



QUIDNESSETT NEWS 2011



For over 100 years Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery has been known for its serene beauty. Last year, local historian, Tim Cranston, stated during his annual walking tour of the cemetery “the Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery is the finest public park in North Kingstown”. Join him this Spring for an easy and informative “Walk in the Park”.

The Exeter/West Greenwich Brownie Troop #1152 planted daffodil bulbs in various gardens for their community service project. Tim Cranston provided historical stories and Kerry Rock demonstrated gravestone rubbing to the girls. Brownie leader Wendy Miller promises a return visit this spring.



A cemetery is a place for reflecting the wonderful memories of the past. Our music programs for Mothers and Fathers Days have been well received. They are held rain or shine from 3pm to 4pm. Light refreshments are provided.

A Mothers Day Concert featuring Patricia Petersen and her violin was enjoyed by cemetery visitors last May. Pat has played with the RI Philharmonic Orchestra and provides ministry of music for St. Paul’s Church. Plan a Mother’s Day visit to include this year’s selections by Ms. Petersen and her friends.



“WITHIN THESE GATES”

Manny Morales, his trumpet and friends provided a wonderful memorial music program on Fathers Day last June. Manny is a Junior at South Kingstown High School and plays with the RI Philharmonic, URI and SKHS bands. Mark your calendar to include his new music program on Fathers Day.



At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, veteran member Garnett Howard was elevated to Director Emeritus thereby placing his expertise on all committees. Margaret R. DeCubellis was unanimously voted on the Board. Meg organized the Katie DeCubellis Memorial Foundation when her thirteen year old daughter was killed by a drunk driver. She and her husband John speak to students throughout the country about the dangers of bad decisions. Currently Meg is a professor at RISD and lives in Narragansett with her husband and children Kyle and Eliza.

Lot owners and visitors are welcome to the annual Board of Directors meeting held in June. Call our General Manager, Paul Hartley at 401-884-7691 for exact times. Paul keeps our cemetery in top shape and works with Tim Cranston restoring other historic cemeteries.



Last Spring BAMBI visited our cemetery

Your interest and continued support of the Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery is appreciated. Maintaining the high standards of groundsmanhip and landscaping for our passed loved ones is a challenging responsibility. The cemetery has three sources of income: 1) The sale of burial spaces, above-ground niches and monuments. 2) Fees for services rendered. 3) Income from our Endowment Care Fund. The first two sources are adjusted annually for inflation and competition. The Board of Directors Investment Committee meets regularly with its investment advisors to maximize income and to safeguard principal of the Endowment Care Fund. A brochure is available listing various options should you wish to make a gift to the Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery Endowment Care Fund.

Sincerely, The Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery Boards of Directors