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▲ David Robinson at the March event

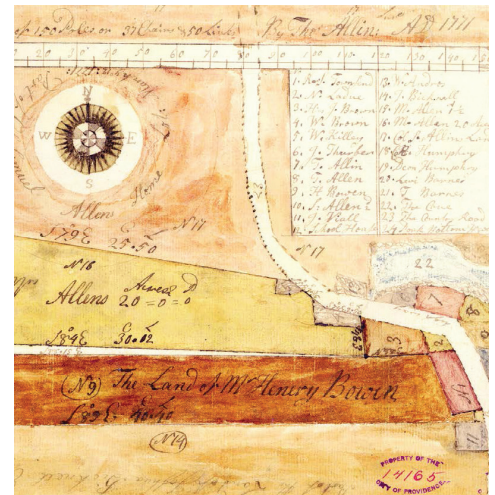
Ship Graveyard

In March, more than 150 people heard URI oceanographer David Robinson present his research on Providence's Ship Graveyard—the array of ships' hulls lying in the shallow waters of Green Jacket Shoal off Bold Point in East Providence. Word has been spreading around the bay about this unique relic of Rhode Island's maritime history. Since the presentation, Barrington Preservation Society has formally expressed its support to the Rhode Island Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission for continued research into the Ship Graveyard to determine eligibility for inclusion in the National and State Registers of Historic Places as a marine archaeological district. This designation would be the first of its type for Rhode Island. National Register listing will help preserve this unique maritime site, will foster development of appropriate education and tourism, and will draw attention to parallel efforts to restore native birds and fish to this portion of the bay.

Old Barrington Village

In April, more than eighty people heard BPS historian Van Edwards present his research into Old Barrington Village, the eighteenth-century center of Barrington. Central to Van's talk was a 1771 watercolor map, drawn by town father Thomas Allin, showing home lots of the village. Also featured was Barrington High School student Lindsey Hands '18, sharing her own handmade map of historical sites in Barrington which she made as part of her BHS Senior Project.

Barrington Village Map, Thomas Allin, 1771. ►
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Annual Meeting 2018 Barrington

Taverns

Forty members and guests gathered for our annual meeting and luncheon in January. The luncheon was a lively review of the busy Tricentennial Year. The business meeting was followed by luncheon and a delightful presentation by Steven Venuti on "Taverns to Temperance and Back Again: A Spirited History of Barrington."



◀ Richard & Jane Donnelly with their Warren Award

Elizabeth Sargent Warren Preservation Award

The highlight of the business meeting was the awarding of the 2018 Elizabeth Sargent Warren Preservation Award to Richard and Jane Donnelly, "in grateful recognition of the complementary skills and talents they brought to the production of the book *Barrington*, conceived, compiled, edited, and published in short order on the occasion of Barrington's three-hundredth anniversary." This special award was instituted in 2012 to "recognize an individual or business for outstanding work in preserving the historic character of a property or landscape, or for exceptional effort in advocating for preservation or historic or community pride in Barrington."

Newest Plaqued Houses



Last December, at the close of the Barrington 300 year, three houses received new BPS plaques—the Nathaniel and Jane Hazard House, ca. 1890 et seq., 60 Alfred Drown Rd. (Stephen and Patty Lang); the Frank R. Chadwick House, ca. 1896 et seq., 53 Alfred Drown Rd. (John and Elaine Boyajian); and the Robert Wilde House, 1902 et seq., 379 New Meadow Rd. (Jack and Kathy Beauchamp). The owners are pictured here with their plaques and with committee chair Bonnie Warren and researcher Ann Shannon. The lively plaque program also featured local historian Jeff Howe's personal reminiscences of Happy Hollow, the snug neighborhood closest to the town's civic center. This year's plaque program will take place in November. Applications for new or replacement plaques are available on the BPS website.

MUSEUM NEWS

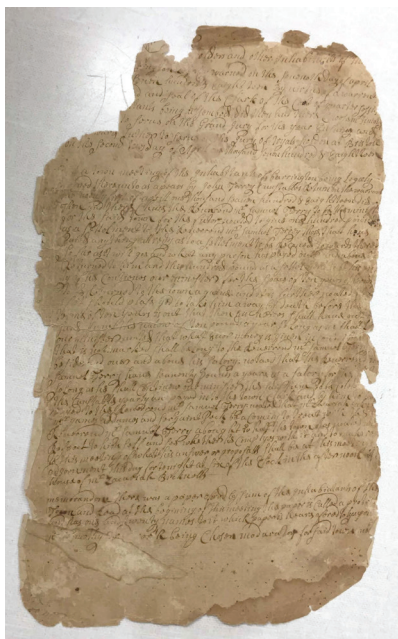
This year brings a new emphasis on stewardship of our collections in the Barrington Preservation Society Museum. We are reviewing and reorganizing collections storage, and we have also improved several aspects of the exhibition space. We hope to launch an initiative to reorganize and catalogue our document and image collections as well. Look for more on our collections to be posted online later this year or next.

