile, South Africa, Southern France, New Zealand, Italy, as well as Greenvale Wines and Newport Winery, two local wineries, were all very different and exciting.

A special addition was the delicious food from each of the wine regions, generously donated by Brick Alley Pub, Music Hall Café, Sardella's, White Horse Tavern, Asterix and Obelix, Le Bistro, La Petite Auberge, and Tito's Cantina.

Thanks to all who worked so diligently to make this a wonderful event and to all who supported the Point Association by attending.

Donna Segal



Point Association Holiday Reception *for members and their families*

Monday, December 16th
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
at St. John's Guild Hall
Poplar Street

Refreshments, Singing & Cookie Exchange

Please join your friends and neighbors for a holiday reception. We will gather together to enjoy some refreshments and sing holiday songs. Bakers should bring a dozen cookies to serve at the reception with the rest of the batch divided into baggies containing six cookies each for exchange with other Point bakers. This is a great way to serve your guests many different types of cookies and you only have to bake once - your favorites!

Questions? Call Peggy Comfort at 847-3261.

Retiring Board Members

Three valuable members of the Point Association Board retired this October.

President Christine Montanaro worked tirelessly during her four-year term. She not only faithfully attended association meetings and events, but also the many city and civic meetings where she so capably represented the association. We are indebted to her for establishing the History and Archives committee which is preserving and protecting the history of the Point Association. At the annual meeting Christine was awarded an honorary Born on the Point certificate expressing appreciation for her contributions to the distinctive and congenial character of the Point.

Both Roberta Majewski as 2nd vice president and Lois Dickson as corresponding secretary contributed to the monthly board meetings as well ably handling the duties of their offices. Many Point activities have consumed much of their time and talents.

Our sincere thanks to each of them for their devoted service to the organization.

Beautification Report

On Saturday, November 16th, spring blooming and early summer flowering bulbs were planted in Storer Park. After the Bridge Street area near the railroad tracks was cleaned up, bulbs were planted for next spring and summer enjoyment.

Storer Park has eight new trees dotting the diagonal crosswalks that span the interior sections of the park. Scott Wheeler, the Newport Tree and Grounds Supervisor, and the Beautification Committee made a presentation of the plan to the Board at the September board meeting. Trees were suggested in order to give the park structure and to allow for areas of shade within the interior. A series of discussions ensued over the next several weeks, with a final decision to plant just eight trees so that a tight arrangement could be avoided. The minimum distance between the trees is 44 feet, with a maximum distance of 60 feet between the trees nearest the intersection of the crosswalks. Oaks were chosen

because they are hardy, tall and can be trimmed with a high canopy. Street-level views will not be compromised by the new plantings. The trees are part of the Tree Donor Program, initiated by the city, which provides special grant money for matching funds to the Point Association's donations. Long-range plans include the possibility of placing benches under the trees so residents and visitors may enjoy the cool shade during the hot summer months.

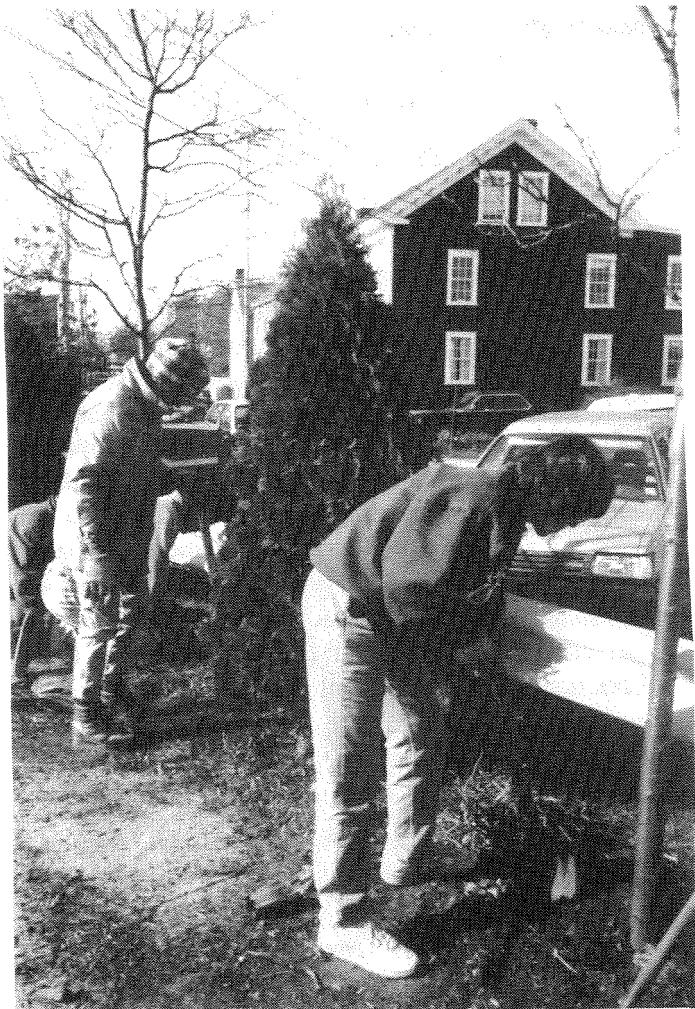
New benches have already been placed across the western end of the park. Washington Street residents Rowena and Don Dery and Suzette and Gerry Siegel, as well as Paul and Nancy Quattrucci made generous donations and purchased the benches in memory of family members. A special thank-you is extended to these folks. Thanks are also extended to the Doubletree Hotel and Island Development Corporation for their substantial donations to support the work in progress at Storer Park. The improvements are long overdue, and we are enthused by the cooperation of Point residents, private corporations, and city officials.

