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Hiring of New Museum Director

The Barrington Preservation Society Board of Trustees announces its appointment of a new museum director, Carole Villucci. A Barrington resident, Ms. Villucci's experience has been in the administration and teaching profession, predominantly at the RISD Museum. From 1994 to 2008 she served as an Associate Curator of Education there. She has vast experience implementing programs for schools and

students at all levels and much experience working with docents. "I am very excited to be directing the Museum and the prospect of reaching more visitors is very appealing to me. I am very interested in working with schools as well as families exploring the rich history of the town."

Ms. Villucci has hit the ground running, learning the ropes of the Museum and its committed volunteers, planning her presentation for the Preservation Society's annual meeting on January 17, 2010, and coordinating and implementing the "Let's Have a Party" exhibit featuring evening dresses and an interesting array of accompanying

accessories (see article below). "As I rummage through the storage area, I have discovered some amazing treasures which I am eager to share with the community. The current exhibition displays some of these beautiful objects."

Ms. Villucci will work closely with the Preservation Society Museum Committee, who has welcomed her experience and enthusiasm. She states, "I am very fortunate to have the support of a great Museum Committee. They have been enormously helpful with their expertise in many areas." The Board looks forward to Ms. Villucci's vision for the Museum and invites the public to meet Ms. Villucci while viewing the Museum's newest exhibit.



Bob Robertson, *Museum Committee Chair*
Carole Villucci, *Museum Director (L to R)*

Let's Have a Party!

Festive clothing and accessories from 1890 to 1952 are currently on view at the Museum. Among the featured items are a full-length gown from 1942, and a red lace party dress from 1951, made with lace from Rhode Island Lace Works. Included is a selection of beautiful fans, opera glasses, and Victorian-era beaded evening purses. A gentleman's silk top hat from the late nineteenth century accompanies a woman's large brim hat with ostrich feathers. There is also a case displaying photos of patrons at parties in Barrington over the years. The exhibition complements the Museum's permanent collection of historical objects on display in the gallery.

The exhibition will be on view from November 12 through January 14.

Letter from the President

At the annual meeting two years ago — the meeting at which I was inducted as President — those in attendance heard me tell of my curiosity with Canada geese and why they fly in a V-formation. I learned they do so for the benefits of group aerodynamics, to maximize endurance for all, and in a V-pattern so each Canada goose has an unobstructed field of vision, and for ease of communicating with each other. All of these are not unlike what non-profit Boards of Trustees need to operate!

Aerodynamics: Managing the dynamics of the group's collective motivation — to make the Society soar, accomplish great things, always on the radar, and get from point A to point B honking all the way.

Endurance: Lots and lots of work to be done for the benefit of BPS, Barrington and historic preservation. Fatigue is simply not an option.

Unobstructed field of vision: Always needing to look ahead — toward next month, next year and keeping in mind the future generations of Barrington, BPS membership and its future leadership.

Communication: My gosh, thankfully all on our Board use e-mail!

And so this goose moves back toward the rear and we welcome our next President Kent Phillips. I expect we'll all be behind him in every way!

Nancy R. Peck

Barrington High School Jazz Ensemble Winter Jazz Event

On Friday, December 4 at 7:30 pm, BPS will once again host the Barrington High School Jazz Ensemble Event — this year in the sanctuary of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC — the historic White Church. The public is invited to this 7th annual “Winter Jazz” performance as it continues under the direction of Barbara Hughes. More than 20 excellent musicians will treat the audience to an entertaining playlist. Admission to the program is \$5, with FREE ADMISSION for BPS members. The church is located at 461 County Road across from the High School field.

The Barrington Preservation Society committed itself to the support of musical performances in our town since it once produced two CDs preserving the work of the Barrington Boys Choir popular from the 1950s through the 1980s. Van Edwards, BPS member and event coordinator says, “We are happy to provide a time and place for the citizens of our town to enjoy the wonderful music of the Jazz Ensemble and see a group of Barrington teenagers at their best.”

BPS is selling ad space for the event program. If you are interested in participating in this advertising opportunity in support of this program contact Nancy Peck, 245-2750.



You are cordially invited to the
Barrington Preservation Society
Annual Meeting Luncheon
Sunday, January 17th, 2009
12:00 noon

Featured speaker:
Carole Villucci, *Museum Director*
Barrington Preservation Society
*“Museums: Can and Do They
Make a Difference?”*

Tyler Point Grille
32 Barton Ave.
Barrington

Contact Phyllis Fragola at 245-1054
to make your luncheon reservation
Deadline January 10th

Part of the program will be the
passage of new by-laws sent to you
under separate cover. Please return
your proxy card if you are not
able to attend.



Historic Signs To Be Created For East Bay Bike Path

We are proud to announce the upcoming installation of seven interpretive signs along the Barrington section of the East Bay Bike Path. In addition, as part of this project, an eighth sign will be erected at the Civic Center Historic District. By combining our mission of historic education with outdoor recreation, we hope to enhance the existing trail experience where families, children, and adults frequently gather.

The historic signage locations include such sites as Bay Spring, Drownville, Brickyard Pond, and Tyler Point. Each sign will include information about that site and how people shaped this industrial and agricultural community hundreds of years ago. The signs will include written text and black and white historical photographs of that location or landmark. Signs will be 24 inches by 36 inches and will be lectern style, similar to what you see at National Parks.

BPS Education Committee members (Sydney Montstream-Quas, *Chair*, Carolyn Bannon, Joanne Duval, Pamela Hilton, Maureen Soutter, Leslie Weeden, Sandra Wyatt) are conducting the historical research and will write the text for each sign. Some of these members will interview lifelong Barrington residents who will help to provide interesting facts for the signs.

Sign installation will occur during the summer of 2010. The public will be invited to join us at a celebratory event near the bike path, when all comers will be encouraged to utilize the bike path to see the signs.

This project is made possible through major funding support from the Rhode Island Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission and Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, an independent state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, as well as the Bay Team and Fuel Belt, Inc.



Example of proposed signage design

Barrington Preservation Society Website

The town of Barrington is rich with history and filled with diverse neighborhoods and townspeople. The Barrington Preservation Society works to keep this history and diversity alive and available to the interested public of all ages.

As a piece of this mission, the BPS created a website this year with assistance of Web designer Joe Shansky that presents the mission, plans, and programs of the Society via the Internet. The website allows the BPS to get information to the townspeople and interested parties around the region and world. Internet based communication via the website and email has become a standard for all types of organizations to get their message to the people. This year BPS joined that venue.

Key components of the site are details on the museum, events, programs, photography, education, volunteering, and becoming a member.

Steve Story, *Website Committee Chair*



www.barrpreservation.org

Welcome New Members

As of this newsletter, BPS membership totaled 161 compared to 137 at the end of last year. Of those, 99 were 2009 renewals (40 members have not renewed, but there is still time to do so before their names will be removed) and 62 were new members.

Since our last newsletter, the following have joined the Society:

Steven Booth Family	Jamieson and Doreen Schiff
Patty Hopkinson	Jane and Peter Shuman
Peter and Sara Kriz	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Soutter
Ray and Bambi Samone	Flora Stewart
	Paul Taubman

We look forward to having all of our members become active in BPS by volunteering in our many programs or in the Museum. Call any of the Board members to see how this can be done.

Kent Phillips, *Vice President and Membership Chair*

**BPS could save money by spreading news via members' e-mail addresses. If you would be willing to share yours, please contact kentphillips@cox.net.*

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