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Newport Historical Society Hosts an Evening Colony House Talk

Newport, RI – (April 2011) – The Newport Historical Society’s Executive Director, Ruth Taylor, in collaboration with Washington Square Roots, will join with Edward Sanderson, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission, to discuss Rhode Island’s historic civic buildings and the history of Newport’s Colony House on Thursday May 12th at 5:30pm.

The Colony House, a National Historic Landmark, was designed by builder/architect Richard Munday -- who also designed Trinity Church and the Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House in Newport -- and built between 1736 and 1739. Taylor and Sanderson will highlight the building’s history, including its use as a seat of colonial and state government, and its role in many important events leading up to and during the American Revolution. They will also discuss the extensive restoration work that the State is performing on this National Historic Landmark.

Admission is \$5 per person and \$1 for Historical Society members. Proceeds will help support the community’s July 4th celebration in Washington Square. Reservations recommended: 401-846-0813. Persons with mobility issues should call in advance: 401-841-8770.

For additional information and/or to obtain media photos please contact: Elizabeth Sulock, Public Affairs Associate, 401-846-0813 x104, esulock@newporthistorical.org.



The Newport Colony House.

About the Newport Historical Society

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit www.newporthistory.org.