

Activities as of May 23, - More info to follow----

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

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Attleboro, MA** --Contact- Ben Cote- [tenmilefriends@gmail.com](mailto:tenmilefriends@gmail.com)

**Barrington-** Events have expired

**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](mailto:pamgasner@icloud.com) or Mike Shea- [cemeteries@new-shoreham.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@bhps.necoxmail.com)

**Burrillville-** Events have expired -

**Central Falls-**

Will continue their perpetual care program for CF001 Moshassuck Cemetery. Contact- [moshassuckcemetery@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pam@oceanhousemarina.com) or -Susan Angelo- [susan1angelo@icloud.com](mailto: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:

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](mailto: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](mailto:charlesmvacca@gmail.com) Julie Natherson and Maureen Buffii [coventrycemeteries@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jhchcc167@gmail.com) - Contact- Sherry Arruda [historyinri@gmail.com](mailto:historyinri@gmail.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 [hurricanehillfarm@gmail.com](mailto:hurricanehillfarm@gmail.com)

**Cumberland** –Contact- Keith Hainley- [dkhainley@gmail.com](mailto:dkhainley@gmail.com) – Judy Hadley will be working at CU003 Cumberland Cemetery on Dexter St- Contact Judy Hadley - [treelady@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fosterfps@msn.com)

**Glocester** – Events have expired

**Hopkinton** – Contact- Jim Chabot - [jchabot4@gmail.com](mailto:jchabot4@gmail.com) or [hopkintonhistorical@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:postle6@cox.net)

**Little Compton** – Will continue their perpetual care program and have scheduled clean-ups April and May. Contact – Marjory O'Toole [Ichistory@littlecompton.org](mailto:Ichistory@littlecompton.org)

**Middletown** – Events have expired

**Narragansett-** Events have expired

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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/> Contact: [TrinityTours100@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityTours100@gmail.com)

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

**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. [nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com](mailto:nphistoriccemeteries@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 of cemetery -May 14, 11pm-** Casey Farm- 2325 Boston Neck Rd. Visit the Silas Casey Burial Ground, where 32 members of the Casey family were interred from the early 18<sup>th</sup> century through the mid-20<sup>th</sup> 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/> Limit: 40 Meet at Casey Farm Market information table

**Walking Tour of cemetery – Saturday - 11 am 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](mailto:postle6@cox.net) Contact - Joe Giammarco- [ltatal@aol.com](mailto:ltatal@aol.com)

## North Smithfield –

**Saturday May 28, 2 PM- Memorial Day Ceremony** at NS037 Hotchkiss Cemetery- Located next to Union Cemetery (across from 108 Smithfield RD). More information to follow

## Pawtucket-

May-**Flagging the veteran graves-** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. More info to follow- Contact Ken Postle – [postle6@cox.net](mailto:postle6@cox.net)

## Portsmouth –

-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](mailto:Stephen_Luce@uri.edu)

## Providence

Ongoing- April- May John **Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities & Cultural Heritage** - 357 Benefit St - **On exhibit: *Memoria: Care Work and Memory in the Free Burial Ground***. This installation honors the memory of the residents of the Potter's Field and Free Ground at Providence's North Burial Ground. Extended past March 18!

<https://events.brown.edu/jnbc/event/227277-public-humanities-lab-memoria-care-work-and>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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** – Events have expired

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## **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](mailto:friendsofsmithfieldcemeteries@gmail.com)

**South Kingstown** – Events have expired

**Tiverton** – Events have expired

**Warren** –Contact- Judith Fardig- [jaf1939@aol.com](mailto:jaf1939@aol.com)

WR003 Kickemuit-clean-up Barbara Hail- [barbarahail@401gmail.com](mailto:barbarahail@401gmail.com) More info to follow

**Warwick** – Contact- Peggy Malcolm- [pmalcolm@cox.net](mailto:pmalcolm@cox.net)

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>

**Westerly** –<https://riverbendcemetery.org/> | <https://www.babcocksmithhouse.org/>

**Sat May 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Greenwich-** Contact- Charlene Butler- [ckb39@cox.net](mailto:ckb39@cox.net)

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

**Woonsocket-** Events have expired