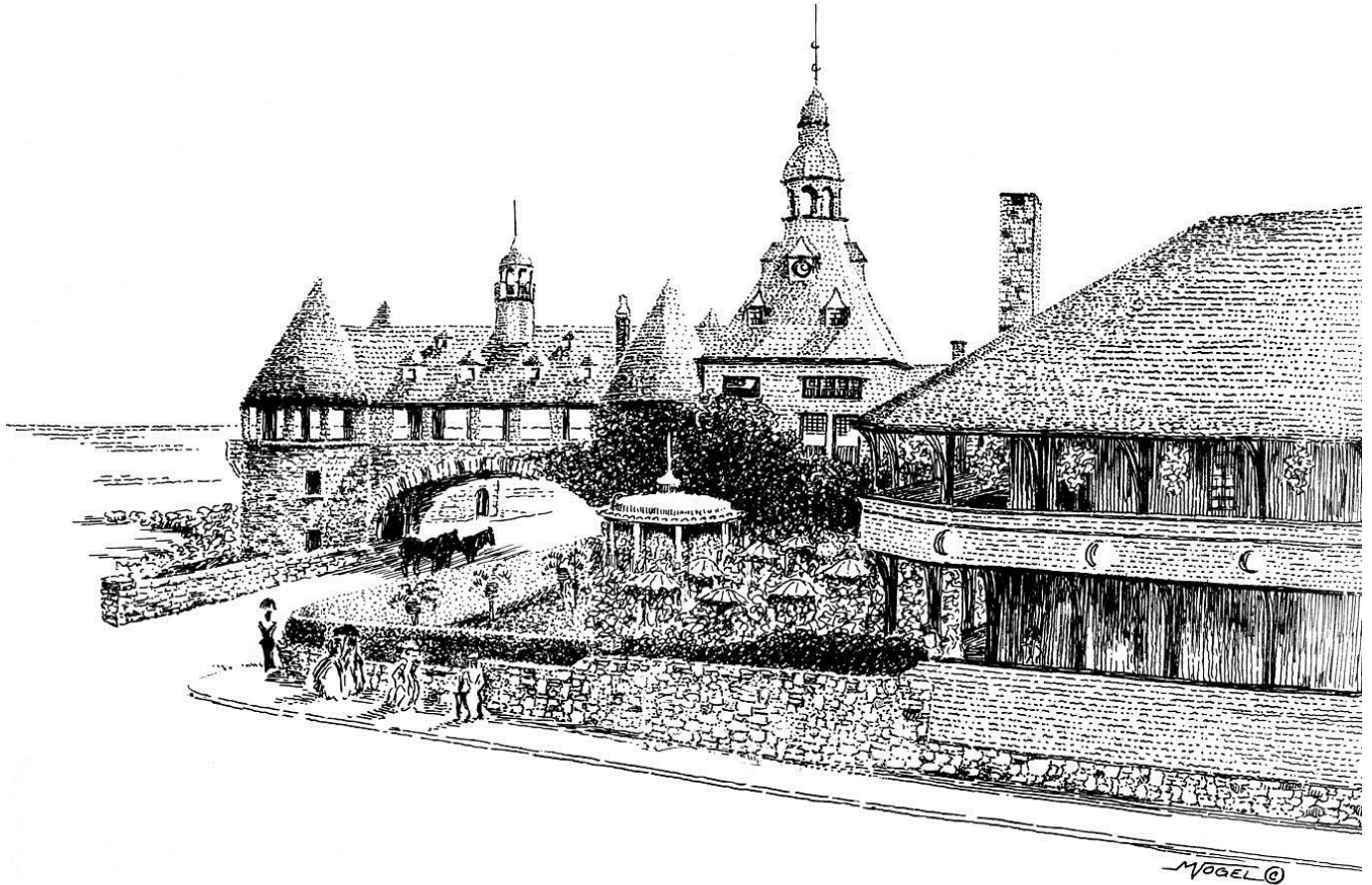


Narragansett Historical Society 2015 Annual Report



**May 23, 2016
7:00 p.m., The Towers**

In Memorium

Ted Wright – Mr. Narragansett

Ted passed from this life in July 2015. He served the Narragansett Historical Society and the Town of Narragansett in so many ways! He freely shared his deep knowledge of our town as a Consulting Historian, conducting history trolley tours, donating the use of the trolley for a major historical tour, and just by being his genial, sharing self. We miss you so, Ted!

