

WSBE-DT Quarterly Issues & Programs Report

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October 1-December 31, 2022

For this Quarterly Issues and Programs Report, the Rhode Island PBS Foundation determined the following topics and issues were important to the Rhode Island community during the past three months, and broadcast the following programs to address those issues and topics.

QIPR Category: Aging

Positive Aging with Patricia Raskin New Podcast Premiered Tuesday, September 20; ended December 13; 26 minutes

This podcast produced by Rhode Island PBS covers issues of aging well. New episodes were released each Tuesday.

QIPR Category: Arts

Ocean State Sessions, November 6, 13 at 7:00 p.m., December 3 at 4:30 a.m., December 5 at 3:00 a.m., December 9 at 3:30 a.m., December 9 at 4:00 a.m., December 11 at 11:30 p.m., December 22 at 3:30 a.m.; 30 minutes

Ocean State Sessions, a Rhode Island PBS original series, features local musicians performing live at the WaterFire Center for the Arts. Each episode also includes interviews with the artists, their insights into the local music scene, and the creative inspiration behind the pieces they perform.

Oh My Gourd! The Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular Story, October 21 at 4:00 a.m., October 21 at 8:00 p.m., October 22 at 12:00 p.m., October 23 at 11:00 p.m., October 25 at 4:00 a.m., October 29 at 3:00 p.m., October 31 at 1:00 p.m., November 1 at 4:00 a.m., November 3 at 1:30 a.m., November 8 at 4:00 a.m., November 15 at 4:00 a.m., November 16 at 1:30 a.m., November 27 at 12:00 a.m., November 28 3:00 a.m.

60 minutes

With more than 5,000 carved pumpkins on display and an average of 110,000 - 140,000 visitors from all over the world each season, attend the Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular at Roger Williams Park in Providence, RI. Filmed over the course of a year, this Rhode Island PBS original takes viewers behind the scenes of the Spectacular — from the artists working around the clock at the bustling “pumpkin house,” to the laborious cutting, cleaning and staging of thousands of pumpkins.

doubleFEATURE: Presented by RI International Film Festival, Thursdays 8:00 p.m.

60 minutes

This one-hour series showcases the art of the short film and the artists who create them. Each week, ***doubleFEATURE*** presents award-winning short films that have made their world premiere or been screened at the Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF). Between the short films Steven Feinberg, director of the RI Film and Television Office and Shawn Quirk,

independent filmmaker and RIFF program director, interview filmmakers and industry professionals.

Through Her Eyes – A Newport Nutcracker Reimagined, December 16 at 8:00 p.m., December 19 at 8:30 p.m., December 21 at 12:00 p.m.

30 minutes

This musical ballet follows a young girl's magical international journey of discovery and self-empowerment, set to Tchaikovsky's iconic score.

Through her Eyes – Behind the Scenes A Newport Nutcracker Reimagined, December 16 at 8:30 p.m., December 21 at 12:30 p.m.

30 minutes

The viewer is taken inside the Rosecliff Mansion in Newport, RI for a behind the scenes look at how this performance was made.

QIPR Category: Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement

Breaking Good – October 4 at 4:00 a.m., October 11 at 4:00 a.m., November 28 at 12:00 a.m., December 13 at 4:00 a.m., December 20 at 4:00 a.m.

60 minutes

This film explores the escalation of the incarceration of women since the war on drugs was declared in the 1980s.

QIPR Category: Education

Specialty Foods of Rhode Island, December 7 at 12:30 p.m., December 28 at 12:30 p.m.

30 minutes

Rhode Island consumers are brought an educational and in-depth perspective about the food they buy and the "Buy Local" movement.

Harvesting Rhode Island, October 6 at 12:00 p.m., October 13 at 12:00 p.m., October 20 at 12:00 p.m., November 3 at 12:00 p.m., November 5 at 11:00 p.m., November 12 at 11:00 p.m., November 17 at 12:00 a.m., November 26 at 11:00 p.m., November 27 at 12:00 p.m., December 3 at 11:00 p.m., December 8 at 12:00 p.m., December 10 at 11:00 p.m., December 15 at 12:00 p.m., December 17 at 11:00 p.m., December 22 at 12:00 p.m., December 29 at 12:00 p.m., December 31 at 11:00 p.m., December 31 at 11:30 p.m.

30 minutes

The declared mission of ***Harvesting Rhode Island*** is to raise public awareness about the diverse and thriving farm culture in the Ocean State. The documentary series brings viewers on location so they can see the farms and listen to the farmers' stories.

Farm to Table in a Day, November 11 at 12:00 p.m., November 26 at 11:30 a.m., November 30 at 12:30 p.m.

30 minutes

Maria Lawton takes a look at the delicious foods that can be taken from the farm right to your family dinner table.

