



Glocester Heritage Society

N E W S L E T T E R

Spring

Spring is finally here and the “gentler” temperatures coax the long-dormant bulbs to peek up at the sun which also beckons us outside.

While picking up the usual travel trash on the Job Armstrong Store lawn, a crumpled, soggy piece of paper, worn and dirty from recent rains and winter’s snows attracted my attention.

I guess it wouldn’t have gotten a second glance had it not been for the word “vignettes” that piqued my curiosity.

Barely legible, it read:

“Over in France the villagers create little “vignettes” to place in their beautiful gardens. They nestle beautifully within the trees for all the towns folk to enjoy.

This “vignette” was created for you and all to enjoy.

Many blessings, Lucille”

It was obviously created “on the run” from personal notepaper, probably while visiting our antique shops. It reminds us we can do more for our gardens and streetscapes to beautify this little corner of our world

Thank you Lucille Wherever you are!

And speaking of beauty, have you seen the beautiful garden that continually blooms in the back yard at the Armstrong Store which Jeff Rossi, our own Master gardener, has created? Check it out.

Our Mission

The Glocester Heritage Society Identifies, acquires, holds, arranges, restores, maintains, and preserves for posterity buildings, tracts of land and objects of historical, educational, architectural, cultural and other similar interests of outstanding value within the Town of Glocester, Rhode Island

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A 501c (3) non-profit corporation incorporated 1967 to preserve and maintain town historical and aesthetic values and objects.

Dorr Rebellion Gala Dinner - Silent Auction

To benefit the Dorr rebellion Museum
Wednesday evening April 29th
Crystal Lake Golf Club
100 Bronco Highway (RT 102)
Just over the line Burrillville, RI

Thomas Wilson Dorr Award
will be presented to
Rose M. LaVoie
Citizen Extraordinaire

5:30 Silent Auction 7:00 Dinner 8:00 Awards
RSVP by April 22 info call 568-8967

Save the Grocery Slips!

Save the slips from Dino's & Brigido's as they are worth money. We just received a check for \$308.49 from Dino's park & Shop.
Collection box is on the file cabinet near the bathroom door at our headquarters

Thank You.

Charlie Wilson for brushing sidewalks in front of our building before the State Street Sweeper arrived so that all of the sand was removed (Timing is everything)

Wanted – G.H.S. photographer to photo G.H.S. Events.

Wanted - Treasurer!

Store Articles

"A Taste of Gloucester" Cookbook and other G.H.S. items found in our store are available this spring at

The Town Trader
and
Brown & Hopkins Country Store

Job Armstrong Store

Open by chance or by appointment
401-568-8967
Will be open with regular hours
Beginning Thursday April 2nd 11am - 2pm

Pettingell / Mason House Update

Architect & Museum Consultants met with the Steering Committee at the house to go over new ideas from Consultants. Heating Specialists are also surveying possibilities for heating styles – avenues of access, etc.

Gloucester Movie Update

The long process of collecting photos, research, interviews, etc. is nearly finished and the reviews of visual segments are now beginning. The technical details are complex- dubbing in, voice – over, - timing, continuity, etc. They are doing a great job. Late summer is still the target for the Part 1 showing

Congratulations Matthew Diamond

Were proud to announce that our new student member has been elected president of the Law Society of Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

BUY LOCAL

Donations to Archives

From Barbara Bates
27 page updated copy of Elsie Neuner's RT 94 with more W. Gloucester annotations by her daughter Barbara.

From Denise Mitchell
2 Milk bottles from John Mann's Sunny Acres Farm on Snake Hill Road.

From Alice Kwandrans
Clarkville School's learning chart roll –
(from ABC's to Anatomy and World Maps)

From Scott Molloy
Gloucester Trolley Day Program
July 25, 1914

From David Heon
3 photos:
RT 94 house (Shipper – Brown- Sam Chase) which burned, Jarvis house built on Remaining foundation.

2 Men on wagon taken at Sam Chase's house

Bowdish Lake Store – owned by Chesley & Helen Sparks

In Memoriam

Barbara Gustafson
February 26, 2009
Member & friend

Even though we began mid-year, **G.H.S. Endowment Fund at RI Foundation** is already beginning to pay back. Our first dividend of \$213.00 has been received. This fund will grow with the kindness of friends, donations and the memorials for loved ones.

You are invited

Gloucester Light Infantry cordially Invites you to participate in Chepachet Memorial Day Parade Monday May 25. Parade steps off at 10am from Baptist Church, Putnam Pike Lineup at 9:30am Please sign in at GLI registration table or Call 401-714-1708

Irons Family Project

Do you have Irons in your family ancestry? RI Genealogical Society is searching for info to publish an Irons genealogy. Call Geri Clark 401-884-3985 Email: gclark688@aol.com

Any and all info will be much appreciated.

March Meeting

If you have French or French Canadian ancestry you missed a very informative meeting.

Sylvia Bantholomy and Norman Deragon of the American – French Genealogical Society presented a program “Family Roots” to about twenty members and guests. Carole (Morin) Fry was so enthused by their presentation that she visited their headquarters on 78 Earle St, Woonsocket the very next week.

They were most helpful and Carole came away with precious family information.

You can contact

A F Genealogical Society

At

401-765-6141 or WWW.AFGS.org

Hours Mondays 11 – 4

Tuesdays 1 – 9

Saturdays 10 – 4

May thru September

Admission \$5.00

Did you Forget ? More than ever before we need your help.....

Yes ___ I want to support the Gloucester Heritage Society restore and preserve local history.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Type of Membership

___ Single \$15

___ Senior \$10

___ Student \$10

___ Family \$25

___ Lifetime \$300

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As seen in Pascoag Herald June 4, 1897

“A portable Steam – hoisting engine and steam drill (was) hauled through the village (of Chepachet) last Saturday to the Ponaganset Gold Mine where Mr. Potter expects to “Strike it rich”. If Albert Succeeds in demonstrating the presence of gold in Gloucester’s rock we shall know why (the rocks) were put here so plentifully.”

Historians note: true gold was assayed from \$229 to \$690 per ton of mining slag. But as the miners followed the vein deeper, their yield decreased. Interest in the possibilities of new mining techniques still prevails even to this day.

Schedule of Events

General Meeting - Monday – April 20 - at 7PM

Dorr Rebellion GALA & Silent Auction

Wednesday – April 29 5:30 Auction 7:00 Dinner & Program

General Meeting, - Monday – May 18 at 7PM Program “3 RI Elephants”

Memorial Day Monday May 25

Meeting – Saturday – June 20 2PM Joint meeting with Gloucester Light Infantry at Evans School (behind Town Hall)

Dorr Rebellion Days

- Friday June 26 at dusk Cannon Night Fire, Ascots Hill (behind Reuben Mason House)
- Saturday June 27 Reenactments @ Reuben Mason House and Tavern on Main street. Encampments
- Sunday June 28 encampment disbands afternoon

August Meeting Picnic at Pulaski Park Pavilion

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Check our website for updates

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