

The Babcock-Smith House Museum Newsletter

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We Popped Up

It took many photographs from many different angles, all transmitted by email to the paper engineer in Texas, to get the dimensions for the Museum which pops up out of "the book."

We were honored to be featured on the history page of the Westerly Pop-Up book sponsored by the Ocean Community Chamber Foundation to finish out the town-wide festivities for Westerly's 350th birthday.

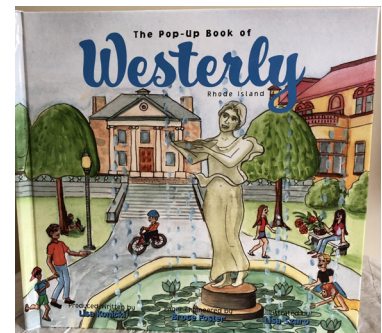
One of the nicest touches was that the background for the page was actually a close-up photograph of the Westerly granite gravestone of Isaac Smith Jr., granite historian and Smith descendant, making this page extra special.



Granite Adventures

When Ellen Madison visited Corning NY, she went armed with information about a Westerly granite mausoleum and an obelisk. When she and her cohorts could not find either, she called in the help of Audrey Graham, local cemetery historian, who told her that she was in the wrong Hope Cemetery. There were actually two with the same name. To further complicate matters, the Smith Granite Company order books listed the obelisk under the name of Fiske which turned out to be the married name of the woman ordering the stone for Hyatt, her birth family name.

Feel free to share your hunting adventures with us.



The Pop Up Book of Westerly is available through the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce.

New Titles and New Faces

Maureen Bjorkland has assumed her new duties as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Maureen has been on the Board of Trustees since 2012 in the position of Treasurer. She holds an MBA in Accounting and is a Certified Management Accountant. She is currently employed as Vice President, Risk Management at the Washington Trust Company. She is an avid gardener and has been working on the gardens at the Babcock-Smith House Museum since she joined the board.

Andrew Bicknell has joined the Board of Trustees in the Treasurer position. His position as the Financial Reporting Manager at

the Washington Trust Company makes him a perfect fit for the Treasurer position. We are excited to have him on the board!

Andrew Rogers has joined the Board of Trustees in the position of Recording Secretary. He has replaced Susan Brocato who remains on the Board as the archivist. Andrew joins us from the Westerly Community Credit Union, where he is the Vice President of Operations. In addition to his secretarial duties, Andrew has begun the somewhat daunting task of updating our technology!



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Upcoming Events

Abraham Lincoln

Presented by Judge Frank Williams
Judge Williams continues his discussion of our sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln.

Sunday, February 16 at 2 pm

The Woman's Suffrage Movement in Rhode Island - The Quest for Equality

Presented by Russ DeSimone
The talk looks at the struggle for equality and access to the ballot box beginning in the mid-nineteenth century up to the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Sunday, February 23 at 2 pm

Lazzari and Barton:

Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm

Rediscovering My Family's Monument Business and Its Westerly Connections

Presented by Hugh Barton
Learn about the search to find out more about Lazzari and Barton.

Vintage Baseball in Westerly

Presented by Russell Soder
A chat about the Westerly Quarrymen. Discover our beloved pastime in its original form, circa 1864.

Sunday, March 15 at 2 pm

Abe Lincoln's Songbook

Presented by Peter Piacquadio and musicians
Come hear the music which Abraham Lincoln loved. Brass trio with narration.

Sunday, March 29 at 2 pm

Granite Street: Then and Now

Presented by John Coduri and Tony Smith
Do you wonder what Granite Street looked like before it became a strip of retail establishments? Annual Open House.

Saturday, May 23 at 2 pm

All events are at the Carriage House unless otherwise specified. Not-yet members \$5; free for members.