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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Welcome to fall and another year of classes, workshops and events at the Club. Deb Drinker and Sandy Richter have assembled a long list of classes and registrations have been strong. They will be communicating news of workshops over the fall months. Event co-chairs, Trish Poirrier and Helene Shapiro, have organized a variety of options for members to gather, planning one for almost every month of the Club year. Please look at the calendar in this newsletter or on the Club's website for more information. The Buildings and Grounds committee under the leadership of Kit Barnum and Angela Bay have been busy as usual over the summer. All the gardens, front and back have been maintained and the garden committee is soliciting advice for much needed pruning in the back garden. The asbestos removal project should be complete by the time you read this newsletter and another long table and bench will be arriving shortly for the lunch room. Ginny Walsh and Amabel Allen are co-chairing the new Communications Committee. All committees are looking for volunteers to become involved in the life of the club so please consider reaching out in your area of interest.

As you have read in my emails over the summer, the Board formed the Exploration Task Force and hired Martha Torrance, (torranceconsulting.com), to help the Club build comradery, trust and reach consensus that embodies the Value of "a supportive and inclusive environment built on respect, friendship, encouragement and kindness". Martha has been working with the Exploration Task Force (ETF) task whose members are Carla Cook, Barbara Crouchley, Margaret Lederer, Janice Panoff and me. You have all received the first of TWO surveys to gather constructive feedback; the first is to get a sense of your appreciations (positive aspects, experiences, desires) and concerns (negative aspects, experiences and worries) in seven areas. This information will allow Martha to create the second, more detailed survey that will have more targeted questions and rankings. As Martha wrote in her introductory letter, she will then facilitate several topical problem-solving focus

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REMEMBER!

September 30
New Member Applications Due

SAVE THE DATE October 25

GORHAM EXHIBIT-RISD MUSEUM

Program co-chairs Trish Poirrier and Helen Shapiro are working on new programs this year. More details to come!



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groups that will target specific themes and work towards identifying two or three options for each topic. An all member gathering will be held in December to report on focus group conclusions/priorities, consensus and trust building efforts, as well as potential next steps to successfully “Move Forward Together”. The Exploration Task Force and the Board urges you to contribute to and participate in this process.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks.

Fran Gammell-Roach

Bottom left: Hunorine Joubert -Anenome Hybrida flowers in bloom out front.

Below: For the convenience of members, the side entrance between the lunchroom and the Library will be open during classes and workshops. For security, an additional camera has been installed and Jackie's monitor has a split screen to view both entrances.

Coming Soon: A page on the web site with photos of our recent events and parties. Stay tuned!





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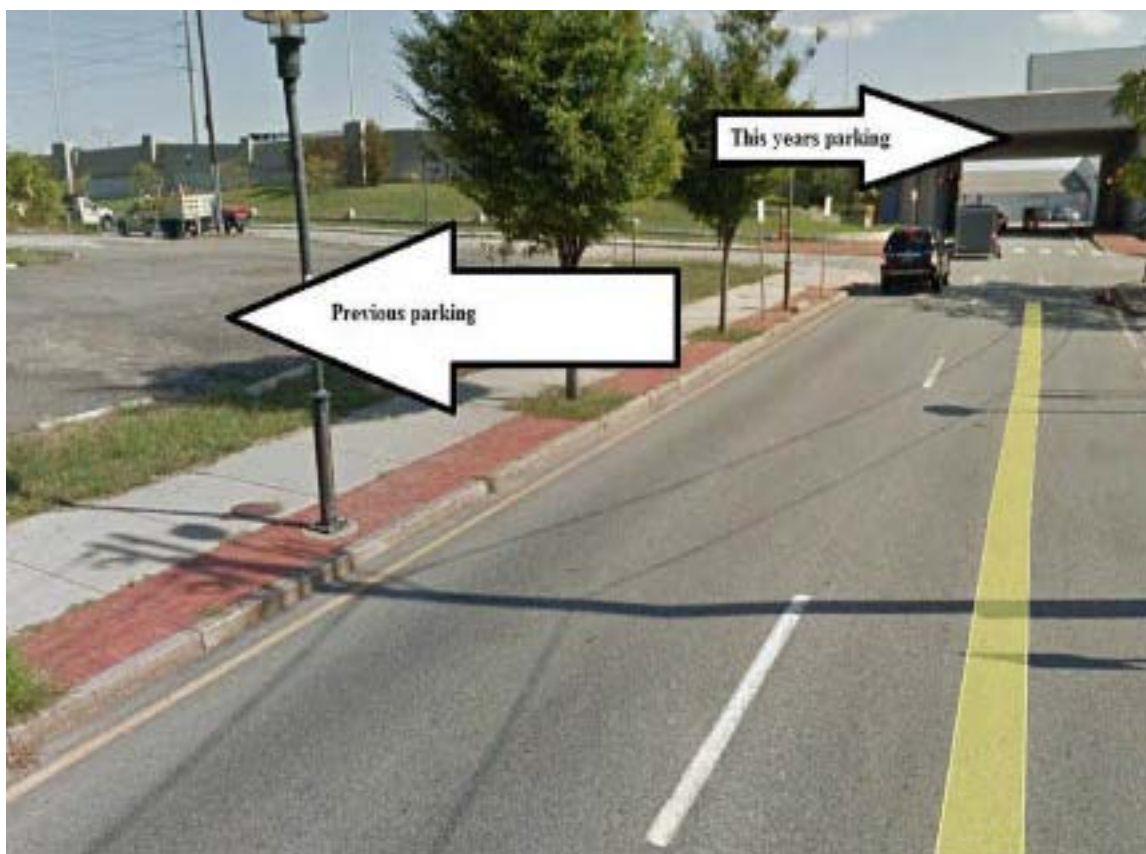
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TROLLEY CHANGES INCLUDING WHERE TO PARK

