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<p>The Glocester Heritage Society identifies, acquires, holds, arranges, restores, maintains, and preserves for posterity buildings, tracts of land and objects of historical, educational, architectural, cultural, and other similar interests of outstanding value within the Town of Glocester, RI.</p>		
<p>The Society is delighted to announce <i>The Heritage Garden and House Tour</i> <i>Saturday, June 24, 2006</i></p> <p>“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.” ---William Shakespeare</p> <p>Time of event: Tour runs from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tickets sold at Brown & Hopkins, the Town Trader, Holidaze, Kitson’s Liquors, Glocester Manton Library, and Harmony Library, and the Job Armstrong Store.</p> <p>Admission price: \$25 per person (includes lakefront buffet luncheon). Cost without luncheon is \$15.</p> <p>Child under 12 when accompanied by an adult is \$15 (includes lunch). Cost per child under 12 without lunch is \$5.</p>		<p><i>Editor’s Overview</i> <i>page 2</i></p> <p><i>Tour descriptions</i> <i>Pages 3-6</i></p> <p><i>The Treasurer’s Tempest</i> <i>Page 5</i></p> <p><i>Map of the Tour</i> <i>Page 6</i></p> 

The Crier

Dear Gloucester Heritage Society Members,

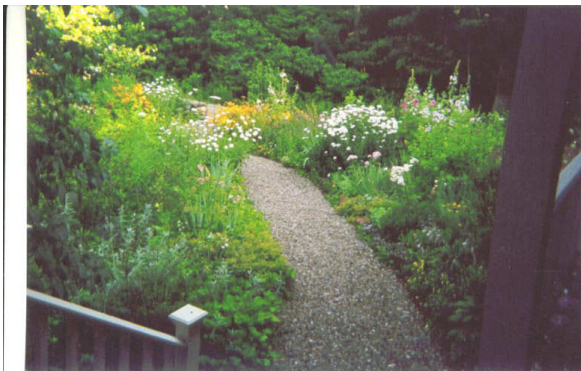
As we continue to raise funds for the opening of the Dorr Rebellion Museum at the Pettingill/ Mason House and for the on-going maintenance of the Job Armstrong Store and Evans Schoolhouse, I am pleased to announce to you the upcoming --- and quite invigorating--- event: the Heritage Garden and House Tour.

Last run in the early 1970's, the Tour provides visitors with access to properties not otherwise open to the public. Vice president Jeff Rossi and I are co-facilitating this event, but many others have contributed to the endeavor. We are grateful to graphic designer Kate Malmberg for the elegant brochure. Engineer John Doucette fashioned a map of site locations. GHS president Rose LaVoie invited many property owners to join. John Devine and Diane Scotti created signage. Carole Fry coordinated mailings. Gloucester Town Historian Edna Kent offered expertise. And, even with the backdrop of fire and loss, Harry and Pauline Anderson have been constant sources of support & advice.

I invite you to join in this event. With the **long** 2006 springtime, the Tour will serve as the official beginning to the warm season of summer. Please read through this newsletter and learn ahead about the generous people who have agreed to share their little pieces of paradise with you.

Do introduce yourself to me at the luncheon finale to the Tour on Saturday, June 24 at Blueberry Pointe on the Lake. The gathering will culminate our celebration of the innate connections among nature, heritage, and sustainability.

Carolyn Fortuna, editor



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GLOCESTER HERITAGE SOCIETY

*Heritage Garden
and House Tour*

to benefit the maintenance of
Glocester Heritage Society Properties
including the Job Armstrong Store,
the future home of the Dorr Rebellion Museum
at the Pettingill/ Mason House and
the Evans schoolhouse

SATURDAY
June 24, 2006
9am-3pm

Rain or Shine



1. Job Armstrong Store



**1181 Putnam Pike,
Chepachet**

Non-profit

Host: Rose LaVoie,
GHS president

Built about 1813, this building was the largest of the thirteen dry goods and grocery stores operating during the early 1800's in Chepachet, with four to five clerks working full-time. This is the current headquarters for the Glocester Heritage Society and serves as a tourist center for Tour and town information. Tour buttons may be purchased here the day of the event.

