

## Final Event List

### 2022 RI Historical Cemeteries Awareness and Preservation Weeks

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

#### **Barrington-**

Walking Tour May 14<sup>th</sup>, 10-2 PM (no rain date) - Allin Yard Cemetery (only) - 115 Bay Spring Ave-  
Contact- Sue Cherau, [suecherau@cox.net](mailto: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.

<https://www.barrington.ri.gov/cemeterycomm> <https://www.palinc.com/> Limit: 20. Rain date May #.

#### **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 –**

Walking tour- Saturday, April 30, 10am- 12noon (rain date May 1, 1pm) Come celebrate Arbor Day in Bristol at historic North Burial Ground (NBG), 1081 Hope St, Rte 114. This is a special occasion to honor NBG's 200th anniversary and to highlight their recent 110-tree "mini" arboretum, designed and conceived by Bristol historian and dendrologist, Bill Chittick... -Founded on April 22, 1822 as a bucolic rural cemetery for Bristolians, North Burial Ground features ancient carved headstones as well as exquisite Victorian monuments and statuary... - Bill's tree plantings were begun in 2016, his vision calling for the space to be as unobtrusive as possible, with native species such as American Elm, Tulip tree, Tupelo, Red Oak and Silver Maple (among others) predominating, complemented by the majestic fullness of European Beeches - in his parlance, "design by non-design." - Please meet between brick chapel and foot of Civil War monument lawn... -

Bristol Historical & Preservation Society <https://bhpsri.org> Contact- Charlie Cavalconte- [ccavalconte@yahoo.com](mailto:ccavalconte@yahoo.com) Contact- Carol Gafford- [nebg02809@yahoo.com](mailto:nebg02809@yahoo.com)

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

Saturday, April 9, 8:00 AM—12 Noon. Clean-up at the Riverside Cemetery in Harrisville (located opposite the Harrisville Fire Station). The event will also feature a **gravestone conservation demo and stone cleaning** info. Please come prepared to work. Bring a rake, leaf-blower, brush loppers, gloves and water to drink. We will have information on Burrillville's historical cemeteries and our Adopt-a-cemetery program. Contact [bmencucci@verizon.net](mailto:bmencucci@verizon.net)

**Walking tour-** Sunday, May 1, 1pm—3 pm. Tours of the Sayles Cook Cemetery with historical information on the people buried there, mainly the wealthy mill owners of the Sayles Mill (Granite Mill) along with their families. The gravestone conservation work that was completed in 2019 will be explained. The work is impressive, considering that some of the monuments are 15 feet tall! Park at the lower parking lot at Overlook Nursing Home on High Street, Pascoag (just up the hill from CVS). Contact- [bmencucci@verizon.net](mailto:bmencucci@verizon.net)

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](mailto:bmencucci@verizon.net) or call 401-500-0433.

**Central Falls-**

Will continue their perpetual care program for CF001 Moshassuck Cemetery. Contact- [moshassuckcemetery@hotmail.com](mailto:moshassuckcemetery@hotmail.com)

**Charlestown –**

**Saturday, April 9th**, 9am-12noon we will tend to the Champlin/Church (CH021) lot. This very large lot has taken a tremendous amount of work over last year and is still in need of exploratory attention and fine tuning so our commitment will begin there this year on the morning of the 9th.

**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:

Saturday, April 2, 2022 @9:00 AM (Rain Date, Sunday, April 3, 2022 @10:00 AM): CLEAN UP, Coventry Historical Cemetery No. 125, Wilson Family Lot, @2750 Harkney Hill Road, Coventry. Bring yourself, rakes and other tools for clearing this lot...as well as friend(s). (In case of an overflow of participants, there will be another clean-up of CY 154 Obadiah Johnson Lot, on side street @Pole 126, Harkney Hill Road, Coventry)

**Walking Tour - Saturday, April 9, 2022 @10AM (Rain Date, Sunday, April 10, 2022 @10:00 AM): Free Tour, CY 135 Mapleroot Cemetery, Harkney Hill Road (across from Mapleroot Baptist Church), Coventry. Come learn about the evolution and symbolism of tombstone engraving, as well as some interesting people. This cemetery, one of the oldest in the region, offers a unique trail showcasing the evolution of tombstones;**

