

2024 RI Historical Cemeteries Awareness and Preservation Weeks – May Calendar as of 4/30/2024				
May 2	Thursday	2pm to 3pm	Newport	<p><b>Presentation- Gilded Age Graves in Newport Presentation</b> - Edward King House -  <b>reservations-</b> <a href="https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/mavrqeij/lp/d1f15b4a-3519-45d5-be59-62b62fbbe998">https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/mavrqeij/lp/d1f15b4a-3519-45d5-be59-62b62fbbe998</a></p> <p>The city of Newport was the playground of Gilded Age Americans who built the “cottages” that stand today and provide a glimpse of the places they lived. When death arrived, Island Cemetery became “the place” to be buried. The cemetery is the final resting place of ordinary people to world famous individuals. While many buried here were part of the year-round Newport community, a surprising number of summer visitors chose Newport as their place for eternal rest. Members of Mrs. Astors 400, explorers, civil rights leaders, architects, politicians and military heroes are among the people discussed in the presentation. The cemetery has a rich variety of sculptured monuments, some designed by noted architects. The presentation will include grave markers that reflect both the wealth and style of the time.</p> <p>-Lew Keen has served as a state cemetery commissioner and chair of the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission since 2016. He has documented graves in Newport for the state database and is a co-author of <i>Discover Island Cemetery: Notable People and Monuments from the Gilded Age to Modern Times</i>. His website is <a href="http://ripnewport.com">ripnewport.com</a></p> <p>This presentation is free of charge but <b>reservations are required</b>.</p>
May 4	Saturday	9am to 12noon	Cranston	<p><b>Spring Clean-up-</b> CR003 Oakland Cemetery located at 1569 Broad St Cranston, RI. The Cranston Historical Cemetery Commission is once again partnering with Gateway Pentecostal Fellowship to pick up winter debris and to cut, rake, and trim the landscape. Questions contact- Paul - <a href="mailto:mptog@protonmail.com">mptog@protonmail.com</a></p>

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May 4	Saturday	10 am	Lincoln	<b>Walking Tour – Saylesville</b> Meeting House and Friends Burial Ground – 374 Great Rd. Lincoln, RI 02865. The Saylesville Meeting House is one of the oldest sites for worship still standing in Rhode Island. Learn about the people who worshipped in this area and see a local landmark notable for its historical significance and architectural beauty. Program presented as a partnership between the Providence Friends Meeting and Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park. - <b>Parking is limited</b> near the Saylesville Meeting House. Additional parking at Gateway Park, next to Arnold House, 487 Great Road, Lincoln, RI. Contact: Allison Horrocks - <a href="mailto:Allison_Horrocks@nps.gov">Allison_Horrocks@nps.gov</a> .
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May 4	Saturday	11 am	Newport	<b>Walking Tour</b> - Colonial Stone Carvers of Trinity Church Yard. 1 Queen Anne Sq, Newport-02840 Attendance is limited to 10 people. <b>Reservations:</b> <a href="mailto:TrinityTours100@gmail.com">TrinityTours100@gmail.com</a> - One hour guided walking tour with preservationist Jimmy Lappin, who will also share insights gained from having cleaned many of the gravestones in the churchyard. Most of Trinity's 250 graves date to the 18 <sup>th</sup> century, representing the fine work of stone carvers from the John Stevens family, and John Bull.
May 4	Saturday	10 am	Newport	<b>Clean-up- Saturdays – May, 11, 18 – 10 am - <u>Volunteer work at Newport's Common Burying Ground</u></b> Volunteers will help enhance this historic burial site. The main effort will be to paint rusting metal poles and gates. All materials will be provided and no experience is needed. Please <b>send an email to</b> <a href="mailto:npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com">npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com</a> to let us know you plan to participate as cancelation due to wet weather may be needed.