Exciting news! The Handicraft Club is offering Carpool Rates for the Trolley for the Fall 2019 session. The cost for the carpool pass is \$80.00, which breaks out to \$10.00 per week.

There are now three options for riding Truman's Trolley this year.

1. Truman's Trolley Pass - \$125.00. This pass allows the driver to park and ride the trolley Monday - Thursday for the 8 week session.
2. Truman's Trolley Carpool Pass - \$80.00. This pass allows the carpooler to ride with a Truman's Trolley Pass holder once per week for the 8 week session.
3. Truman's Trolley Individual Pass - \$15.00. This pass allows the member to use Truman's Trolley for one day during the Fall session. Multiple day passes may be purchased. Many members use this pass for workshops



Above : New parking space for the Trolley (95 Parking Lot, between South Water Street and Bridge Street.)



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CLUB LEADERSHIP CHANGES

As we start a new Club year we thought you should be aware of some changes that The Board and Membership adopted. Over the years the Board has changed its size and focus, we hope that these new changes will make the management of the Club, more efficient yet still allowing for meaningful dialog. The Board voted on these changes in April and the membership voted the bylaw changes at the 2019 annual meeting

The Long Range Planning Committee was asked to review the current board structure and come up with a plan where we could devise a structure that would be more efficient, create a strategic group and develop a strong committee structure to encourage and recruit interested volunteers for leadership positions.

The Nominating Committee has started to develop a leadership resource, which will list the interests and skills of our members. Pam Gardner asked members last year to contact her with this information, we also listed questions on the Membership application and as in the past will be asking these questions on the dues remittance sheet. In the meantime the Nominating Committee is interested to know how you would like to be involved in the Club. Next December which is the beginning of the nominating process for our Club, the Nominating Committee will ask all members if they might be interested in participating on a committee or sitting on the Board.

How has the Board changed: The Executive Committee will include the President, two Vice Presidents, the recording Secretary, the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer. The Corresponding Secretary position has been removed, however there will be a person who will sit on the Communication Committee who will be in charge of writing correspondence. The Executive Committee will meet monthly and take care of any problems or concerns when the board is not meeting. They will also identify the items for the agenda for the Board.

What are the new Board committees?

The Buildings and Grounds Committee which will have co-chairs this year, will include everything about the building at 42 College, it will include preservation and restoration, maintenance, interior decoration, the garden, library and fire safety.

The Communication Committee will also have co-chairs this year, will include the corresponding secretary duties, newsletter, handbook and possibly someone interested in community outreach. The office manager and an executive committee member will also be on the committee. The suggested Communication Committee's responsibilities will be to expand and improve communication efforts to engage members and community organizations in the areas of the Club's mission, activities, and Board activities.