Pamela Nolan – Town Manager

Pam died suddenly this past February after serving as Town Manager for about two years. We appreciate her strong support during her tenure. She was always willing to meet with us and help out in any way she could.

Statement of Purpose

The Narragansett Historical Society (NHS) was formed to collect and preserve historical information, artifacts and the like relating to the Town of Narragansett, and to memorialize the history of the town for the enrichment of current and future generations. In addition, the NHS seeks to create public awareness of the Town's history and to beautify the Town in a manner consistent with its historical traditions.

Strategic Goals and Priorities

- Develop outstanding programs and events
- Engage in historical research, collecting and archiving
- Continue to develop partnerships, affiliations and associations with like organizations
- Increase membership and funding sources
- Find an appropriate permanent location in Narragansett

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Consulting Historians

This group was formed in early 2012 with six Consulting Historians, and has been added to over the past three years. Collectively, we have responded to over 400 inquiries. Increasing enthusiasm about Narragansett's history has resulted in a steady growth in inquiries. Some Consulting Historians have also given lectures on specific historical topics. The Narragansett Historical Society would like to thank the Consulting Historians for their time and effort. Consulting Historians include:

Cindy Clancy
Jim Crothers, South County Museum
Jimmy Duncan
Wayne and Bernice Durfee
John Hickey
Sallie Latimer
Erica Luke, South County History Center
(formerly the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society)
John Miller
Richard Parker
Richard Vangermeersch
Douglas M. Vogel



Board of Directors

Shirley A. Eastham, President
Kathleen M. Kelleher, Vice President
Susan H. Bush, Secretary
Douglas M. Vogel, Treasurer
Harold Kemble
Shannon McCarthy Leventhal
Vilma Moclair
Donna Rodgers
Richard Vangermeersch
Elizabeth Vranka

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

We heartfully thank our many volunteers for contributing their time and talents: serving as docents, assisting at our road race, researching, filing historical documents, moving furniture, and other various and sundry duties.

Accomplishments and Highlights

In the four years since our re-incorporation, we have:

- Launched (and redesigned) the Society's web site, 2012
- Developed a Facebook page, 2012
- Played an instrumental role in recovering Narragansett's "Boston Post Oldest Resident Gold Cane," 2013
- Played a major role in Narragansett's 125th anniversary celebration, 2013
- Established first home for the Society – office and collections/archives area, 2014
- Hosted three historical properties tours:
 - "Central Street Stroll," 2012
 - "Inside the Garden Gates," 2013
 - "The Castle, The Dream, The Gardens," 2015
- Provided volunteer support for Ocean Road 10-K Road Race, 2013 and 2014
- Advocated for preservation when appropriate
- Played an instrumental role in obtaining an 1875 Edmund Darch Lewis painting of the Point Judith County Club for the Club, 2015
- Started the fund to digitize the 350-page Joseph Peace Hazard ledger, now available to the public, 2015 (Much thanks to Professor Richard Vangersmeerch for his leadership and contributions)
- Developed events for and participated in Gansett Days, 2015
- Nearly doubled membership, through 2016
- Increased the number of corporate sponsorships, through 2016
- Responded to over 400 history-related inquiries, through our Consulting Historians, through 2016