The Adopt-a-Tree Program was launched at the annual meeting. Applications are now being accepted for spring '97 planting. Call Deb Herrington at 848-9735 if you wish to apply for Point Association partial contribution and coordination for a tree on your street.

Point Traffic Update

Clearly, this past summer's traffic experience does not bode well for the Point given the expansion of activities on Goat Island, new time-shares on Washington Street and the growing use of neighborhood streets as a means of bypassing America's Cup by commuters, commercial vendors, busses and tourists. Ultimately, we may need to limit access to the Point to insure its historic and residential character - either via revised traffic flow or closing targeted streets to two-way traffic on a seasonal basis. The board is considering hiring a traffic engineer to determine the most appropriate course of action to effect some change before next summer. Resident input would be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted most days at 849-1319.

Mark Williams
Traffic Committee



Beautification volunteers working on Bridge Street.

Potter School

The city intends to sell Potter School when the current occupant, the Department of Human Services, moves to a new location. Since Potter School is part of the Point on Elm Street, Point Association president Coles Mallory would like to develop a set of suggested parameters concerning the sale to present to the city. If you are interested in working on this plan, please contact Coles at 849-5659.

Watch for an article about the history of Potter School in the Spring issue of the *Green Light*. Do you have a memory or story about the school that you would like to share? Call Kay 847-7311 or Nancy at 846-2907 or write to the *Green Light*, c/o The Point Association, P.O. Box 491, Newport, RI, 02840.

New Membership Cards

The Membership committee is in the process of designing new membership cards. The new cards will be computerized, which will enable us to process your membership more quickly. If you haven't received your card for 1996-97, you can expect it after the first of the year. Thanks for your patience!

Thank You From Christine

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for a most memorable conclusion to my presidency. The generous gifts and heartfelt sentiments will remain as symbols of four very cherished years.

Probably the most satisfying moment was when I handed the gavel to Coles Mallory, our new president. Coles is ideally suited for the position. His expertise, energy, and vision will allow our association to thrive and continue forward. Congratulations to Coles and the board in their representation of an association that is recognized as one of the best neighborhood groups in the state.



History and Archives

Nine members of the History and Archives committee, joined by Coles Mallory, met November 13 at the Nina Lynette Home to set goals for the coming months. It was decided that an adequate file cabinet should be purchased; a permanent, dry, accessible space be found for the archives; the newest cataloguing and filing procedures be investigated; and a complete set of Point Association minutes be compiled. The committee also hopes to tape some Point residents to capture memories of times past.

The efforts are ongoing to **Save Our Stuff!**

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Marine Terminal Update

The Environmental Impact Study for the water transit system and the marine terminal is ongoing. The study group in the process of drafting a traffic analysis and reviewing technical information mainly required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA is requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to do thorough underwater analysis at each proposed sight, which is not only extremely time consuming but very costly. The DOT seems to feel that this is not the best use of their funds and will probably limit these studies to the most feasible and larger sights, which would most likely eliminate the west side of Goat Island or Fort Adams.

The emphasis of the study group and the DOT is multi-modal transit. They have not scheduled any further public meetings to date, but may hold one in December if they have sufficient information to share at that point.

Donna Segal

Adventure Club News

Cinderella, Princess Jasmine, ballet dancers, monsters, walking M&M's, animals, cow pokes and horned creatures all gathered for a ghoulish go round at Battery Park on Sunday, October 27. Spooky games and contests entertained the young and old on a bright, sunny fall afternoon.



The parade wound through the streets of the Point, scaring and surprising onlookers. We ended up at St. John's Guild hall for monstrous treats and good cheer. Special thanks to St. John's for providing the hall for so many creatures! And thanks to Ross for providing trick or treat bags for all the children.


