Activities as of May 18, - More info to follow----

**2022 RI Historical Cemeteries Awareness and Preservation Weeks**

**April 1st – May 31st**

**Attleboro**, MA — Contact- Ben Cote- tenmilefriends@gmail.com

**Barrington**

Walking Tour May 14th, 10-2 PM (no rain date) - Allin Yard Cemetery (only) - 115 Bay Spring Ave- Contact- Sue Cherau, suecherau@cox.net

Also, demonstrations -Barrington Cemetery Commission and Public Archaeology Laboratory will co-host a program to include: gravestone cleaning demonstration by trained volunteers, and presentation of cemetery mapping, inventory, and ground-penetrating radar survey work.


**Block Island**

Will continue their scheduled perpetual care program along with a walking cemetery tour and a clean-up. More information to follow. Contact Pam Gasner- pamgasner@icloud.com or Mike Shea- cemeteries@new-shoreham.com

**Bristol**

Saturday, May 28, 12pm Bristol Historical & Preservation Society, 48 Court St, Bristol- Lew Keen, Chairman of the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission, presents a lecture on the Art of Gravestone Carving. Examine the various styles of headstone art, learn their meaning and significance, and see how they appear in the historic cemeteries of Rhode Island. This event is part of Bristol Historical & Preservation Society’s All About Cemeteries program on May 28. For more information, visit https://bhpsri.org Contact: info@bhps.necoxmail.com

**Burrillville**- The Burrillville Historical Society will be sponsoring the following:

Saturday, May 14, 9am- 4 p.m. There will be gravestone conservation workshop at the Pascoag Cemetery located on Cemetery Hill Rd led by Betty and Carlo Mencucci. This is a hands-on activity for those wishing to learn how to clean and reset/repair gravestones. Please dress accordingly and bring gloves. Bring your own lunch and water to drink. The workshop will begin with a short walking tour of the cemetery to examine stone types, problems and prior repairs. To sign up for this workshop, please send email to bmencucci@verizon.net or call 401-500-0433.

**Central Falls**-
Will continue their perpetual care program for CF001 Moshassuck Cemetery. Contact- moshassuckcemetery@hotmail.com

Charlestown –

Saturday May 21st, 9am-12noon (as we do each year in May), we will clean/spruce up the Cross' Mills Public Burying Ground (CH024) along the Old Post Rd. This cemetery is the only public and most historic in Charlestown and is the site of our Memorial Day Parade gathering for the military color guard. If time permits, we may also address the General Joseph Stanton monument and cemetery next to the Wilcox Tavern (1738 Stanton Home). Contact- Pam Lyons pam@oceanhousemarina.com or -Susan Angelo- susan1angelo@icloud.com

Saturday June 18, Cleanup at Kenyon Lot (CH022) and continued clean-up at CH050 Joseph Stanton Monument

Coventry/West Warwick - PVPHS cemetery Group has scheduled events as follows:

Saturday, May 21, 2022 @10 AM PVPHS Cemetery Group will hold its flagging of the Maple Root cemetery complex, Harkney Hill Road, Coventry, RI. Bring yourself and a friend to participate in this longstanding tradition of honoring our veterans. For further details: contact 401-523-5351

May 2022: We will be conducting clean ups and monument repairs in those cemeteries yet to be determined. For further details, contact charlesmvacca@gmail.com or 401-523-5351---

May 28 – 30, 2022 @ 9 am- This year’s event will closeout with our traditional flagging veterans’ graves. For further details, please check the email or contact us! Contact- Charlie Vacca charlesmvacca@gmail.com Julie Natherson and Maureen Buffii coventrycemeteries@gmail.com

Cranston –

Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be a clean-up at CR002 Pocasset Cemetery located at 417 Dyer Ave. in Cranston. Contact- John Hill jhchcc167@gmail.com - Contact- Sherry Arruda historyinri@gmail.com, Walter Slocumb Walterslocumb@hotmail.com

-There will be a clean-up at CR054 Thomas Baker Lot located 300 feet northwest of #64 Verdant Dr. and almost to an open field beyond. More info to follow. Contact – Drake Patten hurricanenhillfarm@gmail.com

