

2024 RI Historical Cemeteries Awareness and Preservation Weeks – Calendar as of 4/07/2024				
Date	Day	Time	Town	-Property/Notes--
April 1	Monday	See Notes	Cumberland	Cleanup. CU 018 Nate Whipple Highway- The Pickering/Staples Family Lot-Near NCMS – CU 017 Nate Whipple Highway- The Staples Family Lot-opposite Cumberland. Land Trust area- CU 016 Nate Whipple Highway-The Weeden Family Lot---near Mendon Road <i>Times each day: 10:00 AM-12:00N - 4:00 PM-6:00pm Participants are asked to meet fifteen minutes before each session at the first cemetery listed for that day. They will be assigned a location at that time and given paper leaf bags and yellow trash bags.</i> Contact Joyce - jhindlekoutsogiane@gmail.com
April 2	Tuesday	See Notes	Cumberland	Cleanup. - CU 013, CU 014, CU 015 Mendon Road-The Brown Bartlett and Carpenter Family Cemeteries- on CHS property <i>Times each day: 10:00 AM-12:00N - 4:00 PM-6:00pm Participants are asked to meet fifteen minutes before each session at the first cemetery listed for that day. They will be assigned a location at that time and given paper leaf bags and yellow trash bags.</i> Contact Joyce - jhindlekoutsogiane@gmail.com
April 2	See note		Newport	Exhibit- Newport Historic Cemeteries Exhibit- April 2 - May 31- Newport Public Library located at 300 Spring Street-Newport, RI is enhanced by many historic cemeteries. Posters highlighting seven of the sites will be on display in the Spring Street lobby of the Newport Library. A map of the city showing the location of all historic burial sites will also be on view. The posters are drafts of what will be interpretive signage that, once installed at each site, will provide information to visitors. The signs were created by the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission and are being funded by Discover Newport.
April 3	Wednesday	See Notes	Cumberland	Cleanup. - CU 027 Elder Ballou Meeting House Road-Elder Ballou Cemetery - CU 028 Elder Ballou Meeting House Road-Whipple Smith Cemetery <i>Times each day: 10:00 AM-12:00N - 4:00 PM-6:00pm Participants are asked to meet fifteen minutes before each session at the first cemetery listed for that day. They will be assigned a location at that time and given paper leaf bags and yellow trash bags.</i> Contact Joyce - jhindlekoutsogiane@gmail.com
April 3	Wednesday	9:30	Portsmouth	Walk - Birds & Burials - The Norman Bird Sanctuary is happy to host two Birds & Burials walks again this year. Both walks will begin at 9:30 AM and should last 90 minutes. Location: Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 Third Beach Road, Middletown, RI. - Take a walking tour of the three historical cemeteries found at the Norman Bird Sanctuary and learn about two more that about the property. We will also be observing some the early spring migrants as part of this ninety-minute program. Hiking boots are suggested as the trail could be muddy at this time of year. Jay Manning, Conservation Manager - 401-846-2577x421

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April 4	Thursday	See Notes	Cumberland	Cleanup. CU 004 Dexter Street- Bates Family Plot- CU 032 Angell Road-Wilkinson Cemetery- CU 001 High Street- St. Patrick's Cemetery <i>Times each day: 10:00 AM-12:00N - 4:00 PM-6:00pm Participants are asked to meet fifteen minutes before each session at the first cemetery listed for that day. They will be assigned a location at that time and given paper leaf bags and yellow trash bags.</i> Contact Joyce - jhindlekoutsogiane@gmail.com
April 4	Thursday	2pm to 3pm	Newport	Presentation- Colonial Newport Burial Sites & Stones Presentation - Edward King House - reservations- https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/8dsn2mg/lp/bc587806-62a3-4091-8292-49baa74041c9 Newport was one of the five major cities in colonial America and is fortunate to have hundreds of buildings and sites that showcase the city's history. Included in these sites are colonial-era burial grounds and gravestones. They are outdoor museums, enhancing the city and helping to tell the story of the people who lived here. This presentation will focus on burial sites that reflect the people and society of colonial Newport. Although Newport was a diverse community, burial practices were remarkable alike. Find out about the sites and the carvers who crafted the gravestones. The Stevens family of Newport were important stone carvers and will be a focus of the presentation. Lew Keen has served on the state cemetery commission and is chair of the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission. He has documented graves in Newport for the state database and is the author of <i>A Guide to Historic Burial Grounds in Newport</i> , published by History Press in 2021. His website is ripnewport.com This presentation is free of charge but reservations are required.
April 5	Friday	See Notes	Cumberland	Cleanup. -CU 029 Reservoir Road-Darling/Streeter Family Lot (inside Diamond Hill Cemetery).. CU 008 Mendon Road- St. Joseph Cemetery- CU 022 Nate Whipple Highway- Evergreen Cemetery- CU 023 Nate Whipple Highway-Arnold Mills Cemetery <i>Times each day: 10:00 AM-12:00N - 4:00 PM-6:00pm Participants are asked to meet fifteen minutes before each session at the first cemetery listed for that day. They will be assigned a location at that time and given paper leaf bags and yellow trash bags.</i> Contact Joyce - jhindlekoutsogiane@gmail.com