Saturday, April 23, 2022 @9AM (No Rain Date): CLEAN-UP, West Warwick, Midville Golf Course (along Wakefield Street) ...Again bring rakes, other tools and a friend to help clean out this long neglected small cemetery

Saturday, April 30, 2022 @10AM (Rain Date, Sunday, May 1, 2022 @10 AM) **Monument Repair Demonstration** at the Rice Cemetery WW 04, behind Plaza Esperanza, 58 Tiogue Avenue, West Warwick... Come learn about the fine art of repairing cemetery monuments as done by our members! 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](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), Walter Slocumb [walterslocumb@hotmail.com](mailto: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 [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. More information to follow- *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 –

Sat May 7, 10am, Newman Cemetery, Corner of Newman/Pawtucket Aves - The East Providence Historical Society hosts both a clean-up and a **self-guided tour**. For the clean-up, please bring a rake and yard bag if possible. For the tour, learn about the rich history of Newman Cemetery and its noteworthy gravestones. Contact- Sandra Turgeon [friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com)

## Exeter-

**April 2, at 9am** - EX019 Amos Whitford Lot located off of Rt 102- behind Exeter Chapel and the Exeter Library. Clean and concentrate on lifting some headstones that are way below their original level.

**April 16, at 9 am** - EX035 Exeter School Cemetery – Plan to clean 84 headstones for the Ladd School residents. - Contact -Dory Wagner [dorwagg@aol.com](mailto:dorwagg@aol.com)

**May 1, at 2pm – Cemetery Hiking tour-** Easy to moderate hike, 3-4 miles. We will visit 5 historic cemeteries that surround the state of RI Veterans Cemetery. You will see old homestead cellar homes and the Queens River. Please Park at the Queens River nature preserve parking lot located at 40 School Land Woods Rd. (off Mail Road). Sorry NO dogs here. Contact -Dory Wagner [dorwagg@aol.com](mailto:dorwagg@aol.com)

## Foster –

Saturday, May 7, (rain date May 14)- We will be holding a cleanup of FR006, the Solomon Drown cemetery on Mt. Hygeia Road. It will include a **demonstration of resetting a fallen stone** and cleaning of the stones. This is considered more of an introductory session and hopefully will draw volunteers to the effort. Contact- Foster Preservation Society- [fosterfps@msn.com](mailto:fosterfps@msn.com)

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 –**

April 7, 10 AM Clean-up at GL036 Enoch Steere Lot. Located on Saw Mill Rd. The Glocester HISTORICAL CEMETERIES COMMITTEE will be starting its season and will follow a 39-week cleaning schedule also including one day per week for gravestone repairs. The public is always welcome to any of these events. For more information contact- Bill Brown- [billbrown8686@gmail.com](mailto:billbrown8686@gmail.com)

Saturday, April 16, 10 AM to 1 PM- The Glocester Conservation Commission is organizing a cleanup of the Asaph Wilder cemetery located at 190 Joe Sarle Rd in Chepachet. This is an ongoing effort to clean up this cemetery by the conservation commission. For more information contact Roy Najecki at 401-647-3631 [Roy@Najecki.com](mailto:Roy@Najecki.com)

**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 –**

Saturday, April 23, 9am – 12 noon – The Johnston Historical Society will sponsor a clean-up at JN007 Cedar Lot located on George Waterman Rd. at Vacca St. Contact- Steve Merolla- [SMerolla1@cox.net](mailto:SMerolla1@cox.net)  
Elise Carlson [wardenclyffe@cox.net](mailto:wardenclyffe@cox.net)

**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** - Contact- Chuck DiTucci- [history@middletownsociety.org](mailto:history@middletownsociety.org)

Walking tour - April 5, 10am - 583 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach Rd- Join naturalist Jay Manning for a Birds and Burials walking tour. Visit the Norman Bird Sanctuary's three burying grounds to learn about their history and take in the sights of the Sanctuary's spring birds.

Walking Tour -April 25, 10 am /See April 5 (Norman Bird Sanctuary). Rain date April 28.