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May 4	Saturday	9am – 12 noon	Providence	<p><b>Care-for-the-Square- clean-up-</b> Beautify Trinty Square together. Includes a clean-up at Grace Church Cemetery (corner of Elmwood and Broad), Providence, RI - <b>Meet</b> at the Salvation Army 386 Broad St. Providence, RI. Contact - Deborah Schimberg &lt;<a href="mailto:trinitysquaretogether@gmail.com">trinitysquaretogether@gmail.com</a> -</p> <p><i>Free lunch to follow</i></p>

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May 4	Saturday	10:30 am	Tiverton	<b>Walking Tour</b> - Guided tour of the old Congregational Church Cemetery #11 on Lake Road (near East Road intersection), having 16 Revolutionary War veterans and 2 Civil War veterans, and the most slate gravestones of the 90 known Tiverton burial grounds. The public may <b>park</b> in the adjacent St Madeleine's Church lot on Lake Road, north of the cemetery. <b>RSVP</b> Contact - Sue Anderson <a href="mailto:gsriengr@yahoo.com">gsriengr@yahoo.com</a>

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May 6	Monday	4pm to 5:30pm	South Kingstown	<p><b>Discussion-</b> Location- OLLI at URI, 210 Flagg Road, Room 212, Kingston, RI 02881- Phone: 401.874.4197; <a href="mailto:Email-olli@uri.edu">Email-olli@uri.edu</a></p> <p>Celebrate 2024 RI Historical Cemeteries Awareness and Preservation Weeks with a lively discussion about some of the Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Washington County. Historic Cemeteries. Washington County Commissioner Debbie Suggs will introduce you to the locales who helped secure American independence. Participants will learn how local volunteers have joined forces with the RI Historical Cemeteries Commission to restore the historical cemeteries and memorials for these almost-forgotten Rhode Islanders. This program is sponsored by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and the Narragansett-Cooke-Gaspee Chapter of the Rhode Island Daughters of the American Revolution. The topic is suitable for all age levels. Deb Suggs</p>
May 11	Saturday	10 am	Providence	<p><b>Walking Tour-</b> NBG Notable Interments - North Burial Ground 5 Branch Ave Providence, RI 02904 - “Meet” some of the outstanding individuals who call NBG their final resting place. Led by NBG docent Chris! <b>Meet</b> at the Rochambeau Gate-there’s <b>no need to RSVP!</b> Contact- Annalisa <a href="mailto:Aheppner@providenceri.gov">Aheppner@providenceri.gov</a></p>
May 11	Saturday	10am to 3pm	Tiverton	<p><b>Gravestone cleaning and repair.</b> The Tiverton Historical Cemeteries Commission welcomes volunteers to help clean and reset stones at the Daniel Dwelly Lot #39 on Windwood Drive (off of Stafford Road/Rte. 81). No experience or supplies needed. Come for an hour or more! <b>Parking</b> available on Windwood Drive. Contact Jim Spears <a href="mailto:jim.spears.@cox.net">jim.spears.@cox.net</a></p>
May 11	Saturday	9am	North Smithfield	<p><b>Walking Tour</b> – Hotchkiss Cemetery NS36 – See April 20 for tour information</p>
May 11	Saturday	10 am	Newport	<p><b>Clean-up-</b> Saturday - <u>Volunteer work at Newport’s Common Burying Ground</u> <b>SEE May 4<sup>th</sup> for more information</b></p>
May 11	Saturday	1 PM	Newport	<p><b>Guided Walking Tour-</b> Explore <b>St. Mary’s Cemetery</b>, the final resting place of well over 1,000 Newporters of the mid-1800s through the early 1900s, including countless immigrants from Ireland and first-generation Irish Americans. This cemetery was established to serve R.I.’s first Catholic parish (est. 1828), which, in 1848-1852 constructed a new church in which to house its growing congregation, fueled by immigration from Ireland. That church, dedicated in 1852 to “<i>The Holy Name of Mary, Our Lady of the Isle,</i>” stands today at the corner of Spring Street</p>