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April 6	Saturday	8am - Noon	Burrville	Cemetery clean-up - Riverside Cemetery. Opposite the Harrisville Fire Station (corner of Callahan School Street and Sherman Farm Road – Rt. 98). Bring rakes, brush loppers, leaf blowers, (tarps or carts to haul leaves), chain saws, hand saws, gloves and water to drink. <i>Gravestone cleaning and resetting demo, weather permitting. For info: 401-500-0433 bmencucci@verizon.net</i>
April 6	Saturday	See Notes	Cumberland	Cleanup. CU 038 Reservoir Road-Whipple/Long Family Plot- CU 024 Reservoir Road-Old and New Diamond Hill Cemetery- CU 025 Reservoir Road-Old and New Diamond Hill Cemetery <i>Times each day: 10:00 AM-12:00N - 4:00 PM-6:00pm Participants are asked to meet fifteen minutes before each session at the first cemetery listed for that day. They will be assigned a location at that time and given paper leaf bags and yellow trash bags.</i> <i>Contact Joyce - jhindlekoutsogiane@gmail.com</i>
April 6 (Rain date- April 13 th - 2pm)	Saturday	2 pm	Coventry	Join a CCRI geology professor for a walk through the Woodland Cemetery in Coventry. Learn about the bedrock and glacial geology of the area and the granite and marble in the monuments. The meeting place is the cemetery entrance at the northwest corner of Washington Street and Knotty Oak Street (Routes 117 and 116). Parking -there are gravel roads in the cemetery so you can drive in and park. Tour guide—Emily Burns, sunfish23@mac.com <i>Maps/directions available on request.</i>
April 6	Saturday	9 am	Richmond	Clean & Flag – (clean) Isaac Collins Lot RD#25 – located on Woodville Rd, Richmond – Tele pole #31. (flag) a Civil War Veteran grave. Bring rakes and clippers – Contact – Dory Wagner dorwagg@aol.com
April 6 (Rain date Sunday April 7 th)	Saturday	2:00pm	Warren	Walking Tour - Burr's Hill was an ancient Pokanoket Royal Burial Ground containing dozens of grave sites, including the Massasoit Ousamequin who occupied the area in the 1600s. Used as a sand and gravel source for a railroad that was constructed next to the site in 1853, many graves were looted. In 1913, in an effort to protect the remaining 42 graves, librarian and amateur archaeologist Charles Carr exhumed the contents and donated some of them to museums. Come and learn how those contents were returned to this site in Warren, RI in 2017 and the status and history of the tribe today. Location: Water Street across from the Warren Town Beach (use 530 Water Street for GPS) Parking is available in the lot on Water Street just beyond