This spring we have welcomed Barbara Hail as our newest museum volunteer. Barbara, a long-time Barrington resident and former staff member of the Haffenreffer museum, has brought her valuable expertise to these new museum efforts. New volunteers are always welcome, whether to help out in museum stewardship or to be involved in programs. Visit the museum, and find out how you can get involved!

Sponsoring Town Records Conservation

The Town of Barrington was a part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for only thirty years, from 1717 to 1746. Our town clerk still has two record books dating from those early days: a book of births, marriages, and deaths, and a book of minutes of the town meetings. The births, marriages, and deaths were published in 1894, and that original record book was repaired and rebound in the 1990s. The town meetings book is in disrepair and was discovered in 2014 wrapped in plain paper on a vault shelf. The contents have never been published.

Barrington Preservation Society, in partnership with the Rhode Island Genealogical Society and the Town of Barrington itself, is sponsoring repair and custom archival reboxing of this earliest public record book of our town. The repair work will be performed in the fall by Jason Patrician of Fish Bindery on Maple Ave. in Barrington. The contents of the record book will be published under the auspices of the Rhode Island Genealogical Society within the next two years.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

July • Bike Tour, Historic East Bay Bike Path

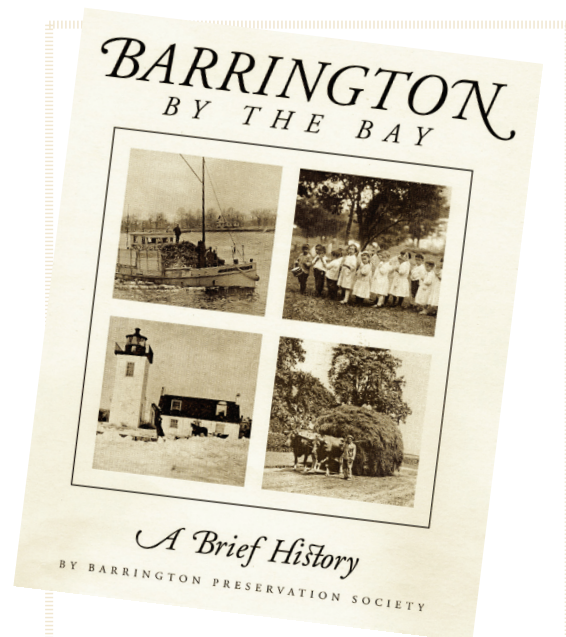
September • Heritage Day Tour: Barrington Historic Homes & Churches

October • Halloween-Season Graveyard Event

November • BPS Annual Plaque Program



Watch our event mailings, website, Facebook page, and the town calendar for specific dates and times of upcoming events.



Third Grade Field Trips

In May and June each year, all Barrington's third graders from Nayatt, Primrose, and Sowams schools take field trips to the Town Center. They visit the Town Hall, the Museum, and Princes Hill Cemetery. Preservation Society volunteers are their guides for the cemetery and the museum, and every child gets a copy of *Barrington By the Bay*, a history and activity book for children published by the Preservation Society in 2011 and reprinted for the students every year.

In the museum, kids see the history of the town laid out as thematic parts of our permanent core exhibits presenting many aspects of Barrington's history and culture. Prominent landmarks on the cemetery tour include early colonial gravestones from the 1720s, the imposing Civil War monument, and the quartz monument from 1903 commemorating enslaved people and people of color in Barrington.

For BPS volunteers, the third grade visits are a rewarding way to share our love and knowledge of Barrington's heritage with a new audience every year. Kids often come back to the museum to share what they have learned with brothers, sisters, and parents.



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Book and Medallion Available Together

The book *Barrington* (Arcadia Press, Images of America series) was published in May 2017 to critical acclaim and strong sales. It is on sale at the Preservation Museum, the Town Clerk's office, and the Library circulation desk. Together, the book and commemorative medallion make an attractive gift ensemble for anyone with interest and pride in Barrington. Prices: Book: \$21.99 plus tax (available through website with \$4 shipping and handling); Medallion: \$25.00 plus tax (available through website with \$5 shipping and handling). Special price, book and medallion together, \$45 plus tax (available on website with \$8 shipping and handling).

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*** Be a member and help preserve Barrington's rich history.
2018 dues cover from January 1 to December 31.

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*Stay connected and help BPS reduce costs by giving us your email address. Dues are tax deductible.

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Supporting ☐ \$100
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