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				<p>and Memorial Boulevard West. The St. Mary's Cemetery was in operation soon after the church was completed. Your tour guide is Steve Marino.</p> <p><i><b>Meet at the gate on Kingston Ave. near the intersection with Warner Street, shown in photo. We're pointing folks to the Museum's Historic Cemetery Tours webpage for details and to please <b>make a reservation.</b> <a href="https://newportirishhistory.org/historic-cemetery-tours/">https://newportirishhistory.org/historic-cemetery-tours/</a></b></i></p> <p><b>Questions:</b> <a href="mailto:NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com">NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com</a></p>
May 11	Saturday	9 am	Richmond	<p><b>HIKE</b> – 1.5-hour hike to visit Richmond cemeteries RD#6 and RD#59. We will also see Cairns, old stonewall lined farm road, old cellar holes, huge boulders, rock bridges, old barn walls and a well. <b>Meet at</b> telephone pole #91 Hillsdale Rd. - Small parking lot. From Route 138, go North on Hillsdale Rd for 1.7 miles to parking on left. Contact- Dory Wagner <a href="mailto:dorwagg@aol.com">dorwagg@aol.com</a></p>
May 11	Saturday	9am to 12 pm	Coventry	<p><b>Monument Repair</b>- Continuation of monument repair at Maple Root Cemetery (CY #135) on Harkney Hill Rd. Please <b>register</b> at <a href="mailto:coventrycemeteries@gmail.com">coventrycemeteries@gmail.com</a> for parking instructions and to be notified of any weather postponements.</p>
May 15	Wednesday	10am to 12 noon	East Providence	<p>EP005 Ancient Littleneck Cemetery- <b>Clean ups, Stone cleaning, and Self-guided tours</b> – located off Read St – Riverside, RI 02915– Contact Sandra - <a href="mailto:friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com">friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com</a></p>
May 18	Saturday	10 am	Westerly	<p><b>Clean-up</b> - Sat, May 18th 10AM - WY30 Hall-Vars Ground Westerly, RI, Clean-up Hosted by RIACHC Commissioner Larry Hunter          Located adj to 181 Bradford Rd. Park at the lacrosse fields, Follow the path around the South/Eastern Lacross field to a path into the woods at the SE Corner. Bear right on the path for ¼ mile and the cemetery is on the hill on the right. Bring gloves, bug spray, rakes, leaf blowers, loppers/clippers. For updated information or weather conditions follow @ <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/648466672322227">https://www.facebook.com/groups/648466672322227</a></p>
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May 18	Saturday	1pm	Providence	<b>Headstone Cleaning Workshop</b> - North Burial Ground 5 Branch Ave Providence, RI 02904- Learn the one way to clean headstones totally approved by NBG's caretakers! We'll demonstrate our headstone cleaning technique, talk about the different stones present at NBG, and then work together to clean a section of slate and marble stones! It'll be a fun way to try something new. We'll <b>meet</b> at the Rochambeau Gate, and there's <b>no need to RSVP!</b> Contact- Annalisa <a href="mailto:Aheppner@providenceri.gov">Aheppner@providenceri.gov</a>
May 18	Saturday	10am to 12noon	East Providence	EP003 Newman Cemetery- <b>Clean ups, Stone cleaning, and Self-guided tours</b> - located on Pawtucket Ave -Rumford, RI – Contact Sandra - <a href="mailto:friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com">friendsofnewmancemetery@gmail.com</a>
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May 18	Saturday	11 am	North Kingstown	<p><b>Tours</b> - May 18 and May 25 - Casey Farm in Saunderstown would like to offer free guided cemetery tours of the Silas Casey Cemetery (RI Historical Cemetery NK#65) on Saturdays, May 18 and May 25 at 11:00 am. Tours meet at the information booth of the Casey Farm Market, which runs from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Contact- Jane Hennedy - <a href="mailto:jhennedy@historicnewengland.org">jhennedy@historicnewengland.org</a></p>
May 19	Sunday	11 am	Providence	<p><b>Walking Tour</b>- At Locust Grove- 442 Elmwood Ave Providence, RI 02907- Come take a tour of a selection of Locust Grove’s “white bronze” monuments, or” zinkies” hosted by NBG docent, Lexie! Lexie has put together a tour highlighting the history and design of these monuments built by the Monumental Bronze Co. and the Locust Grove families who chose to install these fascinating pieces.</p> <p><i>Meet at the Elmwood Entrance Ave. under the Locust Grove Gate. Contact- Annalisa <a href="mailto:Aheppner@providenceri.gov">Aheppner@providenceri.gov</a></i></p>
May 23	Thursday	TBD	Providence	<p><b>Memorial Day Tour</b>- Locust Grove- 442 Elmwood Ave Providence, RI 02907- Honor the memories of the Civil War veterans at Locust Grove, and learn about how the history of contemporary American mourning and funeral customs are rooted in this time period. Locust Grove is in the Elmwood neighborhood, and is a great example of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century suburban cemetery. We’ll <b>meet</b> at the Elmwood Ave entrance at the new gate. Contact- Annalisa <a href="mailto:Aheppner@providenceri.gov">Aheppner@providenceri.gov</a></p>