Perhaps we'll get together for snowman building in the winter. Keep your eyes open for signs in the neighborhood.

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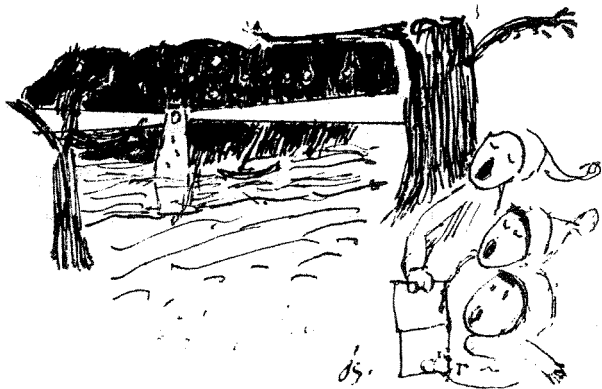


1996 Holiday Events

The *Christmas in Newport* brochure is once again filled with happenings for the holidays. It all starts with a bang December 1st and ends with the Cultural Commission's *Opening Night '97* on the 31st. Watch the newspapers for updated times and details for all these festive and fun events. Many of them are here on the Point, where white lights will be sparkling in windows and doors decorated. Perhaps a Pointer will win a prize in the doorway contest!

The Candlelight House Tours the three days after Christmas is always a special highlight of the season. Call Vance Gatchell at 848-7017 if you would like to be a hostess. Your assignment will be at one house, but the rest are yours to visit and enjoy.

Kay O'Brien



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, December 7
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Baked goods, Christmas crafts,
decorations, treasures,
white elephants,
and more!

A Snowy Beacon

After a snow, look west and see the beautiful contrast of white against a sea of deep blue. Rose Island Lighthouse is a stark, yet comforting vision in the winter. Our thanks to Charlotte Johnson of the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation for sharing this snowy scene shown on our cover. Looking across the water is a favorite pastime of Pointers and going across the water for a visit is always an adventure. Some hardy souls might get close this winter, but the rest of us will enjoy the snow at the lighthouse from the photo.

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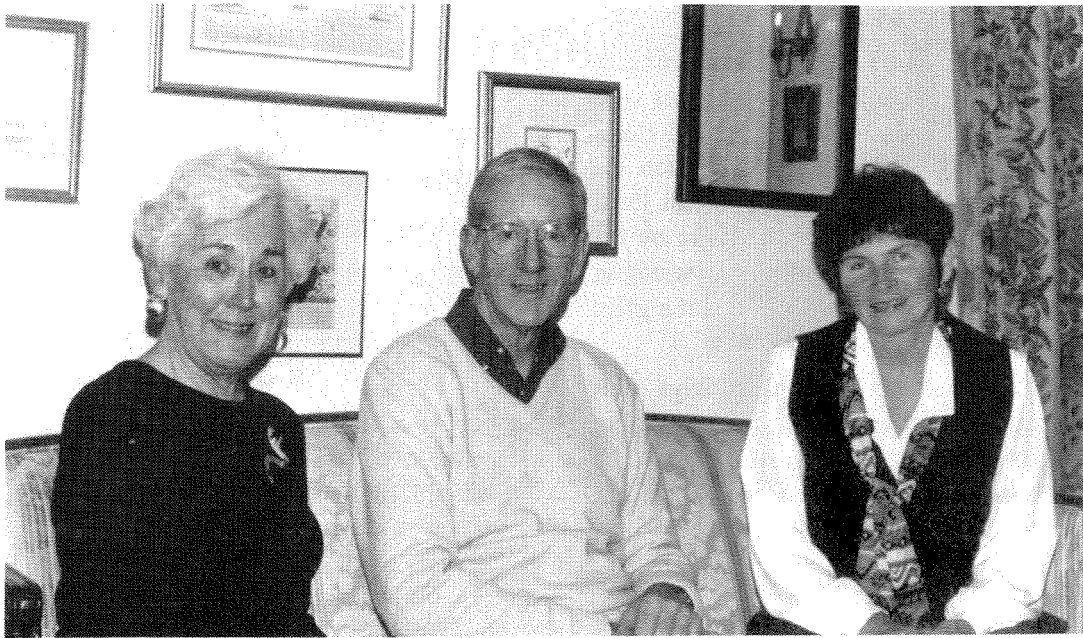
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Getting to Know the New Association Officers



Loretta Goldrick
corresponding secretary

Coles Mallory
president

Anne Bidstrup
2nd vice president

Since its incorporation in 1955, the Point Association has had many capable and dedicated executive board members. As we approach a new century, this history of effective and hard working men and women continues with the induction of three new officers.

