



Scituate Preservation Society

Founded in 1976

WINTER 2022

Historic Grange #39 706 Harford Pike P.O. 551 North Scituate, RI 02857 scituatepreservation@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome
New Members

Janice Atwood; Lynne Burke; Jim Doris & Lucille Cameron; Diana Fenton; Fred & Donna Jorgensen; William & Nancy Mende; Judy Poccia; Ernest Rusack; Laurie Simpson; Shannon Urban; Dorothy Williston; and Diane Yeaw

We thank each and every member for joining and participating. We simply would not exist without you!

We hope that you share our newsletter and monthly happenings with your friends and family and invite them to join us.

If you haven't already, please consider renewing your membership. We appeal to you today to help save a piece of "our" Scituate history and allow the SPS to continue its mission of preserving Scituate's history and providing educational and informational resources to SPS members and the public.

Visit our SPS Facebook page to renew your membership or join online. If you have questions or would like to request a membership form, send us an email at scituatepreservationmembership@gmail.com

We'd love to hear from you!
THANK YOU!

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WINTER HIATUS:

We'd like to thank everyone for their support in 2021! The SPS presented its last program for 2021 in November (Potterville Presentation) and are now on our normal SPS winter hiatus.

We are busy working on next year's program offerings and are excited to open the 2022 SPS season with our April annual business meeting and program. This year's opening presentation will be given by Kimberly Smith, Vice President of the Scituate Preservation Society. Kim is an archaeologist and will be speaking with us about historical cemeteries as April hosts *RI Historical Cemeteries Awareness and Preservation Weeks*. Hope to see you there! Our next quarterly newsletter, due in April, will have more details about what's in store for 2022!

GRANT NEWS:

Great news! SPS was just awarded a **\$9900** matching grant from the RI Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission and the RI State Council on the Arts. The money was approved for continuing repairs to the Grange. Specifically, (1) we will replace and line the furnace chimney that is tilting, (2) have the back of the Grange professionally painted to complete the building paint project - the back is too high for SPS volunteers to do ourselves, and (3) repair walls throughout the building that have water damage or cracked plaster.



GRANT NEWS (continued):

SPS wants to heartily thank the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission ([Welcome | Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission](#)) and RI State Council on the Arts ([Rhode Island State Council on the Arts – RISCA](#)) for this grant enabling SPS to continue major renovation work on the historic Grange.

See the announcement here: [State Announces \\$3.46 Million in Capital Grants for Arts, Culture, Heritage and Public Historic Sites | Governor's Office, State of Rhode Island](#)

PAST EVENTS:

Historic Smithville Cemetery Lantern Tour Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 27 was a huge success with close to 80 attendees.

We partnered with Karin Sprague, Scituate's renowned stone carver and historian Tom Angell to share their knowledge and history of some of Scituate's finest who have departed.

Rain and wind prevailed all day but let up just in time for the tour. We were crossing our fingers all day. Karin revealed how the stones were carved and details of old epitaphs of the residents of Smithville Cemetery. Tom gave us wonderful personal connections and good stories of folks he had known who are buried there and shared his heart felt sentiments about his uncle who sacrificed his life in World War II.

Sunset Orchards provided cider thanks to Kate and Matt

Thank you, Karin and Tom, for a wonderful evening we will not forget.