2. Lydia Slocum House



**1177 Putnam Pike,
Chepachet**

Mercantile

Host: Eileen & Charlie Wilson

Believed to be a 1700's trading post, this building features hand-hewn beams, three original fireplaces, and a beehive oven. The building was built in at least five stages. The Carlton family resided here before it became a hardware store and electric shop. It now houses antiques and collectibles and is known as the Town Trader.

3. *Johnson Farm/Doty Evans Homestead*



**33 Money Hill Road,
Chepachet**

Mercantile

Host: Debbie Johnson

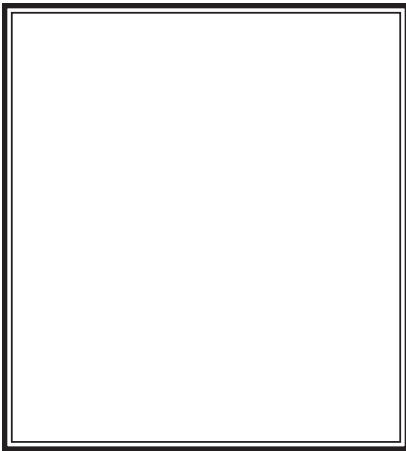
For 150 years, this was a working farm, first for Doty Evans and, later, for William Hopkins and his daughter Ella. The latter family owned the business currently known as Brown & Hopkins General Store.

Ella was renowned for hosting travelers. Many a bachelor stayed here while courting his bride to be. Open on day of event from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. only.

4. *Col. Asa Kimball House*

Private home

Host: Frank Williams



Built before 1753 by Col. Asa Kimball, who served in the French and Revolutionary Wars, this charming Colonial Cape is set back from the road and overlooks the Baptist Meetinghouse.

**1229 Putnam Pike,
Chepachet**

5. *The future Dorr Rebellion Museum
in the Pettingell/ Mason House*



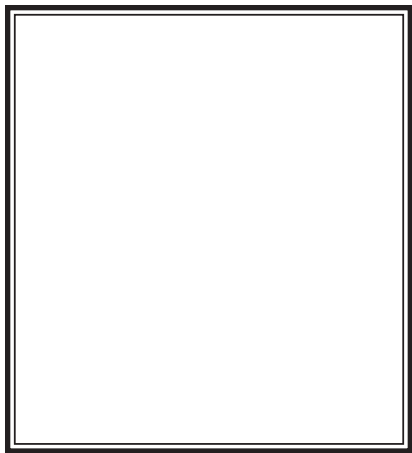
**1043 Putnam Pike
Chepachet**

Non-profit
Host: Edna Kent
Gloicester Town
Historian

Robert Leach
Architect

This is the centerpiece of the Tour. The RI Historical and Preservation Commission, Champlain Foundations, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Town of Gloicester, Battle Foundation, and generosity of many private donors have fostered this restoration. Built circa 1750, the structure is a five bay, 12 room, 2.5 story Colonial with center chimney, five fireplaces, smoke chamber, beehive oven, and 19th century ell. Heavy timber frame (post & beam) and chimney, hand-hewn timbers, narrow stairways with steep risers, and wide plank floorboards are significant. Share in the stories of the Mason family and Dorr Rebellion while Touring.