<https://www.normanbirdsanctuary.org> Walking Tour- May 10, 1-2:30pm,

Walking Tour – May 10, 1-2:30pm -St. Columba's Churchyard, 55 Vauclose 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 19<sup>th</sup> century stone chapel and its important ensemble of opalescent stained-glass windows manufactured by Tiffany. Contact: Mary-Louise Fye – [mlhoward603@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Michaelmillen@Hotmail)

## Newport

**April 13, 6 PM** at the Newport Public Library or online. Season kick-off presentation. Find out what happened in 2021 and get the first look at events scheduled for this year – Contact Lew Keen

[nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com](mailto:nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com)

**April 22, 3pm- Walking Tour- God's Little Acre at Common Burying Ground. Farewell St.** Historian Keith Stokes will lead the tour of God's Little Acre, the nation's oldest documented and extant burying ground for people of African heritage. Its many 18<sup>th</sup>- and early 19<sup>th</sup>-century gravestones illustrate the creative survival of Africans and African Americans in colonial Newport

<https://www.colonialcemetery.com/> Limit: 20 | Registration required:

[nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com](mailto:nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com)

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)

-April 9, 1pm- Walking Tour – see April 2, Trinity Church Graveyard

- April 16, 1pm - Walking Tour – see April 2, Trinity Church Graveyard

-April 23, 1pm- Walking Tour – see April 2, Trinity Church Graveyard

-April 30, 1pm- Walking Tour – see April 2, Trinity Church Graveyard

-May 7, 1pm- Walking Tour – see April 2, Trinity Church Graveyard

- 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

**April 23- 11am**- Clean-up at the Common Burying Ground on Farewell St. Clear brush and general debris, fill holes, etc. Be masked and bring gloves. City will provide tools or bring your own. Let us know if you plan to attend email- [nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com](mailto:nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com)

**-April 30, 11am- Walking Tour – Coddington Burial Ground. 34 Farewell St.** Architectural historian Ron Onorato will lead a walking tour of this small colonial-era burial ground, also known as The Governors' Burial Ground. Six Rhode Island governors are interred here, more than any other cemetery in the state. Limit: 15 | Registration required: [nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com](mailto:nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com)

**April 30, 9:30am -12:30 pm-** Volunteers are welcome to help clean-up historic Island Cemetery. Assignments will be distributed as you arrive. For more information email [info@islandcemetery.com](mailto:info@islandcemetery.com) or visit the website <https://www.islandcemeterynewport.com/>

**April 30, 12:30- 2 pm-** Belmont Chapel open house – Island Cemetery- This historic structure is undergoing a significant restoration effort. The Belmont Chapel website ([linked here](#)) provides more information about the site.

**May 7- 11am** – Clean gravestones in the Clifton Burial site that is tucked in just behind the library. The city will provide materials and **training** to cleanse these stones. Please register for this event.

[nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com](mailto:nphistoriccemeteries@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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-** April 16, 10am for a walk in Elm Grove Cemetery. North Kingstown Town Historian Tim Cranston will lead a walking tour of a cemetery that contains relocated burials spanning three centuries. Learn about the folks who made Wickford, tales of mariners and farmers, and North Kingstown’s unique connection to the movie “12 Years a Slave.” Meet at Cranston family plot near southernmost entrance Sponsored by Historic Wickford, Inc.

<https://histwick.org/> ----Tour limit 40 people *Tim Cranston*

**April 23, Saturday, 10am -12:30** – There will be a clean-up at *NK026 Elm Grove Cemetery*, located at 960 Tower Hill Rd. It is sponsored by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We need volunteers to help with trimming around the gravestones. Please bring rakes, shears, gloves and weed whackers. We will provide compost bags, and we are serving refreshments. Contact- Jennifer Coates [jbcoates925@hotmail.com](mailto:jbcoates925@hotmail.com)

**Walking Tour -**April 30<sup>th</sup> Located- **Udike Park- West Main/ Brown Sts.** - Tim Cranston will be giving a six-cemetery tour NK#19 Old Baptist Church, NK#43 Ayrault-Updike-Congdon Lot, NK#44 Old Episcopal Church Yard, NK#45 Fowler-Bates-Wightman Lot, NK#62 Quaker on Fowler NK#93 Capt. Constantine Llufrío Lot. Sponsored by Daffodil Days in Wickford Village. Limit: 30 <https://wickfordvillage.org/>

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

**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](mailto:postle6@cox.net) Contact - Joe Giammarco- [ltatal@aol.com](mailto:ltatal@aol.com)



## North Smithfield –

April 16, 9:30am, Clean up at NS 037 Hotchkiss Cemetery. Located next to Union Cemetery (across from 108 Smithfield RD).