Cumberland –Contact- Keith Hainley- dkhainley@gmail.com – Judy Hadley will be working at CU003 Cumberland Cemetery on Dexter St- Contact Judy Hadley - treelady@cox.net – CU033 Kimball Lot /neighborhood group clean-up. More info to follow

East Greenwich-

Tuesday May 24, 6pm- Presentation by archaeologist Joseph (Jay) Waller, Jr. of Public Archaeology Laboratory. East Greenwich Free Library, 82 Peirce St. The East Greenwich Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission is charged with increasing awareness and maintenance of its many burial grounds. Development is increasingly encroaching upon the town’s historic graveyards, which are protected under state law. This presentation serves a primer on The Rhode Island Cemeteries Act and will draw on local examples summarizing state-supported strategies for establishing cemetery boundaries to avoid unmarked graves and implementing cemetery protection and management strategies. While focusing on East Greenwich, this program is open to anyone interested in the local graveyards in Rhode Island and their protection. -- Contact Greg Dubell gdubell@palinc.com
**East Providence** – Events have expired

**Exeter** – Events have expired

**Foster** –

We will be scheduling a cleanup and documenting of a recently found Pauper Grave Yard that was a part of the Foster Poor Farm / Asylum. I am sending out information to John Sterling. More info to follow... Contact- Foster Preservation Society- fosterfps@msn.com

Foster Preservation Society is trying to locate a previously undocumented cemetery that one of our directors had discovered through a notation on a plat and lot map. Volunteers welcome to participate. More info to follow. Contact- Foster Preservation Society- fosterfps@msn.com

**Glocester** – Events have expired

**Hopkinton** – Contact- Jim Chabot - jchabot4@gmail.com or hopkintonhistorical@gmail.com

**Jamestown** –

Thursday, May 26, 6:30PM- The Jamestown Historical Society will be showing the video of our very successful "Cemetery Tour - Stories in Stone", which took place last October. This will take place at the Jamestown Philomenia Library, 26 North Rd... This 60-minute video features eight costumed interpreters telling the stories of Jamestowners buried in three historic cemeteries, Cedar, Friends, and the Hazard Family Cemeteries. The oldest person represented is Abel Franklin, born in 1690...-This project was the culmination of two years of research, writing, planning, recruiting interpreters, and designing and sewing costumes. The weather was perfect and the 90 people lucky enough to obtain tickets to the sold-out event gave it rave reviews. Contact-Rosemary Enright- rxenright@gmail.com

**Johnston** – Events have expired

**Lincoln** – On going spring clean-up and restoration project taking place at LN014 Lydia Harris Lot located 250 feet east of Eddie Dowling Highway and 45 feet NE of Sherman Ave. Also, flagging the veteran graves- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. More info to follow- Contact Ken Postle – postle6@cox.net

**Little Compton** – Will continue their perpetual care program and have scheduled clean-ups April and May. Contact – Marjory O'Toole lchistory@littlecompton.org

**Middletown** - Contact- Chuck DiTucci- history@middletownsociety.org

*Walking Tour* – May 10, 1-2:30pm -St. Columba’s Churchyard, 55 Vaucluse Ave – Mary-Louise and Bob Fye will take you on a tour of the picturesque, tranquil, and tree-studded churchyard and its historically significant gravestones, many of which were carved by the renowned John Stevens. Following the tour,
visit the 19th century stone chapel and its important ensemble of opalescent stained-glass windows manufactured by Tiffany. Contact: Mary-Louise Fye – mlhoward603@gmail.com

Narragansett-

Saturday, May 14, 9am- 1pm, Clean-up plus a history tour of NG010 Franklin-Gardiner cemetery and NG011 Benjamin Stanton Lot located behind and across from South Ferry Church, 170 S. South Ferry Road, Come see and learn about Narragansett’s past and present. Bring rakes, gloves, clippers, and smiles if you want to help. Refreshments will be on hand. -Rain Date Saturday May 21. Contact Michael Millen Sr @ Michaelmillen@Hotmail

Newport

Saturdays in April and May as follows:

- April 2 (and Saturdays), 1pm, Walking Tour -Trinity Church Graveyard Corner Spring/Church Streets- Most of Trinity Churchyard’s 250 graves date to the 18th century, representing the fine work of stone carvers from the John Stevens Shop (still in operation today) and John Bull. If you miss the cemetery tour, you can visit the church 10am-4pm Saturdays. Tour limit: 8. [https://www.trinitynewport.org/](https://www.trinitynewport.org/) Contact: TrinityTours100@gmail.com

- May 14, 1pm- Walking Tour- see April 2, Trinity Church Graveyard
- May 21, 1pm- Walking Tour- see April 2, Trinity Church Graveyard
- May 28, 1pm- Walking Tour- see April 2, Trinity Church Graveyard

May 14- 11am – Clean grave stones at the Governor’s Burial site on Farewell St. City will provide materials to remove algae and lichens. Please register for this event. npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com.

May 21- 11am – Paint fencing at Arnold plot near the Warner St entrance to the Common Burying Ground. City will provide paint and brushes. Please register for this event if you plan to attend. npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com

June 4, 11, 18, 25- 10 am Gravestone cleaning Common Burying Ground. City will provide materials and training. Please register for this event if you plan to attend. npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com Walking Tour- Two part-tour featuring TRINITY CHURCH and CHURCH YARD ...more info to follow--
**North Kingstown – Daffodil Days in NK**

**Walking Tour - May 14**, 1pm- Casey Farm- 2325 Boston Neck Rd. Visit the Silas Casey Burial Ground, where 32 members of the Casey family were interred from the early 18th century through the mid-20th century. The small family burying ground is a significant feature of Casey Farm’s landscape, stewarded and interpreted by Historic New England. [https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/casey-farm/](https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/casey-farm/) Limit: 40 Meet at Casey Farm

**Market information table**

**Walking Tour - May 21**- See May 14- Casey Farm

**Walking Tour** - Saturday, **May 21**, 10am- Tim Cranston, North Kingstown’s Town Historian, will lead us on a walking tour of Elm Grove Cemetery. There are fascinating stories behind many of the gravestones in Elm Grove, and Tim will tell us some of those stories. **Elm Grove Cemetery is at 960 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, about two miles south of Wickford.** The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Cranston family plot, just inside the southern-most entrance to the cemetery. Contact-Tim Cranston GCranston@northkingstown.org [www.peacedalemuseum.org](http://www.peacedalemuseum.org)

**Walking Tour - May 28** – See May 14- Casey Farm

**North Providence –**

Ongoing spring clean-up and restoration project taking place at NP002 Peach Hill Cemetery located on Peach Hill Ave. Ken Postle will show volunteers where the easement is to enter this cemetery. Also, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to flag veterans’ graves. More info to follow- Contact Ken Postle – postle6@cox.net Contact - Joe Giammarco- ltutal@aol.com

**North Smithfield –**

**Walking Tour May 21, 9 am-11 am** at NS037 Hotchkiss Cemetery- Located next to Union Cemetery (across from 108 Smithfield RD).

**May 21, 11am** - there will be a demonstration of stone cleaning at nearby Hotchkiss Cemetery- Located next to Union Cemetery across from 108 Smithfield Rd. Presented by Ed Walker... - Contact Rich Keene - rfkeene6@gmail.com or Denis Chamberland – denis.p.chamberland@gmail.com
Pawtucket-

Walking Tour May 7, 10:30am- Oak Grove Cemetery Cottage St/Central Ave Pawtucket The Heritage Alliance of Pawtucket and Public Archaeology Laboratory invite you to discover the history of this cemetery, established in 1832 and used in ways that might surprise you. Also learn how ground penetrating radar was used to find unmarked graves in the cemetery. [https://www.heritagepawtucket.org/](https://www.heritagepawtucket.org/) | [https://www.palinc.com/](https://www.palinc.com/) Limit 20

May-Flagging the veteran graves- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. More info to follow- Contact Ken Postle – postle6@cox.net

Portsmouth –

Walking Tours- There will be two cemetery tours in April. The tours will be sponsored through the Portsmouth Historical Society. It will mostly be just for PHS members as the numbers will be limited and by reservation. I will tour the cemeteries at Portsmouth Abbey and the ones in Lawton Valley.