6. *Brown/ Fenner/
Burlingame House*

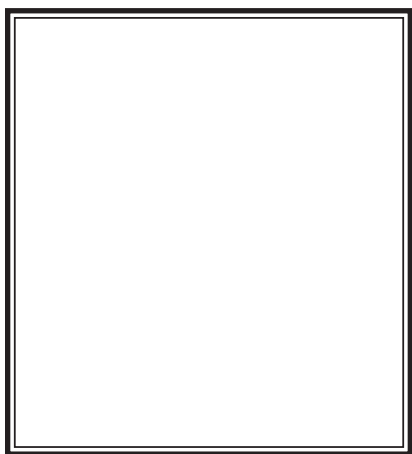


**471 Chopmist Hill Road
Chepachet**

Private gardens
Host: Marg Peterson

Overlooking Cherry Valley, this working farm can be traced back to agrarian roots of Gloucester. John Fenner had a slave named Yockwhy (who was one of the very few slaves in Gloucester). The Peterson family moved to the farm in 1965 and restored the house, improving the grounds and fields as well. They called their place Greyledge Farm, feeling it was appropriate both due to the topography of the land and also because they discovered that butter was once made here under that name.

7. *Farnum's Gardens*



**150 Paris Irons Road
Chepachet**

Private gardens
Host: Carolyn and William
Farnum

Meticulously maintained country gardens celebrate northerly zoned vegetables and flowers. A pond shelters native wildflowers within a shady wood. The home backdrop of a log cabin makes a picturesque setting for blueberry and rhubarb cultivation as well as a little homemade wine.

8. *The Rossi Home*

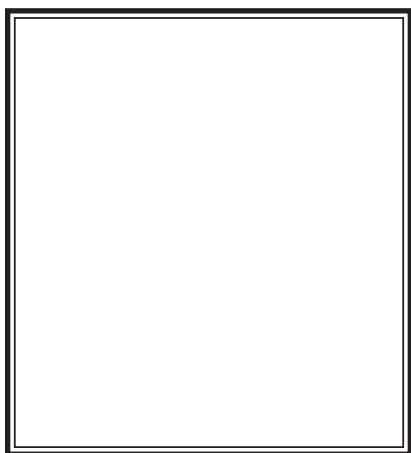


**780 Durfee Hill Road
Chepachet**

Private gardens
Host: Jeff Rossi,
Master Gardener

This decade-old garden emulates the feeling of age in an era of new construction. The garden is viewed at it best during the early morning or late afternoon because large trees surround the open area and cast a pleasing, filtered light.

9, Bittersweet Cottage Garden



**Sawmill Road
Harmony**

Private gardens
Host: Cheryl Cadwell
Master Gardener,
GreenSource garden columnist

Landscaped following the principles of sustainable gardening, these diverse and flower-filled gardens are used to demonstrate to other gardeners that having a beautiful garden does not require environmentally harmful practices or a lot of hard work. Choosing tough, disease resistant plants makes gardening easier and produces a garden that is attractive throughout the seasons.

10. Blueberry Pointe on the Lake



**115 Sand Dam Road
Chepachet**

Private gardens
Host: Carolyn Fortuna,
Steve Hanley

**Buffet luncheon
is served here.**

Blueberry Pointe on the Lake is on a two-acre lake island. Built as a bass-fishing camp around 1929, the property has a natural umbrella of shade from century-old oak trees and is landscaped with informal perennial gardens. A sunny and manicured private white sand beach with dock is on the eastern side of the island and faces the Scotsun shoreline contribution to the Gloucester Land Trust. The rocky western exposure of the island faces an undeveloped shoreline donated by the Hopkins family to the Gloucester Land Trust.

11. *Glocester Greens & Goats*



**1535 Snake Hill Road,
Glocester, RI**

Goat farm and merchantile
Host: Carolyn & Ray Lapointe

Mini-Nubian goats, salad mixes of different varieties, seasonally unique vegetables, handmade goat soap and lotions are some of the specialties of this special site. Four mother goats have spring broods, and visitors are welcomed to hand-feed the young, making this a really friendly Tour site.y

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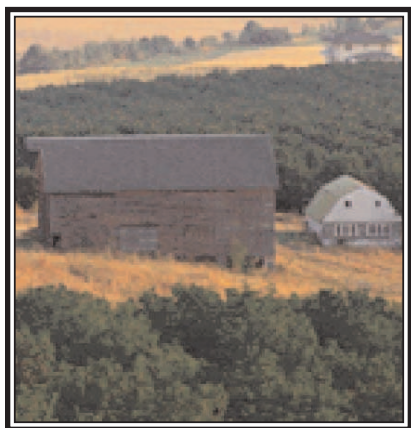
1046 Hartford Pike
[corner of 101 & 102]
N. Scituate

Mercantil

Host: Debbie Pierson Luchka
and Steve Luschka

Woodbridge Greenhouses is a garden center providing zone appropriate advice and plants for southern New England gardeners. Visit the four greenhouses, ranging from annuals through perennials, and discover new ways to make your own garden spectacular.