Ongoing Efforts

- Actively working to develop collaborative ventures with other cultural, historical and community organizations
- Continuing a series of regular programs – tours, lecture series, and community activities and events
- Inventorying, digitizing and cataloging the Winifred J.W. Kissouth Collection of photographs and historical archives at the town library
- Inventorying, digitizing and cataloging the Society's own historic collections – nearly complete
- Building a research database of Narragansett history (1800's and 1900's) – nearly complete
- Planning events for Gansett Days 2016

Contributions and In-Kind Donations

Belmont Market	Drs. Robert and Joseph O'Neill
Shirley Eastham	Diane and Bob Smith
Bob and Susie Clendenen	Richard Vangermeersh
Kim Jones	Douglas M. Vogel
Hans Krasinsky & Rosalind Newton	Myron Waldman and Marie Younkin-
Middlebridge School	Waldman
John and Emily Miller	

Historic Properties Tours

Most of the buildings listed below are on the National Register of Historic Places. We are most grateful to the owners for allowing us to conduct tours and for their excellent stewardship of these priceless Narragansett gems. Also, we are thankful for the many volunteers who staff our tours, inform the public, and serve as docents.

Angel's Wing, Joyce G. Perschy and Dennis Lynch
Booth Round House (Ganymede Cottage), Maeve and Jimmy Duncan
Druidsream (The Richards Bed & Breakfast), Steven and Nancy Richards
Gillian Lodge, Ande and Peter Frost
Lasata, Lelia Palmieri
Let's Pretend, Sally and Andrew Manesis
Middlebridge School (at Hazard's Castle), Head of School John Kaufman
St. Peter's-by the-Sea, Father Craig Swan
St. Thomas More Church, Father Marcel Taillon
Stone Lea, Dr. Guy and Stephanie Lancellotti
Sunnymead, Kristin and Brooke Connell

Partnerships, Affiliations and Associations

Friends of Canonchet Farm	Preserve Rhode Island
Friends of the Historic Narragansett Towers	Rhode Island College
Gray Matter Marketing	RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
Kinney Bungalow	Rhode Island Historical Society
Maury Loontjens Memorial Library	Saint Peter's-By-The-Sea Church
Middlebridge School	Saint Thomas More Church
Narragansett Chamber of Commerce	South County History Center (formerly the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society)
Town of Narragansett	South County Museum
Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust	
Peace Dale Library	

Members and Donors

Major Supporters (\$5,000 and above)

Town of Narragansett
Gray Matter Marketing
Middlebridge School at Hazard Castle

Sponsors (\$1,000 to \$4,999)

David Gates
Donna and Anthony Gentile
Joyce G. Perschy
Jay and Billie Wilbur

Corporate Sponsors and Benefactors (\$500 - \$999)

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Lila Delman Real Estate International
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Moirra and Mark Hintsra (Midvale Foundation)
Rhode Island Foundation/Joseph O'Neill Ott Fund

Patrons (\$250 - \$499)

The Murray Family Charitable Foundation
Professor Richard Vangermeersch

Other Esteemed Members and Donors

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Diana Crane (Life)	IBM Corporation
Ann Crawford	Dorothy Jacobs & Family
Addie Crouchley	Capers & Eileen Jones
Inez Crowley	Ray & Joyce Kagels

Members & Donors, Cont'd

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Roberta Kester
Mike Kirk
David & Sara Laux
Judy & Diane Landry
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Camilla Lee
Shannon McCarthy Leventhal
Dennis Lynch
Sally & Andrew Manesis
Priscilla Marchand
Ron Margolin & Lynn McKinney
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Barbara Wright
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Michael York & Richard Switzler
Marie Younkin-Waldman

A note to our valued members and donors: When information is compiled, errors and omissions may occur. Please accept our apology for any unintended misrepresentations, and please assist us in correcting any mistakes. Thank you!