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				<p>the Town Beach. Website: https://sowamsheritagearea.org/wp/burrs-hill-burial-ground/ Contact:</p> <p>Please let me know if you plan to attend or have any questions at drweed@cox.net</p>
April 7	Sunday	See Notes	Cumberland	<p>Cleanup. CU 019 Abbott Run Valley Road-The Peck Cemetery- CU 020 Abbott Run Valley Road-Pierce Cemetery- CU021 Abbott Run Valley Road- The Metcalf/Pierce Cemetery- CU005 Curran Road-Cemetery of St. Basil the Great- CU 006 Curran Road Mt. Calvary Cemetery- If time permits: CU 040 Teal Lane- Unknown Cemetery- CU 011 Diamond Hill Road-Our Lady of Atonement Cemetery-Monastery Property- CU 012 Diamond Hill Road –Nine Men’s Misery Cairn-Monastery Property <i>Times each day: 10:00 AM-12:00N - 4:00 PM-6:00pm Participants are asked to meet fifteen minutes before each session at the first cemetery listed for that day. They will be assigned a location at that time and given paper leaf bags and yellow trash bags.</i> Contact Joyce - jhindlekoutsogiane@gmail.com</p>
April 8	Monday	6pm to 8pm	Cranston	<p>Panel Discussion - The Cranston Historical Society, the Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL) and the Cranston Historical Cemeteries Commission will sponsor a panel discussion at the Cranston Public Library on the 2006 disturbance of the graves of residents who died at the state poorhouse in the early 1900s. A panelist from the historical society will talk about how the state poorhouse, asylum and prison came to be at Sockanossett Cross Road and PAL representatives will tell the story of the graves’ disturbance in 2006 and the lab’s efforts to identify the skeletal remains and rebury them. <i>The event will be in the library’s James Giles Community Room.</i> Contact David Guiot - dwg1155@aol.com The event is not sponsored or endorsed by the Cranston Public Library.</p>
April 10	See Note		Middletown	<p>Exhibit- Middletown Historical Society will have an exhibit regarding Middletown historical cemeteries at the Middletown Public Library from April 10th through May 8th. The library is located at 700 West Main Rd. Contact- Janice Hart- j.m.hart@cox.net</p> <p>(Library hours- <i>Mon – Thurs 10 am – 7 pm; Fri – 10 am – 5 pm; Sat -10 am – 5 pm; Sun – 12 pm – 5 pm.</i>)</p>

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April 13	Saturday	8am to Noon	Burriville	<p>Cemetery clean-up - at the Hopkins/Potter/Marsh Cemetery (intersection of Howard Ave and Charles St. in Pascoag. Bring rakes, brush loppers, leaf blowers, (tarps or carts to haul leaves), chain saws, hand saws, gloves and water to drink.</p> <p><i>We need trucks to haul all the leaves to the Whipple Compost Facility. Even if you only have time to haul one load, it would be greatly appreciated. For info: 401-500-0433 bmencucci@verizon.net</i></p>
April 13	Saturday	2pm	Coventry	<p>Join a CCRI geology professor for a walk through the Woodland Cemetery in Coventry. Learn about the bedrock and glacial geology of the area and the granite and marble in the monuments. The meeting place is the cemetery entrance at the northwest corner of Washington Street and Knotty Oak Street (Routes 117 and 116). Parking-there are gravel roads in the cemetery so you can drive in and park. Tour guide—Emily Burns, sunfish23@mac.com</p> <p><i>Maps/directions available on request.</i></p>
April 13	Saturday	10 am	Westerly	<p>Clean-up - WY31 Jonathon Foster Ground Westerly, RI, Clean-up hosted by RIACHC Commissioner Larry Hunter- Located on Wauwinnet Ave. just after passing Everett Ave. Parking is limited, you may have to park in Watch Hill and walk back up to the cemetery.</p> <p>Bring gloves, bug spray, rakes, leaf blowers, loppers/clippers, weed whackers, etc.</p> <p>For updated information or weather conditions follow @ https://www.facebook.com/groups/648466672322227</p>
April 13	Saturday	10am to 12 noon	East Providence	<p>– EP003 Newman Cemetery - Clean ups, Stone cleaning, and Self-guided tours - located on Pawtucket Ave -Rumford, RI</p> <p>– Contact Sandra - friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com</p>

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April 17	Wednesday	10am to 12 noon	East Providence	EP003 Newman Cemetery- Clean ups, Stone cleaning, and Self-guided tours - located on Pawtucket Ave -Rumford, RI – Contact Sandra - friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com
April 20	Saturday	9am to 12 noon	Johnston	Clean-Up - Saturday, April 20 th – 9am to 12pm - The Johnston Historical Society will be hosting a cemetery clean-up as part of the statewide “Historical Cemetery Awareness Event.” This event is sponsored by the State Historical Cemetery Commission in collaboration with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission. The Society will be cleaning Johnston Historical Cemetery #21, the Governor King / Borden Lot. The cemetery is located at the corner of Hartford Avenue and Winfield Road, in the vicinity of Winsor Hill School. Volunteers should take rakes and gloves. For any further information, please contact the Society at 401-231-3380
April 20	Saturday	9 am	Exeter	Clean- EX#39 Old Baptist Church Yard located at #195 Victory Highway (Route 102) behind Del Mar Kennel. Final resting place for many Revolutionary War Veterans and many Baptist Pastors. Bring rakes, clippers, hand saws, and gloves. Contact – Dory Wagner dorwagg@aol.com