This year the **Events Committee** will have co-chairs, members sitting on the committee will include: party coordinators, Annual & rotating exhibits coordinators, and also members responsible for monthly events like wine tastings, book discussions, social and educational programs and the Annual Meeting. The Vice Presidents in the past have been responsible for the social events of the Club, giving responsibility to the Events Committee, gives more members the opportunity to become involved and allows the VP's to focus on management issues. The Events Committee will organize and execute several events where members can engage in educational and social experiences and enhance the overall experience of the members of the Club.

A member or members will continue to oversee **Archivist/Historian and Librarian** duties. We are finalizing volunteers for these tasks, their duties and reporting structure.



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The following Committees remain on the Board: Classes, Finance, Giving Societies, Investments, Membership, Nominating, Personnel. The Finance Committee is chaired by the Treasurer and the Personnel Committee is chaired by one of the Vice Presidents. It is our hope that members will come forward to participate on these committees, learn about the management and help out with some of the tasks.

We hope that you will become involved in one or more of these committees and volunteer to help with their activities. There are now more ways to become active in our Club than ever before. It is an exciting time for us to work together. Please let us or one of the committee chairs know that you are interested in helping.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club!

Sharleen Bowen & Fran Gammell-Roach



NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE CLUB

An Open House in May was well attended with many members nominating prospective new members as well as several inquiries after the wonderful article about the Club published in the Providence Journal several weeks prior. We have had over 20 members join and many are enrolled in classes this fall.

The new members include: Ann Tefler, Kathleen Hall, Patricia Philbin, Marie Reardon Hertenstein, Josh Feldman, Marianne Migliori, Pat King, Suzi Andrews, Anne Jackson, Allison Osborn, Patricia Ross Watson, Michelle Shevlin, Loretta Tharp, Julie Beitle, Valerie Ottaviano, Rebecca Randolph, Jenny Prull, Corryn Langmuir, Robin Rains, and Judy and Joyce Sormanti. Please give them a warm welcome when you meet them and offer to help with any questions or share your experiences.

Members are encouraged to nominate potential new members for the club, the process is listed in the membership book, but anyone with questions is asked to contact Kate Farrington or Jay Connelly. We are hoping to move the process to an online application soon, but the potential new members must meet two board members, and again, Kate and Jay can help to facilitate that. New member applications are due on September 30th, December 31, and May 31,

Kate Farrington (katefarrington19@gmail.com)

Jay Connelly (connelly40@cox.net)

At left: RentSons worked hard over the summer weeding the back gardens. Pruning and maintenance plans for all the gardens are in the works.



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HANDICRAFT CLUB CALENDAR THROUGH DECEMBER 2019

September 2	Labor Day
September 10	Executive Committee Meeting-10:00 AM
September 16	Fall Classes begin
September 17	Board Meeting – 11:00AM
September 23	New Member Lunch
September 30 -Oct. 1	Rosh Hashanah
September 30	Membership Applications Due
October 7 – 18	Rollover Begins & Ends
October 9	Yom Kippur
October 14	Columbus Day- Office Closed; Club Open if Classes scheduled
October 16	Executive Committee Meeting-10:00 AM
October 18	Board Meeting & Board Retreat 10:00AM-3:00PM
October 22	Societies Luncheon - Providence Art Club
October 25	Event- Gorham Exhibit at the RISD Museum
November 11	Eight-Week Fall Class Make-Up Week
November 13	Executive Committee Meeting-11:00 AM
November 15	Nine-Week Fall Classes End
November 11 -15	Mailing of Winter Registration
November 18	Board Meeting – 11:00AM
Nov 18 – 22	Nine-Week Fall Class Make-Up Week
November 22	Event - Meet the Teacher, Brenda Wrigley Scott
November 25-27	NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Week
November 28-29	CLUB IS CLOSED
December 2	Holiday Party 6:00-8:00PM
December 2-13	Open Studios/Holiday Workshops TBA
December 23 -Jan. 1	CLUB IS CLOSED
December 31	Membership Applications Due

DATES ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR A CURRENT CALENDAR OR LOOK AT YOUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FROM THE CLUB.