

Newport Historical Society Fundraising Committee Report June 2011

June 30, 2011

On June 14 we received the second and final half of our ornament replenishment order placed earlier this year. This portion included 48 each of Richards Library (retires at the end of 2012), Richards School and Newport Opera House, the latter two of which retire at the end of 2011. Depending on sales through the end of August, this may or may not be our last order of the Richards School and Opera House.

As of this report, Joan is working on the South Church ornament which is our 2011 three year ornament. Our initial order is for 104 ornaments and Joan will send us at least half by August 20. The proof is very attractive and we anxiously await the final product.

We have finally been successful in getting NLCS a good copy of Wheeler's History to scan and reprint for us to sell. Larry Cote found an inexpensive copy on Ebay that was missing its front cover and a few pages inside. He took the book apart and was able to provide the missing pages from another source. Trying to keep costs down, we now have three finished copies of the large version that sells for \$45.00 and will shortly have three copies of the half-size version which sells for \$35.00.

The Newport Farmers Market began on June 3 for the season and runs each Friday through October 7. We will have a booth each week when weather is not prohibitive. We recently purchased side curtains at Ocean State for the canopy to give our products (and those manning the booth) protection from rain showers or a pop-up thunderstorm. We are pleased with the results so far as follows:

June 3 - \$74.50, June 10 - \$228.00, June 17 - \$62.50, June 24 – no set-up as rain threatened.

We also participated in Chamber Day with \$229.00 in sales.

Respectfully submitted

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