-I will also conduct a clean-up of PO002 William Hall Lot. We need some help at this event. More info to follow- Contact- Stephen_Luce@uri.edu

Providence


Walking Tour--Sunday, May 15, 1:00pm - North Burial Ground- "The Friends & Relatives of Sarah Helen Whitman" -Many only know Sarah Helen Whitman as the brief romantic interest of one of literature's most famous stars, Edgar Allan Poe. On this tour, we will walk through her family tree, visiting her grave as well as the graves of those closest to her, all while learning a little more about one of Providence's most underrated and brilliant residents. -The best parking for this tour is the free parking on North Main Street just outside the cemetery gates, adjacent to the Rochambeau pedestrian gate. There is no tour limit, and we will meet at Whitman's grave. It's in section AA, on the same side as the gate that people will be entering from. Contact: Levi Leland levi@edgarallanpoeri.com

Walking Tour- Weds May 18, 1-3pm - Swan Point Cemetery 585 Blackstone Blvd- “If Trees Could Talk.” Swan Point Cemetery’s Director of Horticulture Kelly M. Perry leads a tree walk. Meet outside Main office (parking available). [https://swanpointcemetery.com/](https://swanpointcemetery.com/) Limit: 40 Registration required: anitav@swanpoint1846.com

Walking Tour- May 21, 1 pm North Burial Ground. 5 Branch Ave. Naturalist Greg Gerritt will lead the tour of amphibian habitats in NBG, focusing on Ridgeside Lake and a small rainwater pool. Participants will learn how to spot amphibian refuges, and they may also encounter young hawks about to fledge in
Walking Tour – Sunday, May 22, 11:30 am, Grace Church Cemetery, 10 Elmwood Ave - Anne Tait leads a tour of Russell Warren's grave designs. She is a Professor of Art at Roger Williams University and the former artist-in-residence at Grace Church Cemetery. https://www.gracechurchcemeteryri.org/history

May 22, 12:30-3 PM - A Conversation with Charles Haskell and Stephen Hopkins- Witness a special conversation between Stephen Hopkins (portrayed by Fran Leazes), signer of the Declaration of Independence and Charles Haskell (portrayed by Rochelle Coleman), a Black Revolutionary War soldier who was once enslaved, discuss the Declaration of Independence. You’ll “meet” each man, watch their discussion, and have an opportunity for questions. After the presentation, you’ll take a walking tour of North Burial Ground with Dr. Fran Leazes (Rhode Island College-North Burial Ground Project) to learn more about Charles Haskell and Stephen Hopkins… The easiest parking for this event is the free parking along North Main Street. You can enter through the main cemetery gates, or through the gate at the Groden Greenhouse. We’ll meet at 12:30 at the North Burial Ground office, where NBG director, Annalisa Heppner will give a brief history of North Burial Ground and lead the group to the Stephen Hopkins lot. There is no limit for this program, but please RSVP on Facebook at https://fb.me/e/1OtEdAKMc [fb.me]: or via email at northburialground@providenceri.gov

Walking Tour- Thursday, June 16 @ 6:00pm- North Burial Ground- "The Friends & Relatives of Sarah Helen Whitman" -Many only know Sarah Helen Whitman as the brief romantic interest of one of literature's most famous stars, Edgar Allan Poe. On this tour, we will walk through her family tree, visiting her grave as well as the graves of those closest to her, all while learning a little more about one of Providence's most underrated and brilliant residents. -The best parking for this tour is the free parking on North Main Street just outside the cemetery gates, adjacent to the Rochambeau pedestrian gate. Contact: Levi Leland levi@edgarallanpoeri.com

- Ongoing April and May- North Burial Ground. 5 Branch Ave. Let’s play Headstone Bingo—a family friendly search and find Bingo game with headstone iconography. Download the Bingo game from the NBG website (below) and take your family on a self-guided exploration of the cemetery. https://www.providenceri.gov/providence-parks/north-burial-ground-tours/

