

Tiverton's Good News

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Tiverton seniors' work is a labor of love



Seniors work recently on making the many articles of clothing, blankets and other items, which will be donated to needy organizations, and—this year—be sold at the upcoming fair at Aquidneck Place in Portsmouth. The fair is Sat. Nov. 8 and Sun. Nov. 9, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

They never know just who receives their labors of love, but the dedicated group of women who gather at the Tiverton Senior Center know for sure they are appreciated. Since 1995 their numbers have grown from the original six or seven, to 20 and 30 people who meet weekly to make items for needy individuals.

Pierrette Dumenco, point person for the group, was instrumental in organizing it. She said her daughter asked her one day if the women at the Center “would be interested in doing things for the babies at SStarbirth,” Dumenco said she

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Photographs tell the story at Town Hall show

Seven Tiverton area residents will show their photographs in “Scene Around Tiverton” an exhibit presented by the Tiverton Arts Council at Town Hall in November through December .

The seven artists vary in technique and perspective.

Rick Barrette of Tiverton works for the town and has his own business. His photography is a collaborative effort with his daughter, Tara O’Shea,9, who lives in

Warwick. They enjoy taking pictures of the town’s marshes and streams.

Meredith Brower has a BFA from the Rochester Institute of Technology in commercial photography.

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Photo by Alexandria Mauck

Many agencies benefit from seniors' work

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had to think about it, because the women were retired and might not want to undertake a project. But, it turned out that they did.

SStarbirth is a residential program for chemically dependent, pregnant and post-partum woman and their children; it is funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. The women and their infants or other children live in the facility for one year.

Dumenco said the group soon added the Rhode Islanders Sponsoring Education (RISE) as a recipient because it seemed a natural companion to SStarbirth. RISE provides private schooling for children of mothers who were formerly incarcerated because of drug addiction.

This year the group also added the Tavares Pediatric Center in Providence, an intensive, acute care pediatric nursing home for severely ill children or young adults with long-term diseases such as cerebral palsy, and the Regan Center in Cranston, a state run facility for those who have severe head injuries in need of long-term care.



Pierrette Dumenco said "everybody is president" in the group, so "the work gets done."

Many seniors work at home at night. By week's end, their output is prodigious. "It's very impressive," Dumenco said. "We have some who are so talented."

The group makes diverse articles, including baby clothes of all types, lap robes, dog-bone pillows for the wheel-chair bound, afghans, cardigans, playsuits, scarves and more.

Editorially Speaking....

"Tiverton's Good News" is a newsletter for and about the residents of Tiverton.

We invite you to participate in this newsletter by providing good news of interest that will enhance the lives of those who read it. Photographs—digital or prints—are welcome, and can be sent to the addresses below. The editor will also consider taking a picture of a special event. Newsletter hours of operation are:

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We have undertaken this venture with eagerness. We particularly want to point out the great help extended to the town by **Paul Terceiro**, who voluntarily maintains the town's web site and who graciously has agreed to add this newsletter each month so residents can download it (see page 4).

Copy deadline next month: Nov. 26th!

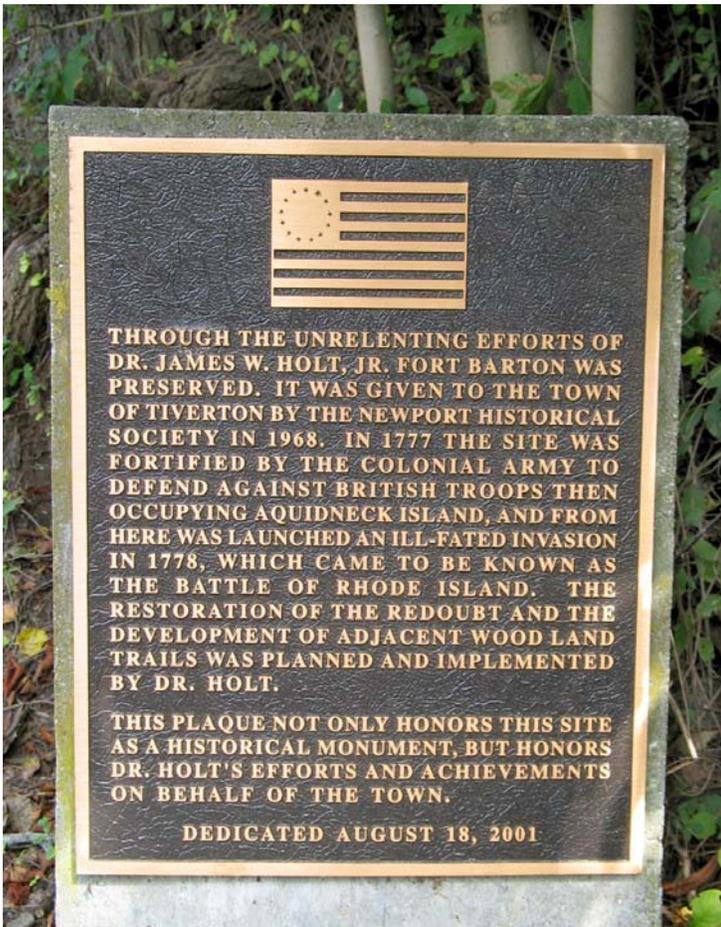


Busy downstairs pricing and tagging the many creations that will be at the Aquidneck Place fair are (standing) Doris Cordeiro, and (counter-clockwise around table) Helen Gaughan, Dottie Ferreira, Terry Viveiros and Angie Chaves.



