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*Founders Hall, built in 1819 as Newport’s poorhouse, was the original site of the Naval War College, founded in 1884. Naval Historical Collection.*
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The Newport Historical Society has maintained a Library and Museum of Newport and Rhode Island history since its incorporation in 1854. For over 150 years, the Society has grown in its membership, and in the extent and diversity of its collections, which contain a wealth of information for researchers.

Society activities include lectures, exhibits, guided and self-guided walking tours, educational outreach programs and special events such as the annual Newport Antiques Show.

The 1762 Brick Market at 127 Thames Street was designed in the Palladian style by Peter Harrison, considered the first American architect. Now the Brick Market Museum & Shop, it is the place to start for Newport's unique and exciting story, told through exhibits from the collections of the Newport Historical Society.

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For information on tours, programs, exhibits and properties please call 401-846-0813 or visit www.newporthistorical.org.

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**JANUARY**

*Fashioning Her World: A Shopkeeping Widow in 18th Century Newport*

**Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 6pm**

Christina J. Hodge, Ph.D., discusses her research on Elizabeth Pratt, a mid-18th-century Newport woman. A widow and shopkeeper, Pratt had her shop and resided on the site of the Newport Historical Society’s Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House grounds on Broadway.

**FEBRUARY**

*Fashionable Folks: Hairstyles 1840-1900*

**Saturday, February 20, 2010, 3pm**

Today’s hairstyles may seem new and unique, but are actually rooted in history. Maureen Taylor, author of *Fashionable Folks: Hairstyles 1840-1900*, presents her work on the evolution of hairstyles, including facial hair, illustrating her talk with 19th century photographs.

**APRIL**

*Scrimshaw of Rhode Island*

**Thursday, April 29, 2010, 6pm**

Stuart M. Frank, Ph.D., Senior Curator of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, will discuss the unique nature of Rhode Island scrimshaw and include examples from the collections of the Newport Historical Society. The program will conclude with Dr. Frank and two members of his Scrimshaw Forensics Laboratory® team, Richard Donnelly and Vasant Gideon, conducting appraisals of your scrimshaw items.

**MAY**

*Chocolate in Colonial Newport*

**Thursday, May 6, 2010, 6pm**

Rhode Island and Newport were important in the chocolate trade of the American colonies. Rabbi Deborah Prinz will discuss cacao in the colonial period and the pioneering role that Jewish merchants played in the production, trade and retail business of chocolate.

*All programs take place at the Colony House on Washington Square. For additional event details call 401-846-0813 or 401-841-8770.*
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