Narragansett Historical Society Financial Report

January 1 – December 31, 2015

ASSETS

CASH

Checking	\$7,588
Savings (Reserve)	\$30,010
TOTAL ASSETS	\$37,598

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME

Grants	\$5,647
Memberships	\$6,566
Programs	\$8,911
Donations	\$949
Sales	\$5
Interest	\$7
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,085

EXPENSES

Administration	\$2,323
Programs	\$3,747
Occupancy	\$7,452
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,521

Narragansett Historical Society Board of Directors

Sue Bush, Secretary and Social Media

Sue Bush fell in love with Narragansett while in graduate school at URI, and feels fortunate to have eventually settled in Narragansett, where she and her family have resided for 15 years. Sue has an interest in preserving the history and charm of Narragansett. She works as an environmental consultant, enjoys running and cycling, and also serves on the Board of the Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust.

Shirley A. Eastham, President and Special Events

Shirley had a 25-year career with IBM in Boston, most of which were in administrative management. She served as Past President of the IBM Quarter Century Club. After taking an early retirement from IBM, she spent four years fund raising as a Loaned Executive to United Way. She relocated to Narragansett in 1986. Locally, she ran two small businesses, including Eastham & Associates, a consulting group. She served as Event Coordinator at Kinney Bungalow from 2004 through 2009. She served as a Board Member of the Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust from 2010 through 2014. Her primary interests are land conservation, historic preservation, town history, and town beautification. She loves living in Narragansett and particularly enjoys reading, writing, gardening, tennis, traveling, and socializing.

Kathleen M. Kelleher, Vice President

Kathie is a native Rhode Islander. After living in Connecticut and Europe, she returned to RI in 2000. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology with a minor in Archaeology. Kathie studied the history and culture of Narragansett before joining Friends of Canonchet Farm, where she serves as a Board Member & Officer. Kathie served as President of the Narragansett Historical Society from 2012 until July, 2015.

Harold Kemble, Archivist

Harold and his wife Mary Ellen moved to Narragansett in 1976, and were involved in earlier "version" of the NHS. Harold has had an extensive career as an archivist and manuscripts curator. He began his career at The Nebraska Historical Society and completed an internship at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. He also worked at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, and the National Archives' Office of Presidential Libraries. After a brief hiatus Harold has also worked for the Rhode Island Historical Society, and he has volunteered for The Narragansett Town Clerk's Office, The South County Museum, and the Kingston Railroad Museum.

Shannon McCarthy Leventhal, Special Events

Shannon is the Director of Admissions and a founding staff member of Middlebridge School, a high school for students with learning differences, housed at historic Hazard Castle in Narragansett. Shannon holds a Bachelor's Degree in American Studies, and has a passion for local history, education and community engagement.

Vilma Moclair, Special Events

A native Rhode Islander who returned in 1982 after many years bringing up her large family in New York and Connecticut. She has long had a love of this area's history and beauty, and her 28 years as a professional full-time Realtor has given her an intimate knowledge of the area's structures. Vilma also has an interest in historic preservation and education.

Donna B. Rodgers, Special Events

Donna is a native Rhode Islander, married to a native Rhode Islander and her three adult children also live in work here in Rhode Island. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Rhode Island College and retired after nearly thirty years. Her nursing career was mainly in management and research. A lifelong armchair historian, she looks forward to contributing to the NHS and helping to preserve our history for generations to come.