Celebrate NBG’s earliest burials by photographing your favorite details from our earliest headstones (1700-1799). Be creative: a perfect headstone doesn’t necessarily make the best photo! Be careful: don’t modify stones or attempt to move them. To share: Tag @pvdnorthburialground on Facebook or Instagram—or—DM your photo to NBG on fb or ig—or—Email northburialground@providenceri.gov with subject “1700s Photo Contest.” We put our 10 favorite photos to a vote on NBG’s Facebook and Instagram! https://www.providenceri.gov/providence-parks/north-burial-ground/

Richmond – Events have expired

Scituate –

Saturday, May 14, 9am – 12 noon, Scituate Historic Cemetery Committee sponsored cleanup of the Russell Smith Lot, SC015, 18 Silk Lane, North Scituate, RI Contact- Skye Pechie tmbgambassador@gmail.com

Smithfield-
Saturday, April, 9am – Next meeting and clean-up. We will continue our perpetual care program and have scheduled clean-ups April and May. We welcome the public to meet with us every other Saturday morning at 9am at the Conservation Cabin behind the Smithfield Police station- located at 125 Pleasant View Ave- Contact- Skip Tuetken – friendsofsmithfieldcemeteries@gmail.com

South Kingstown – Events have expired

Tiverton –

Walking Tour- Saturday, May 14- 1 pm (Rain date May 21) - tour the old Congregational Church Cemetery #11 on Lake Rd, having 16 Revolutionary War veterans and 2 Civil War veterans, the most slate gravestones of the 89 known Tiverton burial sites. The public may park in the adjacent St Madeleine's Church lot on Lake Road, north of the cemetery. Contacts- Jim Spears- jim.spears@cox.net _ Sue Anderson - gsiengr@yahoo.com

Warren –Contact- Judith Fardig- jaf939@aol.com

WR003 Kickemuit-clean-up Barbara Hail- barbarahail@401gmail.com  More info to follow

Warwick – Contact- Peggy Malcolm- pmalcolm@cox.net

Scavenger Hunt May 14th – 1 PM We have a list of 25 items to be found in the cemetery. At some of the found headstones there will be folks talking about that particular person, Judge Brayton, Thomas Vaill, Budlong family, circus Skinny man, and others. There will also be demonstrations of cleaning and symbolism on headstones.

Ongoing online- Watch the WCHC’s video tour of Brayton Cemetery, some historical facts about people buried there, symbolism on headstones cleaning headstones. See link https://preservation.ri.gov/ricw-calendar


Sat May 28th at 10am, - Ceremony for placement of 3 SAR Flag Holders -James Babcock Grounds WY07 - Located next to #42 Watch Hill Rd. Westerly. Lawrence Hunter along with the Phebe Greene Ward DAR Chapter will dedicate new Flag Holders provided by the RISAR for 3 Revolutionary Soldiers buried there that currently don’t them. Come jump start Memorial Day weekend.

West Greenwhich- Contact- Charlene Butler- ckb39@cox.net

West Warwick/Coventry – See Coventry for events and activities (Pawtuxet Valley Preservation and Historical Society… Contact- Mike Gadoury- gadourym@gmail.com or text/call 860-208-0762

Woonsocket-

Saturday May 14, 10am- There will be a clean-up led by Greg Duhamel at WO0013 Zebina Cook Cemetery located at the rear of the Adrian J. Bissonate ball field on Elder Ballou Rd. Sponsored by Woonsocket Historical Society and the Blackstone Historical Society. Wear long pants, long sleeves, and gloves. – Contact- Greg Duhamel grizroots401@gmail.com

Walking Tour- Sunday May 15, 1pm - The Woonsocket Historical Society is planning a walking tour at WO008 Precious Blood Cemetery located at the corner of Rathbun St and Diamond Hill Rd in Woonsocket. Rain date May 22, 1pm- contact Irene Blais lblais198@aol.com
Walking Tour - Saturday May 21, 10am - There will be a guided tour presented by Greg Duhamel at the WO013 Zebina Cook Lot located at the rear of the Adrian J. Bissonnette ball field on Elder Ballou Rd. Sponsored by Blackstone Valley Historical Society and Woonsocket Historical Society - Contact - Greg Duhamel – grizroots401@gmail.com