**Walking Tour May 21, 9 am-11 am** of 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 Presented by Ed Walker... - Contact Rich Keene - [rfkeene6@gmail.com](mailto:rfkeene6@gmail.com) or Denis Chamberland – [denis.p.chamberland@gmail.com](mailto:denis.p.chamberland@gmail.com)

**May 28, 2pm** – There will be a Memorial Ceremony at the Union Cemetery on Smithfield RD- It will be presented by The General Zenas Bliss Camp #12 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The program consists of a firing detail, a reading of General Logan’s Orders, a reading of the Gettysburg Address, a reading of 150 names of civil war veterans buried in the cemetery, and a laying of the wreath.

<https://risuvcw.org/projects/>

## Pawtucket-

**Walking Tour- April 30, 10:30am Mineral Spring Cemetery** 4815 Mineral Spring Ave Pawtucket- The Heritage Alliance of Pawtucket and Public Archaeology Laboratory invite you to discover the history of this 18<sup>th</sup>-century cemetery and “meet” its residents, including prominent Pawtucket citizens and veterans of the Revolutionary War and Civil War. Also learn how ground penetrating radar was used to find unmarked graves in the cemetery. <https://www.heritagepawtucket.org/> | <https://www.palinc.com/> Limit: 20

**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.palinc.com/> Limit 20

May-**Flagging the veteran graves**- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. More info to follow- Contact Ken Postle – [postle6@cox.net](mailto: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](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- April 12, 5 pm- "Dared to Live Different"** North Burial Ground 5 Branch Ave. Join Director Annalisa Heppner for a walking tour featuring some of North Burial Ground's most noteworthy interments—Rhode Islanders who "Dared to Live Different" and defied norms of their time to make an impact on history. Meet artists, circus performers, suffragettes, philanthropists and more! Meet at Rochambeau Gate (near corner of North Main St/Rochambeau Ave)

<https://www.providenceri.gov/providence-parks/north-burial-ground/>

**Walking Tour- Weds April 20, 1-3pm**, Swan Point Cemetery, 585 Blackstone Blvd- Historic War Veterans Walk with William Caldwell. Meet outside Main office (parking available). <https://swanpointcemetery.com/>  
Limit: 40 Registration required: [anitav@swanpoint1846.com](mailto:anitav@swanpoint1846.com)

**Walking Tour- April 23, 1:30pm** North Burial Ground. 5 Branch Ave. Public Historians Traci Picard and Bridget Hall will lead a tour of the Free Grounds area at North Burial Ground. Participants will discuss free burial in Providence, the politics of memory, and the ethics of studying potter's fields and other free burial areas. Meet at the bridge which crosses the Blackstone Canal—see [map](#).

<https://thefreegrounds.squarespace.com> <https://www.providenceri.gov/providence-parks/north-burial-ground/>

**Sat April 30, 10am, Tillinghast Burial Ground**, 398 Benefit St - Before Benefit Street was laid out in the 1700s, Providence was peppered with small family burial grounds. Join volunteers for a **clean-up** at the last survivor: Tillinghast Burial Ground. A short history of the site will be available. <https://www.tillinghastsociety.org/>  
Contact: Bruce Tillinghast: [wbt213@gmail.com](mailto:wbt213@gmail.com)

**May 1, 7 pm- North Burial Ground. 5 Branch Ave.- "Docent Interest Meeting"** -Join NBG Director Annalisa Heppner at North Burial Ground to learn about how to get more involved at North Burial Ground, have some snacks, hear from folks who are already involved with the cemetery about their interests in NBG. Please RSVP at <https://fb.me/e/1I99uCjGc> [fb.me] or by emailing [northburialground@providenceri.gov](mailto:northburialground@providenceri.gov)!