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April 20	Saturday	10 am	Newport	<p>Tour- Arnold Burying Ground Tour and Alice Brayton reservations- npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com Nestled in the heart of Newport is a family burial ground with a remarkable story. The final resting place for members of the Arnold family was obliterated and later restored thanks to the efforts of Alice Brayton. The tour will share the story and take a close look at some of the remarkable colonial gravestones in the site. The tour will be presented by Lew Keen who served as a state cemetery commissioner and chair of the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission. He has documented graves in Newport for the state database and is the author of <i>A Guide to Historic Burial Grounds in Newport</i>, published by History Press in 2021. His website is ripnewport.com</p>
April 20	Saturday	9am	North Smithfield	<p>Walking Tours — Hotchkiss Cemetery NS36 - located on Smithfield Rd in North Smithfield, RI. For the first time since Hotchkiss Cemetery was re-discovered, cleaned, and repaired the public can take a one hour guided walking tour with some of the volunteers who made it happen. Folks can learn about the lives of some of the oldest inhabitants of North Smithfield and Smithfield. Guides will explain about the methods to repair the stones and reveal a few secrets of lost stones. Highlights will include Veteran graves from past wars, discovery of the old town tomb and some sad stories from the past. Parking in Union Cemetery. Please Park on the grass not on the pavement... <i>Contact Eward Walker</i> clockwalk@verizon.net</p> <p><i>-Tours will be at 9:00 am on Saturdays in April and May beginning April 20.</i></p>

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April 20	Saturday	10am to 12 noon	Providence	<p>Clean-Up- Saturday, April 20th, from 10am to noon- Tillinghast Burial Ground at 398 Benefit Street Providence, RI. This is the LAST of the many small family burial grounds that were along the ridge that became Benefit Street from early Roger Williams founding of "Providence" when there was no common burial ground. www.tillinghastsociety.org</p> <p><i>Helpers need only bring a rake and gloves.</i></p>
April 21	Sunday	9 am	Exeter	<p>HIKE – Historic Cemetery hike to cemetery #93 John Gardner Lot. Use the parking lot at Pardon Joslin Rd, Exeter Fisherville Brook Wildlife refuge. We'll follow a 3.3-mile loop trail around the pond stopping at the cemetery for an hour of work. Bring small digging shovels. We will lift up headstones to their original height. Plan on 3 hours. Contact – Dory Wagner dorwagg@aol.com</p>
April 23	Tuesday	9:30	Portsmouth	<p>Walk - Birds & Burials - The Norman Bird Sanctuary- For more information see April 3rd</p>
April 24	Wednesday	6:30PM	Cranston	<p>Presentation- Cranston Central Library- 140 Sockanosset Cross Rd, Cranston, RI 02920- “Living with the Dead in Rhode Island: From Cemetery Destruction to Cemetery Preservation” -State Archaeologist Charlotte Taylor presents a talk on Rhode Island cemetery law. Before 1990, it wasn't safe to be dead in Rhode Island. Although the destruction of graves has been a felony in Rhode Island since 1896, this did not stop property developers and road builders from destroying cemeteries that got in the way of their plans, including the burial places of Native Americans some thousands of years old. It did not stop antiquarians and curious property owners from digging up bodies. Explore this dark history and today's era of stronger laws and more engaged advocacy for Rhode Islanders who can no longer speak for themselves. Charlotte will present both atrocities and stories of successful, respectful preservation, drawing on her experiences as one of the first people who is called when (old) skeletal remains are found.</p>