Coles Mallory

We welcome Coles Mallory as the new president of the Point Association. His name may be familiar to some: Coles was city manager of Newport from 1968 to 1975. He went on to further his career as a municipal manager in states as far away as Oregon, and many in between, most recently Iowa. Coles and his wife Marcia raised four children (three daughters and a son) while traversing the country. Marcia worked as an elementary school teacher in addition to all the challenges of establishing homes in many different states. With all of their travels in a variety of cultures and climates, Coles and Marcia had a wide range of communities to choose from when it came time to decide where they would retire. They chose Newport

and ultimately the Point, reinforcing the fact that we live in one of the best corners of the world.

The Mallorys live at the corner of Washington Street and Van Zandt Avenue. They purchased their home six years ago. The house had recognition in 1994 as the place where Chelsea Clinton stayed while in Newport learning to sail (their tenants for many years were friends of Hillary). In June of this year Coles and Marcia came to Newport to settle in, renovate their waterfront home and spend time with their family, especially their first granddaughter Gabi, who lives in Massachusetts. After such busy careers they looked forward to less structured times ahead. This indulgence did not last long, about four months in fact, not even enough time to finish unpacking! Coles thought that he had permanently hung up his manager's hat, seeking to replace it with his bicycle helmet, hiking boots, sailing foul weather gear, ski cap and gardening tools. That was not to be (at least not entirely). That manager's hat has been taken off the hook, and once again Coles faces the joys and certain headaches that come with a supervisory post.

A native of Hingham, Massachusetts, Coles received his undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College. Marcia is from New Jersey, and it was in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania that her path crossed Coles' while she was studying to be a teacher. Coles went on to The Wharton School for a graduate degree. The Mallorys are very generous to set aside some of their retirement plans to serve as the association's "first couple," and we are fortunate to have them. Coles sees that he is taking over the helm of a healthy and active group and intends to keep a steady course sailing calmly towards the 21st century.

Anne Bidstrup

Anne Bidstrup, the Point Association's new 2nd vice president, is a relative newcomer to the Point, but not to Newport. Anne has owned a time-share condo at Newport Estates Condominiums on Green End Pond for over a decade and has twice been elected to that association's board of directors. Two years ago, while enjoying the Point on the Secret Garden Tour, Anne came upon an 1870s cottage at 35 Poplar Street. The property was on the market and in need of attention. Knowing that this house had possibilities, she purchased it and began renovations. Once completed, Anne plans to use a portion of the house as a bed and breakfast - *Poplar Garden*.

A resident of Concord, Massachusetts for thirty years, Anne maintains her ties by keeping her past home as an income property. While serving as vice president of the Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters, she monitored the activities of the town commissions and was a delegate to State and National League Conventions. Her knowledge of community affairs is enhanced by her degree in Business Administration from Boston University and paralegal certification from Northeastern University. Also, Anne is a Registered Real Estate Broker in Massachusetts. Other than her two grown children, Anne is the only member of her Danish family that lives "state-side." She enjoyed living and working in Hertfordshire, England in the early 1960s and has taken many subsequent trips to visit both England and Denmark.

Besides being a mother, an avid gardener and a business woman, Anne has another interest - she raises

show bunnies! Currently she keeps four rabbits, two Holland Lops and two Mini-Rex. She has won many championship ribbons and says that showing bunnies is an interesting pastime - and certainly unusual.

Anne loves living on the Point and hopes to see more gas lights installed on our streets to further enhance the historical charm, an ongoing project she continues to pursue. As a member of the executive board, Anne urges the active participation of all members of the Point Association to sustain our hearty organization, and wishes to promote the continued growth of membership to increasingly reflect the diversity of Point residents.

Loretta Goldrick

Our new corresponding secretary is Loretta Goldrick. Loretta and her husband Tom live at 20 Second Street. They operate a bed and breakfast in their home, which was featured in a February 1996 *New York Times* Travel Section cover story.

Prior to becoming B&B hosts, the Goldricks were the proprietors of *The Book Bay* in Brick Market; they owned that business for fifteen years. The Point was the perfect place to live since they could walk to work, and their home has a private garden from which to escape the pressures of work (their back garden has been part of the Secret Garden Tour as well as one of the sites for the Point's wine tasting event). The Goldricks have five children; three live close by in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, the other two live in Florida and Colorado. So they have wonderful vacation locales, be it for skiing or snorkeling!

Loretta comes fully prepared for her duties as corresponding secretary. Earlier in her career she was on the staff of *The Boston Globe* writing travel and feature stories. Get those pencils sharpened, Loretta, your literary career has been reactivated! Apart from keeping the association up-to-date on events and meetings, Loretta enjoys travel, gardening and antiques.

We welcome all the new board members. Their willingness to contribute to the Point Association is greatly appreciated!