Richard Vangermeersch, Historian/Special Events

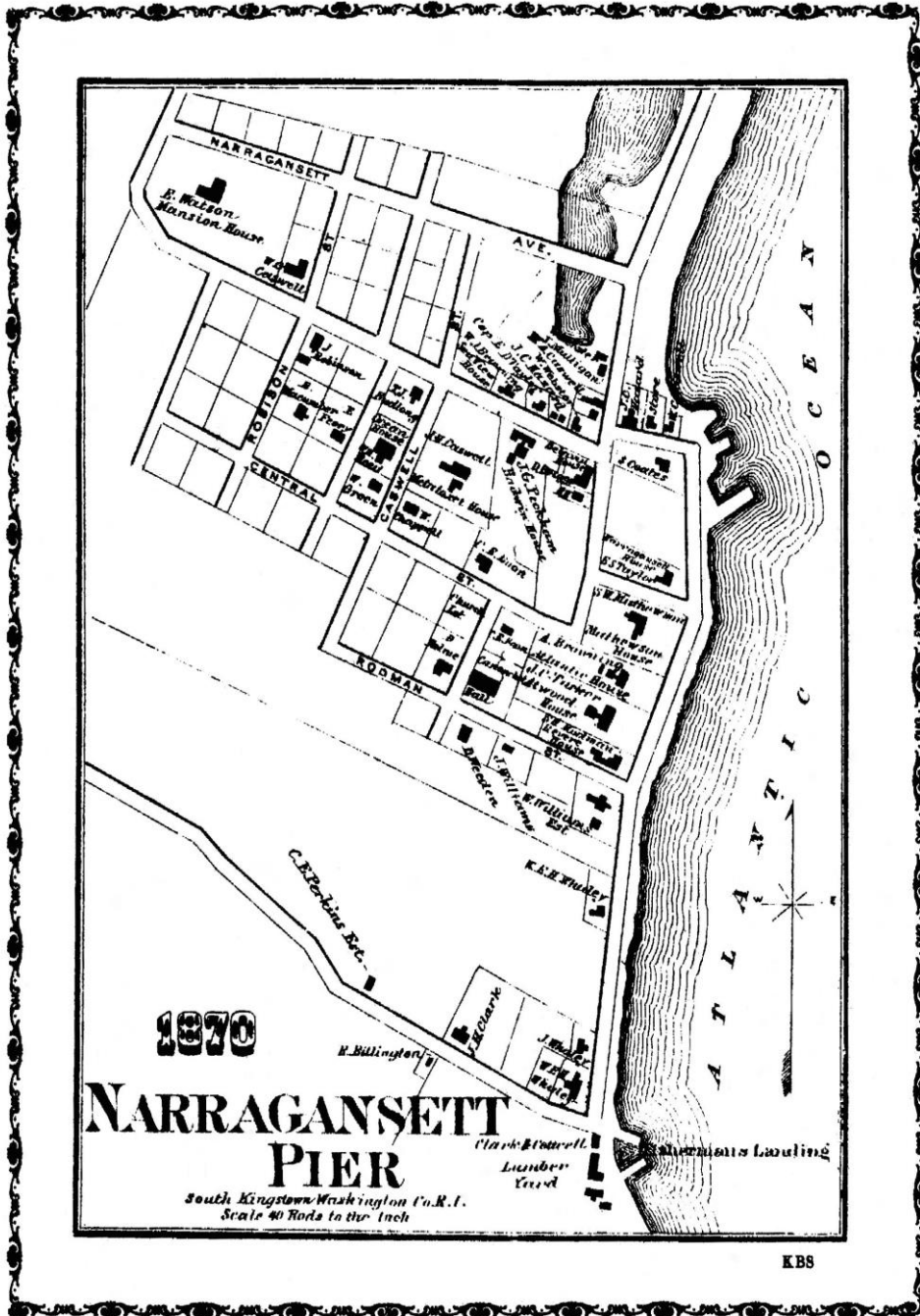
Professor Emeritus, URI, Accounting. Richard moved to Narragansett in 1971, is a recognized historian, author, playwright, and a librettist for an opera, all involving Narragansett history.

Douglas M. Vogel, Treasurer/Collections

One of the Charter Members of the 1978 Narragansett Historical Society; owner of Rhode Island Originals, which markets the art work and legacy of local artist Marjorie J. Vogel. Doug is an avid collector, local historian, and photographer.

Elizabeth Vranka, Special Events

A native Rhode Islander, Elizabeth has resided here since 1997. Her home is in the Pier Historic District, and she and her husband have a keen interest in the preservation and beautification of historic Narragansett. She worked many years as a corporate lawyer in both Manhattan and Hong Kong.



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