

Warwick Historical Society

Newsletter Summer 2010

Greetings from the board:

The months of May and June were busy. As was reported in the last newsletter we had a very successful Governors Tour Day. The Open House was well attended and the weather could not have been more perfect. Most of us spent a lot of time outdoors enjoying the sunshine. We were so pleased to honor both Don D'Amato and our own Henry Brown as our historians. Both have contributed so much to Warwick history in general and the Warwick Historical Society in particular. Again, our sincere thanks to both.



Our other big project was the Rocky Point Exhibition at the Warwick Museum during the month of June. That was another successful event we were pleased to take part in. Estimates are varied regarding the number of visitors. The numbers range between 1300-1500 guests who attended over the course of the month. Patty Martucci, program director, said it is the most successful exhibit they have had since they reopened and is sorry it wasn't scheduled for two months instead of one. In addition to our displays we were able to sell postcards that contributed to our fund raising. In a recent conversation I had with Mayor Avedisian he stated he was very pleased how it had turned out and was looking forward to the park being open to the public very soon.

Jason Mayoh, the graphic artist who spearheaded the exhibit has been asked to reproduce part of the exhibit at the N Kingstown and Providence Public Libraries. He has asked us to participate in those as well, which we will do. Jason is the artist who created the Rocky Point graphic novels. If you missed the Museum exhibit you will have another opportunity to view some of the material that has been made available to the public.

We will also be displaying photos from the exhibit in our display case at City Hall. This display will remain until after the referendum vote in November.



*Collages and
Display Boards
By
Felicia Gardella*



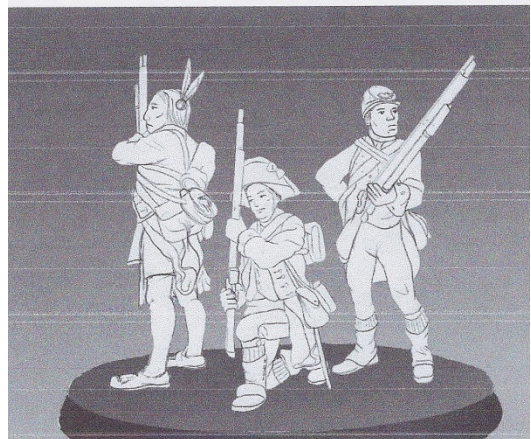
We filled the display case in the center hall of City Hall with Rocky Point material. Our tall display case in the lobby has again been filled by the Clouds Hill Museum. Please stop by and view our handiwork.

Don D'Amato will be giving a talk on Conimicut and Mark Rock at the Woodbury Church on August 10. We provided him with background material for him to use. We will have reprints of some of our postcards of Conimicut that can be purchased at that time. He will also be giving talk(s) at the library this fall.

Dates and topics have not been determined. Lucille has been working on editing the videos of his recent series at the library. When this is available we will let you know. Some who were present had expressed an interest in purchasing the final version.

Our next undertaking will take place at Oakland Beach in August. We will have a table at National Night Out on Tuesday August 3rd from 5 pm til dusk. This event is primarily informational. Then on Sunday August 8th we will again have a table at the Festival all day. At that time we will have postcards and pamphlets of local interest available for sale as well as several of Don D'Amato's books and pamphlets.

We continue to receive requests for historical information that we provide to the best of our ability. We do charge for our research as a means of raising money so that we can continue to maintain our collection. The most recent requests have been from Kent Hospital that is having a gala in the fall; URI that is doing a special project on Post Rd; and Yorktown, NY that is erecting a monument to honor our own Christopher Greene and the 1st RI Regiment who fought there during the Revolution. Sadly, Christopher is getting more recognition there than in his own home state. To the right is an artists' rendition of what the monument may look like. The plan is to have it cast in bronze. It is a private project so no tax dollars will be used.



Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy summer.

*Each time history repeats itself, the price goes up.---*Author Unknown