Beth Cullen

Pointers in the News

In November, Jean-Pierre Mouligne sailed his 50-foot sloop *CCP-Cray Valley* from Newport to Bermuda in 53 hours, 46 minutes and 10 seconds, a new record.

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The Redwood Library and Athenæum honored the family of John Howard Benson with a exhibition this past fall.

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The Benefactors of the Arts, sponsors of the Secret Garden Tour, announced that proceeds from this year's tour went to fund musical performances, cultural presentations, art demonstrations and Yamaha Music in Education Programs at Aquidneck Island Schools. The tour, which is held each June, showcases hidden gardens on the Point.

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Abigail Preston, daughter of Mark and Melanie Preston, was the grand prize winner in the baby parade held in conjunction with the annual Lawn Fete at Emmanuel Church this past summer.

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The Rommel's 13-year-old Norwegian elkhound, Sheba, was pictured in the *Daily News* resting in the doorway of their home.

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And once again, the Point was shown with people enjoying the Elm Street Pier, fishing off Van Zandt Pier and walking on Washington Street.

James and Lawton Family Reunion

The James and Lawton families held their first combined family reunion on Sunday, September 8, 1996.

The reunion included the Lawtons because so many had married into the James family. One hundred and thirty-five members attended the affair. All of the Jameses were descendants of William James, who lived in Portsmouth, Rhode Island in 1658. Jonathan James moved to Newport in the early 1800s and bought the house at 88 Bridge Street in 1850. During that time family members were living on Marsh, Bridge, Chestnut, Second and Third streets. My daughter, Jade, represents the sixth generation of our family to live on the Point.

The reunion gave us the opportunity to renew old friendships, meet new family members and share our genealogical information. We are looking forward to next year's event.

Cathie James Phillips

Star of the Sea

At the annual meeting, Adé Bethune and Joe Vars made a brief presentation of the good new for the Point. As its president and secretary, they announced that Star of the Sea is forming a unique partnership with Rhode Island Housing & Mortgage Finance Corporation to preserve and develop the former Cenacle/Corpus Christi historic property on Battery Street between Washington and Second.

"With this exciting development," said Adé, "our intent to provide community living for independent elders is now on its way. The first steps have been taken to save the gracious property from the wrecking ball. The next twelve months are crucial in putting the financing together. Renovation is projected for late 1997, occupancy during 1998."

This long awaited good news was received with enthusiasm, hugs and kisses by the Pointers present at the meeting. Adé also took the occasion to thank the Point Association for its generous gift contributed five years ago to support a plan which at the time was still a vision. "It has been a sustaining inspiration," states Adé, "for the Star of the Sea board to know that the Point Association members could look into the future and see the promise of 'a lively experiment' within its own neighborhood."

Gerald W. Seigel

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New Public Library Service Comes to the Point



*Polly Sheffield and her children Tessa, Kate and Mark
chat with Kay O'Brien and Rowan Howard at the bookmobile.
Library assistant and driver, Kelly McKenna is in the background.*

Attention Point readers! Every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 - 4:30, a library-on-wheels parks in St. John's Church parking lot on Willow Street.

Librarian Mary Barrett can issue library cards, check out books and see that any book you want, if it is available, can be put on the bookmobile the following Wednesday. You can call Mrs. Barrett at 847-8720, ext. 105, to order books, audio tapes and children's videos. These videos can be kept for a week!

The driver of the "Parnassus on Wheels" and library assistant is Kelly McKenna, who will check in or renew your books and audio-visual materials.

Anne Reynolds

Savoir Fare @ The Walnut Market

At the October annual meeting, Ann Wiley reminded us that the Walnut Market is under new management and urged us to stop by and see the changes. The new proprietors (and sisters) Marybeth Hunte and Callie Clark tell us about their business:

Savoir Fare catering is now @ The Walnut Market! ***Savoir Fare*** is a small catering company devoted to the intimate details that ensure the success of your party. We make everything "from scratch" using only the freshest ingredients, highlighting local produce and seafood.

As former Point residents, we chose The Walnut Market as the only location that captures the true sense of neighborhood and the essence of the old-fashioned quality and personalized service we are renowned for. We bring ***Savoir Fare*** to your "corner store" with our gourmet deli, sandwiches, soups, salads, home-made pastries and desserts. And yes, we still have all the staples; bread, eggs, milk, coffee and newspapers, as well as seasonal produce, groceries and video rentals!

We are so happy to be here and look forward to many seasons on the Point!



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While Walking on the Point

Fall, changing from summer to coming cold, can be glorious or gloomy depending on the weather. November has been labeled mellow or melancholy. While walking one finds surprising color lingering long in unexpected places. Trees show off their outlines of bare branches. Views are expanded and new vistas revealed. Sunsets can be sensational but come too early.