The prodigious work of only one week awaits being photographed, described and logged by Dumenco in the group's album for this year. She has maintained the albums for the Center since 1996.

A town Treasure: Fort Barton



A dedication plaque on Highland Road near the entrance to Fort Barton explains the history of the Fort and how it came to be owned by the town



The view from Fort Barton. A bench is provided to rest and meditate on the beautiful surroundings.

Fort Barton is historic. It is the site of the original redoubt (fortification or defense) built during the American Revolution. It was the troop staging area for the invasion of Aquidneck Island and Newport and the eventual Battle of Rhode Island. There are three miles of trail walks available.

Last year many volunteers worked to raise funds to assist in the reconstruction of the observation tower at the fort. The old tower was dismantled, and removed, making way for a new observation deck.

OPEN: Year-round, sunrise to sunset.

Your town website: kudos to Paul Teceiro

This newsletter would like to highlight the effort of one man who, through his efforts, has generously made available to Tiverton an immense resource. You may have noticed that our newsletter promotes the fact that it is on the web. Without the excellent assistance provided by one of your neighbors, it would not be.

Paul Teceiro has worked for several years to provide the town—at absolutely no cost to it—a website that is informative, immensely comprehensive and a source of much important information to Tiverton

residents. If you have not logged on to see this wonderful collection of news, features and pertinent briefings, we heartily recommend that you do so. The web site url is www.Tiverton.org

Here is a sampling of the diversity of topics you will find on this site:

- Information on local businesses, government agencies, the fire and police departments, places of worship, recreational areas, stray animals, schools, restaurants, places of worship, schools, maps of the area and even an ongoing yard sale!

- All the data you'll ever need about town resources under "Town Government"—departments, committees, commissions, boards, people, phone numbers, etc.;
- Under "What's New?" a feature on "Ticks and Your Child" with valuable information about Lyme Disease—it's prevention, symptoms, and resources for treatment;
- Links to T.F. Green airport and all the data you might need to plan a trip or track flights;
- Town documents available for downloading in Adobe Acrobat, as well as reports on subjects of ongoing interest to Tiverton, such as the Bay Street Area.

Tiverton Tidbits

Tiverton's Good News would like to report that last month's "**Singing Out Against Hunger**," was a huge success! The event was held at Evelyn's Drive-In to raise funds for New Visions for Newport County, Inc., and to replenish food banks in the East Bay Area for the coming winter.

According to Jane Bitto of Evelyn's, "It went great. It was such an experience." The event raised over \$5,000, and brought in 1,000 pounds of canned goods. "Really more than that, what impressed me the most was that 150 individuals—business owners and musicians—came together.

"It wasn't one person's effort," she said. "I think if we had another 150, they would have contributed as well. And, the music was terrific."

Calendar Highlights of Tiverton Senior Center for the month of November:

- 18th—Project council
- 20th—Mary Kay Intro
- 21st—Kwanza Intro
- 25th—Pine Cone Wreath Class
- 26th—Legal, John Smollin

Reminder: The upcoming sale of knitting and crocheting by seniors at the Tiverton Senior Center will take place at the fall fair at Aquidneck Place in Portsmouth. Proceeds are used to purchase supplies so the seniors can continue their wonderful work (see front page article). The fair is Sat., Nov. 8 and Sun., Nov. 9, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Help a good cause and pick up a truly wonderful piece of handmade work for a gift for someone you know, or for a gift for yourself!

Tiverton Library Services will hold two important workshops to help them in the planning stages of their campaign to build a new, modern library for the town.

Residents and their children are invited to attend a Focus Group Workshop: "**Planning Workshop for New Library Facility**," at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Judson Street Community Center, to provide input to the library.

A **second workshop** will be held that evening at the Tiverton Town Hall at 7 p.m. Invited to this workshop are the Town Administrator, department heads, and members of the Town Council, town committees, boards and commissions, library trustees, building committee, Union Association and Friends of TLS.

The moderator for both sessions will be Elizabeth Mainiero, Library Consultant. For more information please contact Cheryl Aboudola, Library director, at 401-625-6796, ext. 12.

We're on the web!
www.tiverton.org

If you can access the internet and the Tiverton web site, you can access a copy of Tiverton's Good News. It will be in the Adobe Acrobat format. To download and read or print a copy, just double click the newsletter.

NOTE: If you do not have an Adobe Acrobat reader, it's easy to get it and it's free. Just go to

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

and follow the directions.

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She is inspired by the scenery and tranquility of south Tiverton, where she grew up.

Robert Thomas Egan has a degree in industrial photography, and enjoys improvisational and studio portraiture ranging from whimsical to formal.

Evelyn Ellis of Portsmouth has been taking pictures of sunsets across the Sakonnet River from Tiverton for some 40 years.

Lynne Perrault tried to instill her photographs with the love of

Tiverton that inspires them, and looks for feeling in her subjects rather than scenery.

Leslie Lindeman aims for Mother Nature—her creatures, seasons, flora and fauna. She exhibits frequently at local venues.

Alexandria Mauck, a freelance photographer, specializes in weddings, and has been published in several magazines. She prefers black and white photography.



Meredith Brower's "Seapowet Bridge, Tiverton"