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May 26	Sunday	10 am	Newport	<b>Tour- Decoration Day at Island Cemetery Tour</b> <b>reservations-</b> <a href="mailto:npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com">npthistoriccemeteries@gmail.com</a> Cemeteries have been important Memorial Day sites since the holiday was created. This tour honors a selected number of people who served our country in the military. Some died while in service, one received the Congressional Medal of Honor, and some fought in multiple wars. While many of the people on the tour served in the Spanish American and Civil Wars, veterans of other military campaigns will be included in the tour. -The tour will be presented by Lew Keen, a state cemetery commissioner and chair of the Newport Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission. He has documented graves in Newport for the state database and is a co-author of <i>Discover Island Cemetery: Notable People and Monuments from the Gilded Age to Modern Times</i> . His website is <a href="http://ripnewport.com">ripnewport.com</a>
May 26	Sunday	1pm to 2pm	North Smithfield	<b>Walking Tour</b> - Local Veteran’s Service Stories - Explore Slatersville Cemetery with a park ranger this Memorial Day Weekend. Learn the stories of local veterans who served in the Civil War. Presented in partnership with North Smithfield Heritage Association. <b>Meet</b> in front of Heritage Hall, located at 101 Green Street, Slatersville (North Smithfield), RI. Contact: Mark Mello <a href="mailto:Mark_Mello@nps.gov">Mark_Mello@nps.gov</a> <i>Allison Horrocks - Park Ranger Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park</i>

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May 26 – June 14 Flag Day	Ongoing...		Newport	<b>Self-Guided Tours</b> of Veterans' graves dated 1731-2022 at Trinity Church, Newport – 1 Queen Anne Sq, Newport- 02840 Veterans from the Colonial Wars; British loyalists, Patriots and French officers from the Revolutionary War; and veterans who served our country more recently in the Navy and Marine Corps are honored for Memorial Day with historically accurate flags. Brochures are located at the Church Street entrance.
May 30	Thursday	5:30pm to 7:00pm	Lincoln	<b>Walking Tour-</b> The Power of Nature - Take a power walk through Lincoln Woods with a park ranger. Visit the historic Olney Burial Ground and enjoy a guided hike during a late springtime evening. Duration: approximately two miles. <b>Use the Route 146/Twin River Road Entrance.</b> Free parking is available. Contact: Tyler Shepard – <a href="mailto:Tyler_Shepard@nps.gov">Tyler_Shepard@nps.gov</a>  <i>Allison Horrocks - Park Ranger Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park</i>