In summer walkers scan the bay but in fall focus on houses. The sounds of ladders being raised by painters and carpenters are everywhere. Now designs of new shingles catch the eye as do details outlined by paint. Van Zandt Pier shows off white paint and replaced wood. The new stone trash barrel is in place by the pier and is ready for business. Boats are safely stored on land, and Army ships have joined the Coast Guard vessels to be repaired at the shipyard. Across the causeway we will miss Greg Gamon's Marina Pub, now closed, after many years.

There's a lonely side to winter coming. Friends stay indoors more and daily sidewalk visits are missed. Keep in mind your neighbor who might need a ride, help with snow shoveling, or just a phone call. When fresh air calls, bundle up and keep walking. Exercise feels good.

Kay O'Brien

Join the Good Guys

Offended by graffiti in the neighborhood? Join the Citizens Graffiti Removal Task Force! Call the Graffiti Hot Line (846-2474) or the police emergency number (847-1212) to report someone in the act of leaving his/her "mark." Or be a "Clean Up Volunteer." Call Harry Harvey (846-4205) for instructions and a clean-up kit. The city, police, recreation, and public works are all behind this volunteer effort. Let's keep the Point beautiful!

City Litter Container Program

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) "OSCAR" program has awarded the City of Newport a matching grant to purchase 20 metal litter containers to help beautify the historic sections of Newport. In addition, the City purchased 5 stone containers to replace the blue 55 gallon drums in waterfront areas. The City is looking for partners to purchase these receptacles which will include the logo:

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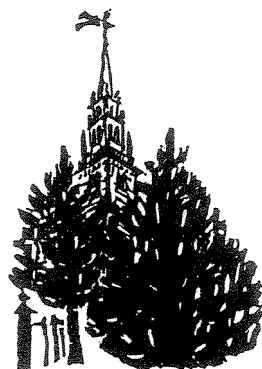
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From Councilor Laurice Shaw

The end of another year. I look forward to this time, right before the holidays get too crazy, to reflect on what I had hoped to accomplish - what worked and what didn't. I am grateful for a whole, new fresh year right around the corner to draw in new energy and, with luck, a new perspective on how to make Newport a happier, safer, more prosperous home for all of us.

Some of the things that I feel "worked" this past year were:

1. **Teamwork at City Hall.** I like working with and respect the other members of the City Council. The co-operation and willingness to seek out new solutions to old problems is refreshing and productive. City Manager Mike Mallinoff, who is soon to be our neighbor, I understand, is one of the best things to happen to Newport in quite awhile. City workers are also to be congratulated for their efforts to make our government more "user friendly" and responsive.
2. **Taxes** They're not going down - yet. But, we have embarked on fiscal policies that will put us on truer, firmer ground in the future and give us a real foundation to build on. Those efforts must be coupled with new, progressive economic policies and incentives so our commercial community can grow and prosper and take some of the heat off the homeowner. Long-range planning with community,

not private, interests in mind will give us a road map to our desired future. Look for an emphasis on this in months to come.

3. **Quality of Life Issues.** We have made progress. It's been a lot of "two steps forward and one step back" but that is progress - albeit slow - and we are going to keep working very hard to step up the pace this year. These are the issues - schools, traffic, noise, and litter that affect our lives on a daily basis. These are the areas where your efforts and input are most valuable. Please consider where you want most to see improvement and dedicate some of yourself to it. Seeing the fruits of your effort - whether it's a petition drive, letter to the editor, or volunteering - succeed and benefit the whole community has to be one of the most enriching, satisfying things to experience.

There are many other efforts that make me feel that this has been a very good year. Will you help to make next year even better? Feedback is the best tool I, as your Ward I councilperson, can have. Your ideas are what will make tomorrow better. Please take a few minutes to jot down your thoughts - constructive criticism included - and send them to me at 87 Washington St. It is a team effort and I need all the help I can get.

Happy Holidays and Peace and Joy in the New Year.

For Your Information

The results of the November elections are in with the following candidates representing the Point section of Newport:

- U.S. Senator Jack Reed
943-3100 - a new number and an address will be available the first of the year
- U.S. Representative Patrick Kennedy
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Gardening in Winter

Some of our winter days are mild enough for a little puttering. Cut down all last year's perennials right to the ground and pull up spent annuals. While you are at it, pick up any slugs and snails that lurk on the ground feasting on your plants. Trash all this stuff as it is probably buggy or moldy and doesn't belong in the compost.

If the ground is frozen after Christmas, put branches from your tree on the garden. Temperature changes, not cold, are the real cause of plant death in winter. Step on any plants that have heaved out of the ground.