13. *Bonniedale Farms*



Snake Hill Road
N. Scituate

portable

Working farm and petting zoo

Host:

After a long day of Touring, stop by Bonnie Dale Farms. Farm animals and pony rides will appeal to any young ones in your group, and the wide variety of Western apparel, boots, and clothing are hard to find items in this day and age of corporate apparel.



14. *Quintessential Gardens at Fort Hill Farms*



**260 Quaddick Road
Thompson, CT**

Mercantile

Host: Kristin Orr

Fair, rich confusion is all the aim of the quintessential English perennial garden, and the greater the confusion, the richer. Cottage gardens emerge when hundreds of perennials in each of the 66 gardens bloom in succession in all colors of the alphabet without stopping from May to November. This defies formality and rigid lines. However, there also are very “designed” gardens in Celtic Knots and Labyrinths. So, bring your camera and be prepared to learn about perennials, strawberries, organic gardening, and a deeply-rooted work ethic for one strong woman to save her 1000-acre farm.

Heritage Garden and House Tour

Glocester Heritage Society

June 24, 2006

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2b	Mercantile	Brown and Hopkins General Store	Liz and Scott McIntyre	1179 Putnam Pike, Chepachet	Timothy Wilmarth erected the building in 1799. In 1809 Ira Evans purchased it and started the general store. After several changes in ownership, James L. Brown and William W. Hopkins assumed the business, and members of Brown and Hopkins operated the store 'til 1964.	
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BY TROOPS OF THE RHODE ISLND MILITIA.