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April 27 (Rain date see notes)	Saturday	9am- 12 noon	Scituate	<p>Clean-up -Scituate Cemetery #32 off of Darby Road, also known as the Nicholas Thomas lot. Volunteers will be clearing brush, vines, and other debris, stone cleanup, and tidying (possibly resetting) the stones if time allows. Parking is in the driveway of 145 Darby Road if space allows, or on the road if the driveway is full; carpooling would be helpful. Participants asked not to block or park in other driveways. Look for the red and white cemetery event signs marking the event access and driveway. Helpful items to bring include drinking water, sanitizer/alcohol gel (in case of poison ivy), snacks, gloves, knee pads, sunscreen/hat, and hand tools such as clippers, shovels, rakes, and saws (marked with initials). <i>Rain date – Sunday April 28 – 12pm to 3pm</i></p> <p>Contact- Skye Pechie - tmbgambassador@gmail.com</p>
April 27	Saturday	9 am	North Smithfield	<p>Walking Tour – Hotchkiss Cemetery NS36 – See April 20 for tour information</p>
April 27	Saturday	10 am	Newport	<p>Tour- Common Burying Ground Tour reservations- npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com Explore Newport’s largest and most important colonial era burial site with a focus on gravestones and stone carvers. The tour will include an up-close look at work that has been done to preserve stones for future generations to enjoy. The tour will be presented by Lew Keen who has served as a state cemetery commissioner and chair of the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission. He has documented graves in Newport for the state database and is the author of <i>A Guide to Historic Burial Grounds in Newport</i>, published by History Press in 2021. His website is ripnewport.com</p>
April 27	Saturday	9 am	Exeter	<p>FLAGGING – Place flags on Veteran graves in cemeteries tucked off into the woods and forgotten. Meet at the Exeter Library for this very rewarding project. Plan on 3-4 hours. Contact Dory Wagner dorwagg@aol.com</p>

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April 27	Saturday	10 am to 3 pm	Providence	<p>Clean-Up and Data Collection- North Burial Ground 5 Branch Ave Providence, RI 02904- Nature & Culture at NBG: Earth Day and Data Collection - We're celebrating Earth Day and our Historic Cemeteries on a big day in April. From 10 AM-12 PM join neighbors and friends to spruce up two of NBG's best natural areas, our pollinator garden and Ridgeside Lake. Bring your work boots, gloves, (and waders, if you're daring!) to get NBG ready for Spring. From 1 PM-3 PM join Brown University professor Dr. Jordi Rivera Prince to learn about NBG's new headstone data collection project and protocol, and get hands-on experience documenting the historic stones at NBG. Stay the whole day and bring a picnic or come for the part of the day that you're most excited about!</p> <p><i>Both events depart from the Rochambeau Gate. Contact – Annalisa Aheppner@providenceri.gov</i></p>
April 27 Rain date May 4 th if pouring	Saturday	10 am	Smithfield	<p>Clean-up- Saturday, April 27th, 10am – There will be a clean-up at the Mowry Lot SM007 hosted by Monica Ward and The Friends of Smithfield Cemeteries. This is one of the historic Bryant University cemeteries.</p> <p><i>The Mowry Cemetery is located behind Chase Wellness Center (the gym) and we will meet there. Guests can park in any of the visitor parking which is fairly open on a Saturday morning. Here is a campus map. Contact- Monica Ward- 908 461 2640 and mward7@bryant.edu</i></p> <p>https://campusmap.bryant.edu/?location=chase_center</p>
April 27	Saturday	10 am	Westerly	<p>Clean-up - WY7 Babcock Lot Westerly, RI, Hosted by RIACHC Commissioner Larry Hunter in conjunction with the Lion's Club and Phebe Green DAR Chapter, Spring Clean-up and Dedication of Flag holder for Col Nathaniel Babcock. Located adjacent to 42 Watch Hill Rd. - Bring gloves, bug spray, rakes, leaf blowers.</p> <p>For updated information or weather conditions follow @ https://www.facebook.com/groups/648466672322227</p>

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April 27 Rain dates- April 28 or May 4 th if Rain persists	Saturday	9am – 11am	Warwick	Clean-up- The Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries will be holding their biannual cleaning at Warwick cemetery #34, the Brayton cemetery, 3468 Post Rd. Anyone is welcome to help. Bring rakes and gloves if you have them. Community service hours will be given to anyone needing them. Snacks and water will be provided Peggy – – Contact- Sue Cabeceiras- susan.w.cabeceiras@warwickri.gov
April 28	Sunday	2 pm	Westerly	Walking Tour- WY08 River Bend Cemetery - located at 117 Beach St, Westerly, RI 02891 - A Peaceable Kingdom - Join us for a walking tour of a small section of the cemetery <i>where the lions lie down with the lambs and angels watch over them</i> . Guides from the Babcock-Smith House Museum will introduce a variety of monuments, most of them made from local Westerly granite by talented craftsmen, and will share information about their design and construction. Tour will take about an hour. Parking will be inside the cemetery gate near the office. Donations gratefully accepted. Contact Ellen - ellenmadison1945@gmail.com
April 28	Sunday	10:30am to 12pm	Pawtucket	Walking Tour- The Heritage Alliance of Pawtucket will lead a walking tour of the Moshassuck Cemetery located at 978 Lonsdale Avenue, Central Falls. Central Falls has one cemetery, bearing a Native American name, and having no affiliation with any one church or culture. Walk with us through the Moshassuck Cemetery as we talk about how Central Falls emerged as a city, who made it happen, and the significance of the city's cultural diversity. Central Falls might be geographically small, but its role in history has been enormous. Parking is available in the cemetery. <i>Attendance is limited to 20 people. RSVP to contact@heritagepawtucket.org</i>