On a mild day when the ground is soft, pull any weeds that are thriving. A few minutes outdoors can make your chilly old house seem warmer!

If you plan to have a living Christmas tree, beware. It will need to be placed in the coolest place in the house and stay for only a brief time, misted and watered, then planted in a hole you dug on that warm day. Have a bucket of soil in your cellar to back fill the hole. As long as you can dig the hole, you can plant trees and shrubs. Consult a nurseryman and get a guarantee. Remember the old adage, "a five dollar hole for a fifty cent tree."

Anne Reynolds

Pieces to the Point Puzzle

There's no way this puzzle can be completed, putting together all the individuals, organizations and events that make the Point what it is today. There are just too many pieces, and some have been lost along the way. Latest issues of the *Green Light* have focused on Operation Clapboard, Oldport Association, and Doris Duke's Newport Restoration Foundation. Let's not forget the role of the Preservation Society of Newport County, founded here on the Point in 1945. Hunter House was purchased then to keep the paneling of this important colonial house from being shipped to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The Newport Historical Society and its active staff, its scheduled events, priceless collections of documents and photographs, its Museum of Newport History at the Brick Market and the Friends' Meeting House on Farewell Street all tell stories of many generations in the Point neighborhood.

Now with these key organizations in place the outline of the puzzle appears, but the hundreds of missing pieces are stories individuals and families could tell of their lives and labors here. Hope of hearing these stories keeps us interested and working on the Point Puzzle.

Kay O'Brien



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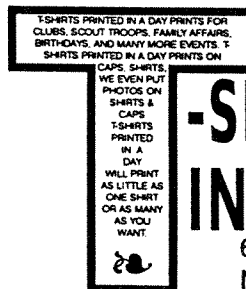
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The Corner of Bridge and Third

Another Piece of the Puzzle

by Eleanor Weaver

Eleanor Weaver and her late husband George were early restoration pioneers on the Point. Their stories can provide many of the missing pieces to the Point Puzzle. Here is one from the '50s.

Ten Third Street sat on the southwest corner of Bridge and Third streets sad and forlorn when we went to inspect it with a view to restoration. My initial reaction was that it would have to be lifted from the ground because it was in such poor condition. George, however, never looked at an old building without falling in love with it.



Since the first floor had been used as a grocery store for many years, the front room on Bridge Street had been gutted, large store windows and a doorway installed and little, if any, maintenance afforded the property. Because of the water table in that area, no basements could be dug. Crawl space beneath the building provided the only area to run water and heat lines. The gas lines (still in existence?) were among the oldest in the city. Consequently, during the frigid winter weather, both heat and water lines froze throughout the neighborhood. More hours were spent belly crawling under 10 Third Street to restore these utilities than can be remembered.

Initially we kept the building as two small apartments. The first tenant occupied the ground floor until Hurricane Carol struck in 1954 with devastating force. Water rose to the top of the fireplace mantels, and the refrigerator and stove, among other appliances,

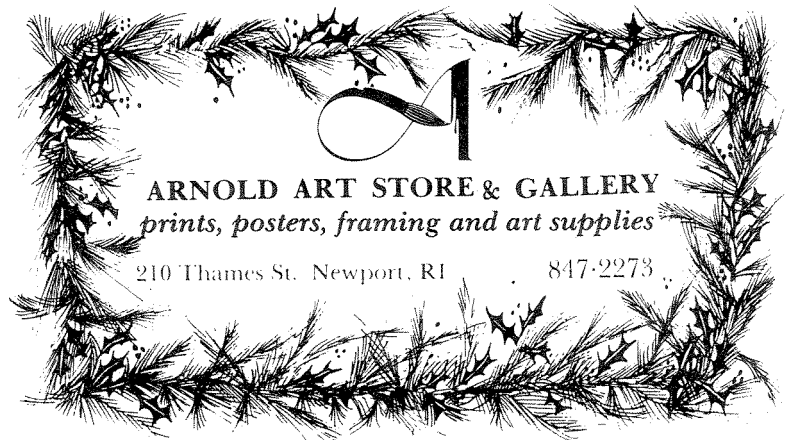
floated around the apartment. Fortunately the tenant was able to get shelter on the second floor to await rescue after the water receded.

A barroom occupied the building next door where the Rhumb Line now exists. Since the bar was open from morning to night, the number of drunks staggering in and out seemed to exceed the number of children walking home from Potter School for lunch.