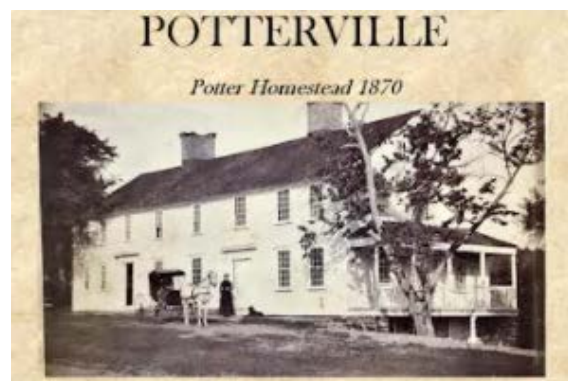




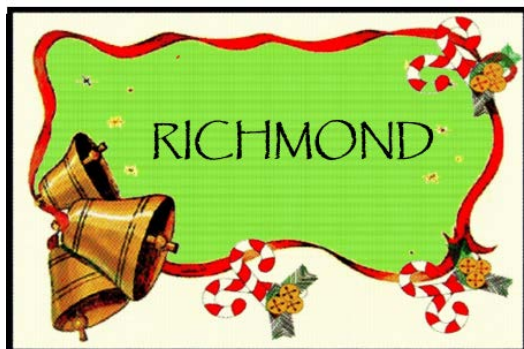
“About Scituate” Potterville

This first program featured Linda and Steve Kornatz’s exhaustive research on the charming little hamlet of Potterville. It was presented at the Potterville Fire Department on Saturday, November 13th. This also was a huge success with approximately 100 folks in attendance. This was the first joint presentation in a series with the Scituate Preservation Society and Hope Historical Society featuring the history of a village or part of town to learn about “your town of Scituate”. President Bill Frederickson of SPS and David Ellingwood of HHS welcomed everyone and especially thanked Chief Greenway and his volunteers for their hospitality. Linda and Steve’s presentation was very well done, informative and well received. Refreshments were abundant and enjoyed. To add to the great presentation, many enjoyed being united with old friends and neighbors after months of Covid restrictions. The weather was perfect but within an hour or so tornado warnings took place.

Great day and crazy weather. We cannot wait for the next “About Scituate”.



Christmas in the Village



Hope everyone was able to visit the Scituate Business Association’s Festival of Trees this year. The Scituate Preservation Society decorated a tree with ornaments depicting the school districts that were created in Scituate following the passage of the **1828, Rhode Island Free School Act**. It was a major stimulus to new school construction and public education and was the impetus for the town to create 19 school districts. Can you name them? Unfortunately, several of these districts were lost due to the construction of the reservoir.

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| 1. Rocky Hill | 10. Kent |
| 2. North Scituate | 11. Barnes |
| 3. Eagle | 12. Saundersville |
| 4. Academy | 13. South Scituate |
| 5. Chopmist | 14. Richmond |
| 6. Rockland | 15. Trimtown |
| 7. Potter | 16. Westcott |
| 8. Burnt Hill | 17. Clayville |
| 9. Hopeville | 18. Glenford |
| | 19. Ponaganset |



**FROM THE ARCHIVES:
Highland Orchards**



Providence Public Library/Rhode Island Collection

Disneyland? Dollywood? Knots Berry Farm?

Guess Again!

This delightful image shows passengers on a miniature paddle wheel riverboat in a manmade pond at Highland Orchards in Scituate, Rhode Island. The paddle boat is two stories with children on the top deck and adults on the second. A crowd stands on the bank of the pond watching the boat. "North Scituate, R.I. -- Miniature paddle wheel river boat at Highland Orchards offers a delightful ride for young and old through apple orchards." Fond memories!

Highland Orchards



Postcard from SPS Archives

HIGHLAND ORCHARDS
Hartford Ave., Rt. 6 to Rt. 101, No. Scituate, R. I.
Telephone Niagara 7-3300
Home of the Famous apples that you can eat in the dark.
Charcoal broiled foods served in a unique atmosphere.
Your host, Clayton Brown
The last steam locomotive gone??? No, not quite, there is one in Rhode Island, a scale model of old time railroading, the "Iwonda", a Baldwin type engine of 1875, built 3" to 1".
Owned by Highland Orchards

An anecdote from "Some North Scituate Village History" manuscript by Frank Spencer pg. 17

"Mr. Amasa Hopkins was a wood cutter and lived on Institute Lane. He and his son, Clifford, used to cut wood for others, as well as buying woodlots and cutting them off and selling the wood. They were both well known to be real good wood choppers. Clif would go into the woods at sunrise and stay about as long as he could see. After Amasa got too old to cut wood himself, he used to take his son to the lot where he was cutting and pick him up at an agreed upon time to go home. When his father could not take him to the lot, Clifford would walk a few miles himself to get to his job. Some days he would leave his axes at the woodlot as folks did not take things in those days like they do today. Some days he would bring them home to sharpen. One morning when he was walking to the woodlot, he got up on the Danielson Pike, about in front of the RI State Police Barracks, and a member of the State Police took him in and brought charges against him for carrying dangerous weapons-two axes wrapped in a burlap bag. Well! Clif tried to tell the trooper that cutting wood was his business, and as he has no car, and no one in the family to take him to his work, he has to walk and carry his axes with him as he has done for years. The trooper insisted on holding him. Clif told them to call the Chief of Police for the Town of Scituate and see what he will say about the trouble. They called John Crowley, the Chief of Police and "Jack Crowley" came to the barracks, and when he saw Clif he says, 'Clif, what have you done now?' Jack told the State Police Officers, 'You can't do anything to this man, he has done that work for years and his father and grandfather ahead of him, it would be wise to let him go.' So, they let Clif go, and never bothered him again, even picked him up to help him get where he was going, told him that they were sorry for holding him and Jack Crowley took him to his woodlot because he had lost so much time."