**Walking Tour- Fri May 6, 4-5pm** - Locust Grove Cemetery- 442 Elmwood Ave- Join Sarah Zurier (RIHPHC) and Caroline Stevens (Doors Open RI) for a Jane's Walk of Plats, Lots, and Plots at Locust Grove Cemetery (1847). Let's walk and talk about cemeteries as spaces for mourning and remembrance—and real estate and recreation. <http://www.doorsopenri.org/janeswalk/>

**Sat May 7, 9 am-noon**, Grace Church Cemetery 10 Elmwood Ave- Join volunteers for a clean-up at Grace Church Cemetery and Trinity Square. Stick around for the monument conservation demonstration at 11am. <https://www.gracechurchcemeteryri.org/>

**May 7, 11am**, Grace Church Cemetery 10 Elmwood Ave- Learn about the dos and don'ts of historic gravestone cleaning from Dr. Dennis Montagna who leads the Monument Research & Preservation Program for the National Park Service. His recent projects include preservation planning and conservation for sculpture collections at the Gettysburg and Vicksburg Battlefields, and for the Hudson

River Valley Greenway.

<https://www.gracechurchcemeteryri.org/>

<https://ncptt.nps.gov/blog/tag/dennis-montagna/>

Walking Tour- Weds May 11, 1-3pm Swan Point Cemetery 585 Blackstone Blvd- Join architect Cornelis J. de Boer AIA for an Architectural Walk of Historic Buildings at Swan Point Cemetery. Meet outside Main office (parking available). <https://swanpointcemetery.com/> Limit: 30 Registration required: [anitav@swanpoint1846.com](mailto:anitav@swanpoint1846.com)

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](mailto: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/> Limit: 40 Registration required: [anitav@swanpoint1846.com](mailto: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 the cemetery. <https://www.providenceri.gov/providence-parks/north-burial-ground/> Contact: [gerritt@mindspring.com](mailto:gerritt@mindspring.com)

Walking Tour – Sunday, May 22, 10am, 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>

-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 –

**April 24, at 12 noon-** Lifting fieldstone headstones- RD037 Israel Lewis Cemetery located at the intersection of Rt 95 and Rt 138 within the Park & Ride Contact – Dory Wagner [dorwagg@aol.com](mailto:dorwagg@aol.com)

**May 1, at 9:30 am – Cemetery Hiking Tour-** Easy 3.5-mile hike- We will visit 3 cemeteries in the Carolina management area, south of Pine Hill Rd. You will see wildflowers, wildlife, open fields, forests, and old homestead cellar holes... From RT12 – Meet at the parking area on the south side of Pine Hill Rd near the DEM building just east of Meadow Brook Bridge. Contact -Dory Wagner [dorwagg@aol.com](mailto:dorwagg@aol.com)

## Scituate –

**Saturday, April 9, 10 am – 12 noon, *Open studio event-*** Karin Sprague, of Karin Sprague Stone Carvers in Scituate, RI will host an open studio event. Visit the studio where hand carved gravestones are designed and made. Reservations are required and attendance is limited. Please call 401-934-3105 to be placed on the list. 904 Tourtellot Hill Road, North Scituate, RI. [www.karinsprague.com](http://www.karinsprague.com)

**Wednesday, April 27, 7pm,** Scituate Preservation Society, Kimberly Smith an archeologist will present a program on historical cemeteries. Historic Grange Building #39, Headquarters of the Scituate Preservation Society, 706 Hartford Pike, North Scituate, RI.

**Wednesday, May 11, 7 pm,** Scituate Historic Cemetery Committee presents a program about the Russell Smith Lot, SC015 and the residents buried there. North Scituate Community House, 546 W Greenville Rd, North Scituate, RI.

**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](mailto:tmbgambassador@gmail.com)

## Smithfield-

Saturday, April 23, 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** – The Narragansett Cook Gaspee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are working with Commissioner Russ Dinoto on cleanups at:

1. **Saturday April 2 10am:** SK84 Clean-up at the Major Ebenezer Adams Lot. The lot is located on the grounds of the Compass School on Old North Road...Ebenezer Adams (1732-99) was captain of artillery, 1776, and was an officer in Col. William Barton's expedition to capture the British General Prescott, 1777.