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April 28 – Rain date May 5	Sunday	1 pm 1 pm	Woonsocket	Walking Tour – WO006 Precious Blood Cemetery located on Diamond Hill Road & Rathbun St. in Woonsocket, RI 02895. The tour is being sponsored by the Woonsocket Historical Society. Your tour guide will be the very knowledgeable and friendly Irene Blaise, President of the WHS. The guided tour will take about an hour. Contact- Irene Blaise - Woonhistsoc@gmail.com

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May 2	Thursday	2pm to 3pm	Newport	<p>Presentation- Gilded Age Graves in Newport Presentation - Edward King House - reservations- https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/mavrqeij/lp/d1f15b4a-3519-45d5-be59-62b62fbbe998</p> <p>The city of Newport was the playground of Gilded Age Americans who built the “cottages” that stand today and provide a glimpse of the places they lived. When death arrived, Island Cemetery became “the place” to be buried. The cemetery is the final resting place of ordinary people to world famous individuals. While many buried here were part of the year-round Newport community, a surprising number of summer visitors chose Newport as their place for eternal rest. Members of Mrs. Astors 400, explorers, civil rights leaders, architects, politicians and military heroes are among the people discussed in the presentation.</p> <p>The cemetery has a rich variety of sculptured monuments, some designed by noted architects. The presentation will include grave markers that reflect both the wealth and style of the time.</p> <p>-Lew Keen has served as a state cemetery commissioner and chair of the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission since 2016. He has documented graves in Newport for the state database and is a co-author of <i>Discover Island Cemetery: Notable People and Monuments from the Gilded Age to Modern Times</i>. His website is ripnewport.com</p> <p>This presentation is free of charge but reservations are required.</p>
May 4	Saturday	10 am	Lincoln	<p>Walking Tour – Saylesville Meeting House and Friends Burial Ground – 374 Great Rd. Lincoln, RI 02865. The Saylesville Meeting House is one of the oldest sites for worship still standing in Rhode Island. Learn about the people who worshipped in this area and see a local landmark notable for its historical significance and architectural beauty. Program presented as a partnership between the Providence Friends Meeting and Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park. - Parking is limited near the Saylesville Meeting House. Additional parking at Gateway Park, next to Arnold House, 487 Great Road, Lincoln, RI. Contact: Allison Horrocks - Allison_Horrocks@nps.gov .</p>

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May 4	Saturday	11 am	Newport	Walking Tour - Colonial Stone Carvers of Trinity Church Yard. 1 Queen Anne Sq, Newport- 02840 Attendance is limited to 10 people. Reservations: TrinityTours100@gmail.com - One hour guided walking tour with preservationist Jimmy Lappin, who will also share insights gained from having cleaned many of the gravestones in the churchyard. Most of Trinity's 250 graves date to the 18 th century, representing the fine work of stone carvers from the John Stevens family, and John Bull.

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May 4	Saturday	10 am	Newport	Clean-up- Saturdays – May, 11, 18 – 10 am - <u>Volunteer work at Newport's Common Burying Ground</u> Volunteers will help enhance this historic burial site. The main effort will be to paint rusting metal poles and gates. All materials will be provided and no experience is needed. Please send an email to npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com to let us know you plan to participate as cancelation due to wet weather may be needed.
May 4	Saturday	9 am	Providence	Walking Tour - North Burial Ground really comes alive in the spring with 30 kinds of birds, large and small mammals, 3 kinds of amphibians, at least 3 kinds of reptiles and a variety of insects ads well as many plant species. Greg Gerritt has been filming the wildlife of the NBG since 2013 and his YouTube channel Moshassuckcritters has over 2000 videos of local wildlife. He will lead a tour of his favorite spots to spot wildlife in the NBG on Saturday May 4 2024. Meet at the Gate across from Pharmacy Herbs on Cemetery St at 9 AM. Contact Greg Gerritt gerritt@mindspring.com