Fundraiser Follow-Ups:



Thank you to all who supported our first annual Scituate Preservation Society Calendar Fundraiser!

For those that entered their beautiful Scituate photographs in our photo contest and to all those generous Scituate citizens and businesses that kindly purchased the calendars, we are so grateful! Our first Scituate Preservation Society Calendar Fundraiser was a success thanks to you!

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SECOND ANNUAL CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

The Scituate Preservation Society is asking community members to start snapping photographs of Scituate landmarks, landscapes, historic homes and buildings, Scituate events, etc., for possible inclusion in next year's 2023 SPS calendar. Old historic photographs that reflect the above criteria are also appropriate. Entry details and deadlines for photo submission will be published at a later date.

For now, start snapping and GOOD LUCK!

All submitted photos will be "released for use by the SPS to use under any legal condition, including but not limited to publicity, copyright purposes, illustration, advertising, and web content. Photographs should be high-quality for printing (1600x1200 pixels - 300dpi)

GRANGE RENTAL:

Did you know that historic Grange #39 is available to rent? It is. The Grange Building located at 706 Hartford Pike has been rented for off-sites, birthday parties, baby showers, meetings, and even can be rented for theatrical productions.

Rental Fees are as follows:

- Members.....\$75/day
- Non-Members.....\$100/day

Email us if you are interested in renting at any time! scituatepreservationmembership@gmail.com



BUSINESS DIRECTORY:

Thanks to the businesses that support the objective of The Scituate Preservation Society: to preserve Scituate's history.

“Friends buy from friends”
~J. Willard Marriott

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Bewitched Of Scituate, Inc
618 West Greenville Road
Scituate, RI 02857
www.bewitchedofscituate.com
401-300-9109

Blanchette CPA's Blanchette & Company Inc. 170 Danielson Pike
North Scituate, RI 02857
www.blanchettecpas.com
401-647-9650

Caluori Insurance Agency
Christopher S. Caluori
629 West Greenville Road
PO Box 220
North Scituate, RI 02857
www.caluoriinsurance.com
401-647-9200

**Frederickson Stove Shop
Frederickson Farm**
985 Chopmist Hill Road
North Scituate, RI 02857
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401-647-5427

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25 Danielson Pike
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Hope Service Hope Service, Inc
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Joe Casali Engineering
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Morello Roofing, LLC
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Phil Doar Dumpsters Phil Doar, LLC
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Foster, RI 02825
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**Village Gas
Village Gas Station**
141 Danielson Pike
North Scituate, Rhode Island
02857

**Sunset Orchards
Sunset Orchard Farm LLC**
244 Gleaner Chapel Road
North Scituate, RI 02857
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401-934-1900

**North Scituate Paint & Décor
Your Benjamin Moore Store**
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Johnston, RI 02919
www.nspaintdecor.com 401-934-2547

WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care
Scituate Neighborhood Health Station
35 Village Plaza Way North
Scituate, RI 02857
welloneri.org
401-647-6262

Winfield & Sons, Inc
571 West Greenville Road
(Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
www.winfieldandsons.com
401-647-5421

We are so pleased that several businesses have made a commitment to support our good work as business or corporate members. Please support them. If you know or work for a business or own a business that supports historic preservation or non-profits, why not reach out to them to have them be a business or corporate member partner.

Become a Corporate Member today for just \$75/yr!
Contact us: scituatepreservation@gmail.com

“Thank You” to the Scituate Business Association for listing us and other non-profits in the Scituate Business Directory.

The Scituate Preservation Society Purpose

1. The identification, acquisition, preservation, restoration and maintenance of historical, educational, and cultural objects within the town of Scituate, Rhode Island
2. The Society shall provide educational and informational resources to its members, citizens of Scituate and other interested parties



Got Stuff? Time to Declutter? Donations Wanted!

APRIL 2022!

Scituate Preservation Society
Spring Yard Sale Fundraiser
Historic Grange #39
Home of the Scituate Preservation Society
706 Hartford Pike, North Scituate

The Scituate Preservation Society is seeking community support for this popular annual event by accepting donations of yard sale items such as furniture, household items, toys, tools, craft materials, garden goods, etc. Items must be in good condition. No clothing, please!

Donations can be dropped off at the Grange by appointment.

Please email: scituatepreservation@gmail.com
or call 401-764-0802 to make arrangements.



All proceeds from this fundraiser will help support the continued renovation of Historic Grange #39 built in 1895.