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The Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House at 17 Broadway is one of Newport's oldest surviving residences, built circa 1697. A fully restored example of early Colonial architecture, the house is furnished with period decorative arts and furniture. Tours are offered seasonally.

The Great Friends Meeting House at Farewell and Marlborough Streets was built in 1699. Rhode Island's oldest surviving house of worship is an exceptionally fine example of early architecture. During the early 1700s it was one of the largest and most recognizable buildings in town, a symbol of the political, cultural, and economic dominance of Newport's Quakers. Tours are offered seasonally.

The Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House was constructed in 1730 on Barney Street and can now be seen as part of the Historical Society's headquarters building. Extensively restored in 2008-09, it is the oldest surviving Seventh Day Baptist meeting house in America. It is believed to have been designed by Richard Munday, and boasts complex moldings, raised bolection paneling, and hand carved balusters on the staircase leading to the wineglass pulpit. Tours are offered seasonally.

The Colony House on Washington Square, designed by Richard Munday, was built in 1739, and quickly became the cultural and political center of Colonial Rhode Island. It has been the scene of important events, including landmark trials, a reading of the Declaration of Independence from the balcony, the state's Election Day festivities, and a reception for the visiting George Washington hosted by French General Rochambeau. Tours are offered seasonally.

The 1762 Brick Market at 127 Thames Street was designed in the Palladian style by Peter Harrison, considered to be the first American architect. Now the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 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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PASSING STRANGE: A GILDED AGE TALE OF LOVE AND DECEPTION ACROSS THE COLOR LINE
Martha A. Sandweiss discusses her book, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, about Newport son Clarence King, celebrated 19th-century geologist, explorer and writer and his secret marriage to Ada Copeland, a woman born into slavery.
Thursday, June 24, 6pm, Colony House, Washington Square.
Admission $5, NHS Members $1

SIGNING THEIR LIVES AWAY
Denise Kiernan and Joseph D’Agnese, authors of Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence, discuss their favorite signer stories and debunk popular myths.
Saturday, July 3, 3pm Colony House, Washington Square.
Admission $5, NHS members $1

LIVING HISTORY: RECRUITING FOR THE WAR OF 1812
Costumed interpreters take you back to 1812 Newport as the new nation prepared to declare war on Great Britain. A vivid reminder of the challenges faced by a young United States on the brink of war with an Empire.
Saturday, July 31 Colony House, Washington Square
Call for time and details.

2010 NEWPORT ANTIQUES SHOW
Saturday, August 14, 10am - 6pm, Sunday, August 15, 10am - 5pm
GALA PREVIEW PARTY Friday, August 13, 6 - 9pm

ANNUAL MEETING - Thursday, September 16 5pm

KING OF THE LOBBY
Kathryn Allamong Jacob, author of King of the Lobby: The Life and Times of Sam Ward, Man-About-Washington in the Gilded Age.
Ward was the most influential lobbyist of his day, elevating to an art the wine-and-dine style of lobbying common in Washington today.
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DISCOVER COLONIAL NEWPORT - Hear stories of revolution and ruin, struggles for religious liberty and the remarkable entrepreneurship of Newport’s diverse people. 10:30am daily (Sun 11:30am) June - Oct.

PIRATES & SCOUNDRELS - See where scoundrels lived, pirates profited and where criminals were tried and punished. Find out why this colony was sometimes known as “Rogue’s Island.” 11:30am Saturdays June 5, July 10, August 14, Sept 18.

OLD HOUSE ABCS - Explore Newport’s architecture from the 1699 Friends Meeting House to the Victorian splendor of lower Bellevue Avenue. 11:30am Saturdays, June 12, July 17, August 21, Sept 25.

NEWPORT’S BURIED HISTORY - Focusing on the story of Colonial Newport’s people of color, enslaved and free, this walking tour includes a visit to the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House and the African burying ground. 11:30am Saturdays, June 19, July 24, August 28, Oct 2.

TASTES OF THE WORKING WATERFRONT - Taste, touch and smell your way through history and learn about the sailors, merchants and immigrants who lived and worked along Lower Thames Street.

NOTE: Tour departs from NRF Museum Store at 415 Thames St. 11:30am Saturdays, June 26, July 31, Sept 4, Oct 9.

RUM & REVOLUTION - Stories of taverns, distillers, rum runners, the changing role and use of alcohol and its importance throughout Newport’s history. 11:30am Saturdays, July 3, August 7, Sept 11, Oct 16.

New Tour! THE FRENCH IN NEWPORT - For Bastille Day, a walking tour about the French occupation of Newport and the role of the French in the American Revolution. 11:30am, Wednesday, July 14. $12; $10 NHS members. Reservations required. 401-841-8770 Departs from the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street.

Purchase tickets for tours at the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames St. $12 (5 ages 12 & under) Tours last approximately 75 minutes. For more information on tours, including tours of the Historical Society’s properties, please call 401-841-8770 or visit www.NewportHistoryTours.org
PASSING STRANGE with Martha Sandweiss  
Thursday June 24, 2010 at 6pm, Colony House  
Martha Sandweiss will discuss her book Passing Strange: A Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line, which tells the story of Clarence King, a Newport native, noted geologist and hobnobber in powerful circles. Dr. Sandweiss is a history professor at Princeton University. The program takes place at the Colony House on Washington Square. Admission costs $5 per person, $1 for NHS members.

SIGNING THEIR LIVES AWAY  
Saturday July 3, 2010 at 3pm, Colony House  
In 1776 fifty-six men risked their lives and livelihood to defy the King of England sign the Declaration of Independence. But how many of them do we really know? Join the authors of Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence, Denise Kiernan and Joseph D’Agnese, who will share some of their favorite signer stories and debunk myths about the legacy of the founding fathers. Admission costs $5 per person, $1 for NHS members.

FRENCH IN NEWPORT TOUR  
Wednesday July 14, 2010 at 11:30am  
On Bastille Day, learn about the French occupation of Newport and the role the French played during the American Revolution during this new tour. Departs from the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street, Newport, RI. Reservations required. 401-841-8770 $12 per person; $10 for NHS members.

KING OF THE LOBBY  
Thursday September 23, 2010 at 5:30pm, Colony House  
Kathryn Allamong Jacob, author of King of the Lobby (Johns Hopkins UP 2009) tells how Sam Ward, a colorful character with a Newport connection, harnessed delicious food, fine wine, and good conversation to the task of becoming the most influential lobbyist of the Gilded Age. Admission costs $5 per person, $1 for NHS members.