2. **Saturday April 16, 11 am- Clean-up at SK 017 Gardner Tefft Lot and SK 100 Joshua Tefft Lot**

Both lots are located in Tefft Historical Park, off of Berry Lane, Kingston, RI  
Gardner Tefft served all six years of the Revolutionary War and Joshua Tefft is believed to be the last person, hanged, drawn, and quartered on American soil. More info to follow. Contact- Russell Dinoto - [russell.dinoto@hotmail.com](mailto:russell.dinoto@hotmail.com)

**Tiverton** –

**Saturday, April 23** (Rain date April 30 – 1-4 pm- Clean-up at the Old Lake Cemetery #23 on Furey Ave. BYO gloves and briar/vine cutting tools.... Contacts- Sue Anderson - [gsriengr@yahoo.com](mailto:gsriengr@yahoo.com) and Jim Spears- [jim.spears@cox.net](mailto:jim.spears@cox.net)

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](mailto:jim.spears@cox.net) Sue Anderson - [gsriengr@yahoo.com](mailto:gsriengr@yahoo.com)

**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

Walking Tour-May 1, 2pm Burr's Hill Park 540 Water St. Dave Weed of the Sowams Heritage Area Project will lead a walk at the site of a 15<sup>th</sup>-century royal Pokanoket burial ground. Meet at the historic marker across from Town Beach. <https://sowamsheritagearea.org/wp/>

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

**Clean-up April 23**, at WK034 Brayton Cemetery.

Scavenger Hunt May 14<sup>th</sup> - 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>

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

**Walking Tour-** April 24, 2pm River Bend Cemetery 117 Beach St. River Bend Cemetery (1849) will host an Open House, welcoming visitors to the newly-renovated office (1901). Volunteers from Babcock-Smith House will give walking tours of select Westerly granite monuments and host a sale of maps, books, and DVDs. Refreshments. Rain Date May 1

**Sat April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10AM**, Clean-up/*Cleaning Demonstration* I -James Babcock Grounds WY07 - Located next to #42 Watch Hill Rd. Westerly. Lawrence Hunter will lead the Phebe Greene Ward DAR Chapter in a winter clean-up and demonstrate cleaning using D2. Make sure you bring your work gloves, rakes, a kneeling pad or short stool. Questions, contact [Lphunter53@yahoo.com](mailto:Lphunter53@yahoo.com)

**Sun May 1st, at 9AM-** Clean-up... Larry Hunter along with Rediscovery History, Inc. will lead a clean-up at WY06 Sheffield Lot @ 132 Watch Hill Rd, Westerly, RI. Rediscovering History, Inc. is a non-profit group based in CT who has helped restoration of WY05 Babcock Lot on Shore Road. Parking is limited to roadside parking only. Questions or interest, contact Larry @ [Lphunter53@yahoo.com](mailto:Lphunter53@yahoo.com)

**Sat May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**, - Creating a new cemetery entrance- Larry Hunter and the Westerly Historical Society will have an event at WY01 Rev Joseph Park Family Lot, in Westerly. The cemetery is located between 342 and 346 Post Rd (Rte 1) Westerly, just before the Haversham Restaurant (if you're heading into Westerly). We plan to create a new entrance into the cemetery from Rte 1 side to eliminate having to cut through the backyard of the residence. Questions, contact Larry Hunter @ [Lphunter53@yahoo.com](mailto:Lphunter53@yahoo.com)

**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-**

Saturday April 23, 10am- There will be a clean-up at WO009 Bernon/St. James Cemetery located at 99 Logee St. led by Greg Duhamel and sponsored by the Woonsocket Historical Society and the Blackstone Historical Society. Wear long pants, long sleeves, and gloves – Contact – Greg Duhamel [grizroots401@gmail.com](mailto:grizroots401@gmail.com)

**Walking Tour-** Saturday April 30, 10am- There will be a guided tour presented by Greg Duhamel at WO009 the Bernon Cemetery located at 99 Logee St- Sponsored by Blackstone Valley Historical Society and Woonsocket Historical Society - Contact Greg Duhamel [grizroots401@gmail.com](mailto:grizroots401@gmail.com)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:grizroots401@gmail.com)