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May 4	Saturday	9 am	Richmond	Flagging – Place flags on Veteran graves. Meet at Clark Library. Will take approximately 2-3 hours. Some hiking involved. Contact Dory Wagner dorwagg@aol.com
May 4	Saturday	10:30 am	Tiverton	Walking Tour- Guided tour of the old Congregational Church Cemetery #11 on Lake Road (near East Road intersection), having 16 Revolutionary War veterans and 2 Civil War veterans, and the most slate gravestones of the 90 known Tiverton burial grounds. The public may park in the adjacent St Madeleine's Church lot on Lake Road, north of the cemetery. RSVP Contact - Sue Anderson gsriengr@yahoo.com

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May 5	Sunday	11 am	Providence	<p>Walking Tour- At Locust Grove- 442 Elmwood Ave Providence, RI 02907- Come take a tour of a selection of Locust Grove’s “white bronze” monuments, or” zinkies” hosted by NBG docent, Lexie! Lexie has put together a tour highlighting the history and design of these monuments built by the Monumental Bronze Co. and the Locust Grove families who chose to install these fascinating pieces.</p> <p><i>Meet at the Elmwood Entrance Ave. under the Locust Grove Gate. Contact- Annalisa Aheppner@providenceri.gov</i></p>
May 6	Monday	4pm to 5:30pm	South Kingstown	<p>Discussion- Location- OLLI at URI, 210 Flagg Road, Room 212, Kingston, RI 02881- Phone: 401.874.4197; Email-olli@uri.edu</p> <p>Celebrate 2024 RI Historical Cemeteries Awareness and Preservation Weeks with a lively discussion about some of the Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Washington County. Historic Cemeteries. Washington County Commissioner Debbie Suggs will introduce you to the locales who helped secure American independence. Participants will learn how local volunteers have joined forces with the RI Historical Cemeteries Commission to restore the historical cemeteries and memorials for these almost-forgotten Rhode Islanders.</p> <p>This program is sponsored by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and the Narragansett-Cooke-Gaspee Chapter of the Rhode Island Daughters of the American Revolution. The topic is suitable for all age levels. Deb Suggs</p>
May 11	Saturday	10 am	Providence	<p>Walking Tour- NBG Notable Interments - North Burial Ground 5 Branch Ave Providence, RI 02904 - “Meet” some of the outstanding individuals who call NBG their final resting place. Led by NBG docent Chris! Meet at the Rochambeau Gate- there’s no need to RSVP! Contact- Annalisa Aheppner@providenceri.gov</p>

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May 11	Saturday	9am	North Smithfield	Walking Tour – Hotchkiss Cemetery NS36 – See April 20 for tour information
May 11	Saturday	10 am	Newport	Clean-up- Saturday - <u>Volunteer work at Newport's Common Burying Ground</u> SEE May 4th for more information
May 11	Saturday	9 am	Richmond	HIKE – 1.5-hour hike to visit Richmond cemeteries RD#6 and RD#59. We will also see Cairns, old stonewall lined farm road, old cellar holes, huge boulders, rock bridges, old barn walls and a well. Meet at telephone pole #91 Hillsdale Rd. - Small parking lot. From Route 138, go North on Hillsdale Rd for 1.7 miles to parking on left. Contact- Dory Wagner dorwagg@aol.com
May 15	Wednesday	10am to 12 noon	East Providence	EP005 Ancient Littleneck Cemetery- Clean ups, Stone cleaning, and Self-guided tours – located off Read St – Riverside, RI 02915– Contact Sandra - friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com
May 18	Saturday	10 am	Westerly	Clean-up - Sat, May 18th 10AM - WY30 Hall-Vars Ground Westerly, RI, Clean-up Hosted by RIACHC Commissioner Larry Hunter Located adj to 181 Bradford Rd. Park at the lacrosse fields, Follow the path around the South/Eastern Lacross field to a path into the woods at the SE Corner. Bear right on the path for ¼ mile and the cemetery is on the hill on the right. Bring gloves, bug spray, rakes, leaf blowers, loppers/clippers. For updated information or weather conditions follow @ https://www.facebook.com/groups/648466672322227