The building of Job Townsend, the granddaddy of the Townsend-Goddard families, was located on the northwest corner of Bridge and Third streets. Although the first floor had been gutted, evidence of beautiful woodwork could be seen in the deep cornice and corner beam detail which still remained, by some miracle. Several attempts were made to purchase the building for restoration as we considered it the most important property on the Point relative to the Townsend-Goddard families. Not until workers began to demolish the building did we learn that the bar owner was buying the property to locate a new brick building there for a large bar. A zoning variance was necessary for a new bar. The value of the Point Association of Newport (P.A.N.) soon became apparent. Through P.A.N. petitions of objection were quickly gathered and a large presence of Point opposition at the zoning board meeting helped to deny the petition for a variance. The lot stood empty for years until the Newport Restoration Foundation moved an 18th century house to the site.

Ten Third Street, meanwhile, had been sold and returned to its single family use. It appears that each successive owner has cared for the house and added improvements to enhance the lovely cottage on the corner of Bridge and Third.

Eleanor Weaver

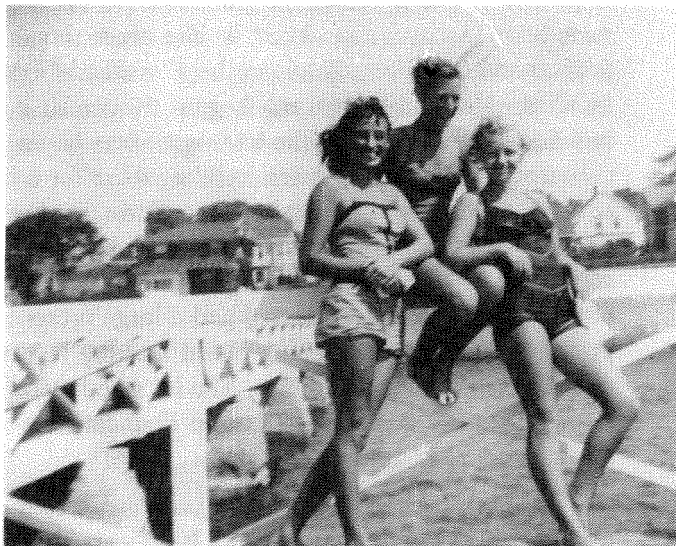


IN THE GOOD OL' SUMMER TIME: THE VAN ZANDT PIER

As we approach the winter season, thoughts of swimming and sunning on the Van Zandt Pier are less frequent. Even though we are faced with a few months of cold and snow, these photographs of Pointers enjoying the pier in days past are meant to remind us that spring is imminent. Soon, Friends of Van Zandt Pier will be out painting and continuing the pier's refurbishing.

Liz Bermender of Friends of the Waterfront, along with her lifelong pal Kathy Dowd, continue to "patrol" the pier. Sarah Plumb may not jump off the pier with her water wings any longer, but she is a supporter of Friends of Van Zandt Pier. Please join Liz, Kathy, Sarah and the rest of the Friends of Van Zandt Pier in once again making the pier a safe and beautiful place for Pointers to gather and enjoy the bay.

For membership information contact Beth Cullen, at 848-2945, or write P.O. Box 704, Newport.



Sandra Delehanty, Liz Bermender, Kathleen Dowd
1954



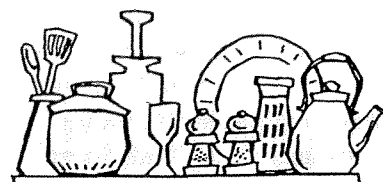
Sarah Friend Barker Plumb (second from the left)
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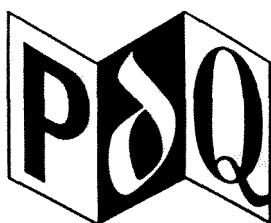
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Wine Tasting	\$800
White Horse Tavern Event	
New Event	
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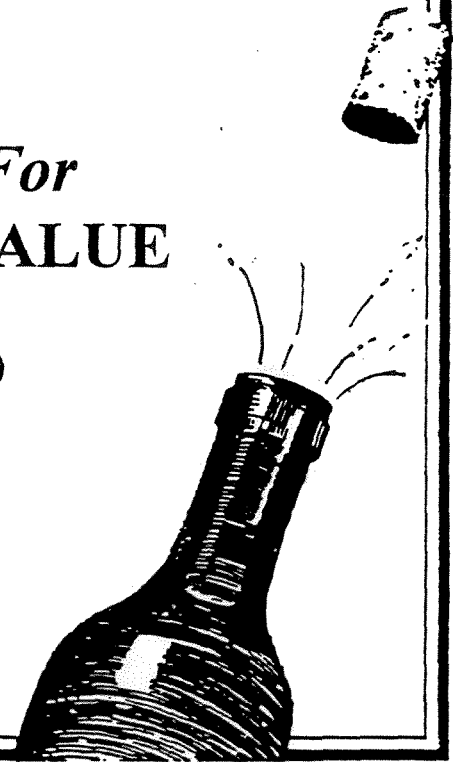
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