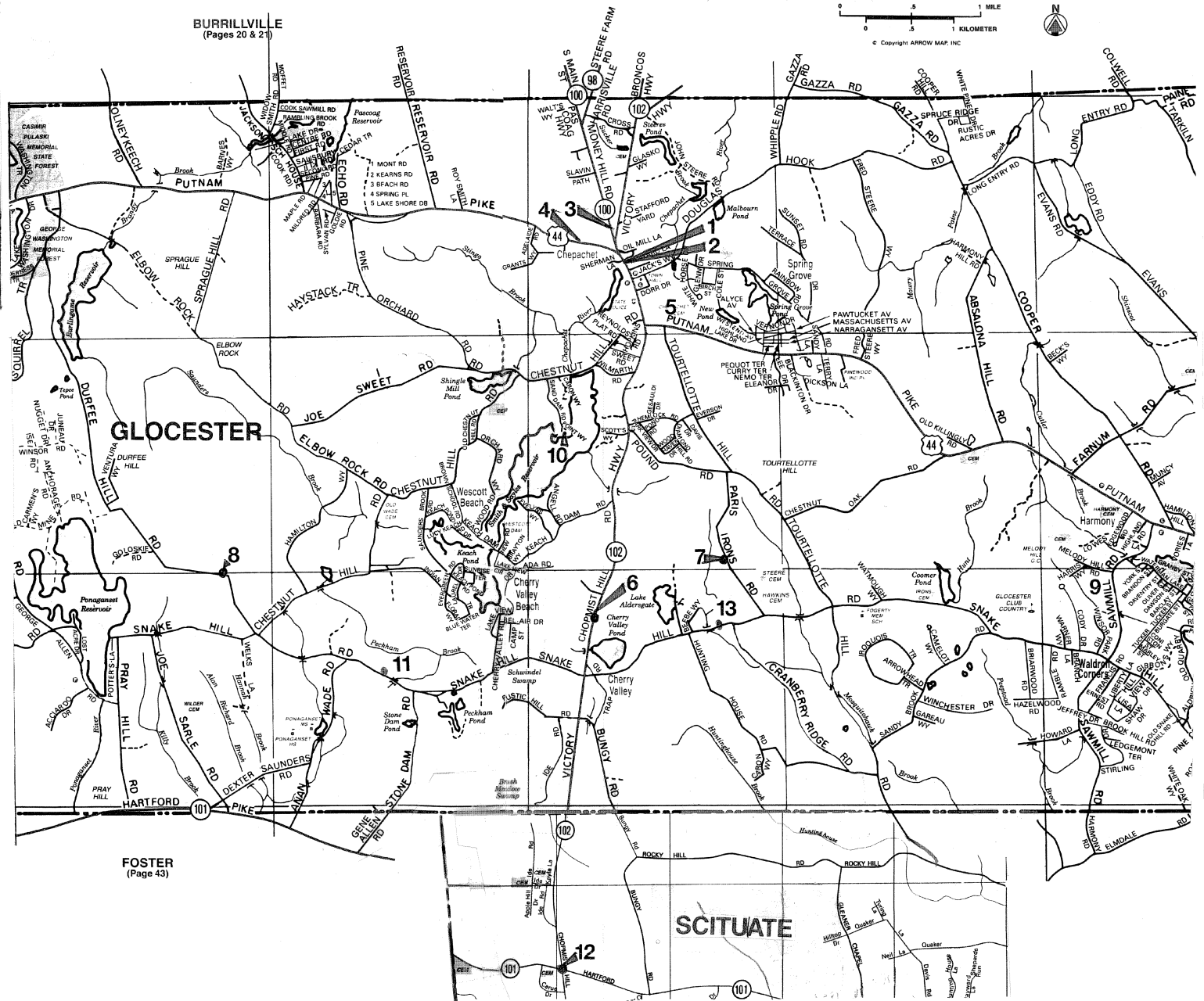
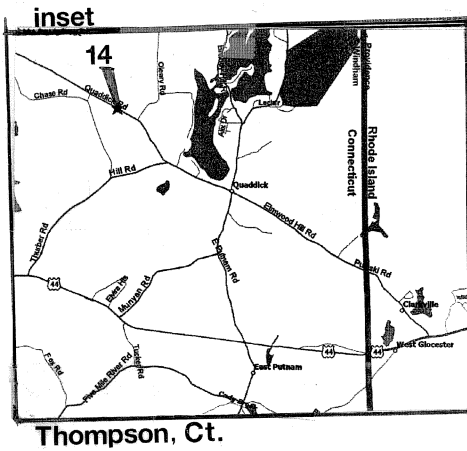
This and other memorabilia and artifacts will appear in Rhode Island's newest museum. It will commemorate the Dorr Rebellion of 1842 and those dedicated Rhode Islanders who fought for equal voting rights for all its citizenry.

The Gloucester Heritage Society cordially invites you to attend an Open House to be held in conjunction with the Heritage Garden and House Tour on Saturday, June 24, 2006. One purpose of the event is celebrating the completion of Phase One restoration (the exterior) to the Pettingell/ Mason House (Route 44, Chepachet), built circa 1744. It is an architectural gem with many original features still intact today. The house will become the home of the Dorr Rebellion Museum. The location is fitting, as the house was equipped as a field hospital for state militia troops in the event of casualties during the Dorr Rebellion.

Restoration accomplishments to the Pettingell/ Mason House would not have occurred without a vigorous fund raising drive. Revenues to date of \$300,000 have already been applied toward restoration costs. An additional \$70,000 remains committed and outstanding subject to the Gloucester Heritage Society raising separately an equal amount totaling \$70,000.

This letter is an invitation for you to join us in this final lap, where \$1.00 donated gets \$2.00 in spendable funds. Your gift today is greatly appreciated.

--- by Lauren "Andy" Andrews, GHS treasurer



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