

## Donation Mail-In Form

*The North Smithfield Heritage Association needs and appreciates your assistance.*

All monies donated go toward operations, maintenance and renovations. Renovations are also accomplished through foundation grants which do not fund operations and maintenance. There are no administrative fees and the officers are not compensated. Annual operating expenses for both buildings now exceed \$17,000 due to increases in operating and maintenance costs and new sewer assessment and use fees.

Since your donation is tax deductible, a letter will be sent to you for tax records stating the amount donated and that no goods or services were received.

**Please complete the form below and mail it, along with your donation, to:**

*North Smithfield Heritage Association  
P.O. Box 413  
Slatersville, RI 02876*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To be used for:  Gen. Operating  
 Gen. Maint.  Specific Priority

If Specific, state which \_\_\_\_\_.

State below where you got this form:

## Heritage Hall Facilities

*(Available for Public Use)*

*Main Hall with Kitchen  
Lower Hall with Kitchen  
Conference Room*

### Capacities

*Main Hall – Maximum of 100 –  
100 if chairs only*

*Or 6 round tables of 8*

*Or 6 long tables of 8-10*

*Or combo, long/short tables*

*Lower Hall – Maximum of 75*

*Conference Room – Max. of 18*

*Upper and Lower Kitchens – Includes  
sink and appliances, but no  
guarantee of supplies, dishes or  
utensils.*

### Building Use Fees\*

*Main Hall \$225*

*Lower Hall \$125*

*Conference Room \$ 30*

*\*All fees are for 1 day or part of a day/evening.*

*For a facilities use form and/or additional  
information, please contact:*

**Louise Vanhouwe: 401-769-8177**

or

**Jeanne Marion: 401-447-1801**

*The N.S. Heritage Association is a tax  
deductible non-profit 501(c)(3) organization  
and all donations go toward building  
operations unless otherwise specified.*

## North Smithfield Heritage Association Needs Your Support

*North Smithfield Heritage Assn. is a  
qualified IRS 501 (c) (3) fully tax  
deductible non-profit organization. We  
presently maintain two historical Town  
buildings:*

- (1) Forestdale School (The Little Red  
School house) as a museum*
- (2) Heritage Hall: available for  
functions for a fee.*



### **- Forestdale School -**

*190 School Street  
Forestdale, RI*

*The Union Grange  
P. of B. No. 13  
Slatersville, R.I. - 1913*



### **- Heritage Hall -**

*101 Greene Street  
Slatersville, R.I.*

## *North Smithfield Heritage Association*

The North Smithfield Heritage Association was founded in 1970, with the mission of identifying, acquiring, holding, arranging, restoring, maintaining, opening to the public with suitable regulations and preserving for posterity, places, tracts of land and objects of historical, educational, architectural, cultural and aesthetic value in North Smithfield. Our present membership numbers 135; but our services and the information we share is available to the public at large at all times.

In 2017, our mission expanded to include preservation of the Town's many Historic Cemeteries.

In 1972, the Association received a RI sales tax exemption, in 1976, it became a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, and in 1995, it received a RI property tax exemption.

**In addition, the Association is seeking new members, especially ones who might assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the buildings, and ones who would like to help with meeting the potential users of Heritage Hall to show the facilities and explain the rules. Meet again the day before the event to give out the keys, and help clean up after the event to get ready for the next user.**



### *Forestdale School*

*One of the last of the old style one-room schoolhouses in North Smithfield...*

#### *A Brief History*

Land for the school was deeded for one dollar on December 12, 1876, by the Forestdale Manufacturing Company. The school was built in 1877, as a wood clapboard sided building with a gingerbread trim and a cupola. It was named the Forestdale School and provided education for the Village of Forestdale children, whose parents were mostly employed by the company.

In 1958, a decision was made to move the grade school pupils at the Forestdale School to Kendall Dean School and move the kindergarten to the Forestdale School and rename that school as the Eleanor Howard School.

On June 19, 1974, the School Committee transferred the kindergarten back to Kendall Dean and the Eleanor Howard School was closed ending a long-standing town tradition and connection with the past. On July 14, 1975, the School Committee, and in 2015 the Town, leased the building to the North Smithfield Heritage Association for one dollar a year.

**The Association currently needs \$250,000 to restore the Forestdale School. Priority needs are: \$12,000 to replace roof, \$23,400 to strip/paint windows and prep/paint exterior clapboard/trim; 15,000 to build and install historic cupola, and \$25,500 for enclosed handicap lift.**

## *Heritage Hall*

#### *A Brief History*

Heritage Hall was built in 1897 as a chapel for the St. Luke's Episcopal Mission serving a congregation of families from the Slatersville textile mills. The land was donated by John Slater. After the relocation of the mills to the south, the building was sold for \$1 in 1906 and became a community hall called Lincoln Hall.

In 1913 it was sold for \$1 to the Union Grange #13 and was known as Grange Hall until 1994, when it was given to the North Smithfield Heritage Association and was re-named Heritage Hall.

Since then, the Association has been gradually renovating, expanding, and refurbishing this building to enable it to serve as a central historical community center. Although there is still work to be done, the building is now available for community use.

**The Association currently needs \$60,000 to fully complete all renovations. Priority needs are: \$10,500 to paint exterior; \$4,500 to paint interior of main function room; and \$20,000 to finish interior upgrades.**