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May 18	Saturday	1pm	Providence	Headstone Cleaning Workshop - North Burial Ground 5 Branch Ave Providence, RI 02904- Learn the one way to clean headstones totally approved by NBG's caretakers! We'll demonstrate our headstone cleaning technique, talk about the different stones present at NBG, and then work together to clean a section of slate and marble stones! It'll be a fun way to try something new. We'll meet at the Rochambeau Gate, and there's no need to RSVP! Contact- Annalisa Aheppner@providenceri.gov
May 18	Saturday	10am to 12noon	East Providence	EP003 Newman Cemetery- Clean ups, Stone cleaning, and Self-guided tours - located on Pawtucket Ave -Rumford, RI – Contact Sandra - friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com
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May 18 & May 19	Saturday & Sunday	12 noon – 1 pm	Newport	Workshop - 2-Day –Introduction to Gravestone Restoration. Trinity Church, – 1 Queen Anne Sq, Newport- 02840 Attendance is limited to 10 people. Reservations: TrinityTours100@gmail.com – Saturday , volunteers will work with preservationist Jimmy Lappin to create an inventory of graves that need the most attention and learn about the steps to complete each project. Work will continue on Sunday at Noon. Projects include cleaning and straightening stones, and making French drains. Tools and supplies provided.
May 18	Saturday	11 am	North Kingstown	Tours - May 18 and May 25 - Casey Farm in Saunderstown would like to offer free guided cemetery tours of the Silas Casey Cemetery (RI Historical Cemetery NK#65) on Saturdays, May 18 and May 25 at 11:00 am. Tours meet at the information booth of the Casey Farm Market, which runs from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Contact- Jane Hennedy - jhennedy@historicnewengland.org
May 23	Thursday	TBD	Providence	Memorial Day Tour- Locust Grove- 442 Elmwood Ave Providence, RI 02907- Honor the memories of the Civil War veterans at Locust Grove, and learn about how the history of contemporary American mourning and funeral customs are rooted in this time period. Locust Grove is in the Elmwood neighborhood, and is a great example of a late 19 th century suburban cemetery. We'll meet at the Elmwood Ave entrance at the new gate. Contact- Annalisa Aheppner@providenceri.gov

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May 26	Sunday	10 am	Newport	Tour- Decoration Day at Island Cemetery Tour reservations- npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com Cemeteries have been important Memorial Day sites since the holiday was created. This tour honors a selected number of people who served our country in the military. Some died while in service, one received the Congressional Medal of Honor, and some fought in multiple wars. While many of the people on the tour served in the Spanish American and Civil Wars, veterans of other military campaigns will be included in the tour. -The tour will be presented by Lew Keen, a state cemetery commissioner and chair of the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission. He has documented graves in Newport for the state database and is a co-author of <i>Discover Island Cemetery: Notable People and Monuments from the Gilded Age to Modern Times</i> . His website is ripnewport.com
May 26	Sunday	1pm to 2pm	North Smithfield	Walking Tour - Local Veteran’s Service Stories - Explore Slatersville Cemetery with a park ranger this Memorial Day Weekend. Learn the stories of local veterans who served in the Civil War. Presented in partnership with North Smithfield Heritage Association. Meet in front of Heritage Hall, located at 101 Green Street, Slatersville (North Smithfield), RI. Contact: Mark Mello Mark_Mello@nps.gov Allison Horrocks - Park Ranger Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park

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May 26 – June 14 Flag Day	Ongoing...		Newport	Self-Guided Tours of Veterans' graves dated 1731-2022 at Trinity Church, Newport – 1 Queen Anne Sq, Newport- 02840 Veterans from the Colonial Wars; British loyalists, Patriots and French officers from the Revolutionary War; and veterans who served our country more recently in the Navy and Marine Corps are honored for Memorial Day with historically accurate flags. Brochures are located at the Church Street entrance.
May 30	Thursday	5:30pm to 7:00pm	Lincoln	Walking Tour- The Power of Nature - Take a power walk through Lincoln Woods with a park ranger. Visit the historic Olney Burial Ground and enjoy a guided hike during a late springtime evening. Duration: approximately two miles. Use the Route 146/Twin River Road Entrance . Free parking is available. Contact: Tyler Shepard – Tyler_Shepard@nps.gov <i>Allison Horrocks - Park Ranger Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park</i>
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