School Talk, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

30 minutes

Produced at Bridgewater State College in nearby Massachusetts, this talk show features education experts and recognized leaders, dedicated to covering contemporary issues related to local and national education trends and challenges. The show often includes topics and guests from the Rhode Island education system.

QIPR Category: Health / Health Care

N/A

QIPR Category: Minorities / Civil Rights

Generation Rising, every other Friday at 7:30 p.m. (encore every other Sunday at 11:30 a.m.)

30 minutes

A community-focused show to invoke conversations on the inequalities across Rhode Island.

Generation Rising is a bi-weekly episodic show that hones in on the issues women, black, indigenous, Asian, Hispanic, and the LGBTQIA+ community face every day and the ways they are pushing our society forward for change.

QIPR Category: News and Public Affairs

Rhode Island PBS Weekly Sundays at 7:30 p.m. (repeat Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.)

30 minutes

From health and housing to economics and the environment, ***Rhode Island PBS Weekly*** probes the stories behind the headlines to present in-depth reporting, trends and analysis, and generational human interest perspectives from across the Ocean State in the broadcast news magazine.

Story in the Public Square, Sundays at 11:00 a.m., (repeat Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.)

30 minutes

In this award-winning weekly series, the executive director of the Pell Center of Public Policy at Salve Regina University in partnership with *The Providence Journal* interviews contemporary print, screen, music, and other storytellers about their creative process and explores how their stories impact public understanding and policy.

QIPR Category: Political Affairs and Government – Local Issues

A Lively Experiment Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

30 minutes

In this weekly discussion of political affairs, Jim Hummel and guests debate and analyze current events and topics of local relevance. The revolving panel of guests includes members of traditional and new media, opinion leaders, academics, political analysts, pundits and politicians.

QIPR Category: Political Affairs and Government – National Issues

Under the Ground: The Story of Liberation News and Service, October 3 at 2:30 a.m., October 9 at 1:30 a.m., October 21 at 1:30 a.m., December 4 at 12:00 a.m.

90 minutes

This documentary chronicles the rise and fall of the Liberation News and Service news operation, which contributed to hundreds of newspapers, college publications and radio stations between 1967 and 1981.

White House Chronicle, Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

30 minutes

Filed at the Rhode Island PBS studios, hosts Llewellyn King and Linda Gasparello present analysis and political commentary about the week's national headlines.

QIPR Category: Rhode Island Stories of Heritage and History

Rhode Island State Parks, October 1 at 3:00 p.m., October 5 at 2:00 p.m., October 8 at 11:00 p.m., October 27 at 4:00 a.m.

60 minutes

Filed over a 10-year period and in all seasons on location in Rhode Island's scenic state parks, beaches, and management areas, ***Rhode Island State Parks*** traces the park system's 100-year history, and shares insights into each park's unique story.

Treasures Inside the Museum, October 2 at 7:00 p.m., October 9 at 7:00 p.m., October 16 at 7:00 p.m., October 19 at 12:30 p.m., October 23 at 7:00 p.m., October 26 at 12:00 p.m., October 26 at 12:30 p.m., November 2 at 12:00 p.m., November 2 at 12:30 p.m., November 5 at 11:30 p.m., November 9 at 12:00 p.m., November 9 at 12:30 p.m., November 12 at 11:30 p.m., November 16 at 12:00 p.m., November 16 at 12:30 p.m., November 21 at 12:00 p.m., November 23 at 12:00 p.m., November 26 at 11:30 p.m., November 28 at 12:00 p.m., November 30 at 12:00 p.m., December 3 at 11:30 p.m., December 5 at 12:00 p.m., December 7 at 12:00 p.m., December 10 at 11:30 p.m., December 12 at 12:00 p.m., December 17 at 11:30 p.m., December 19 at 12:00 p.m., December 26 at 12:00 p.m.,

30 minutes

This series takes the viewer into the back rooms of more than a dozen museums throughout Southern New England, delving into their treasured collections and uncovering pieces that often remain hidden away.

Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck, October 7 at 2:30 a.m., December 18 at 1:30 a.m.

90 minutes

This documentary tells the story of Stephen Hopkins, the only passenger who had previously visited North America before traveling on the *Mayflower*. In fact, a decade earlier, in 1609, Hopkins had been aboard a Jamestown-bound ship called the *Sea Venture*, which wrecked on Bermuda.

Saving One Bay Street, November 23 at 12:30 p.m., December 1 at 12:00 p.m.

30 minutes

This documentary chronicles the remarkable rescue and restoration of an endangered building of historical and local significance in the seaside resort village of Watch Hill in Westerly, Rhode Island.

Ghost and Vampire Legends of Rhode Island, October 28 at 8:00 p.m., October 29 at 2:00 p.m.,
October 29 at 12:00 a.m.

60 minutes

From the elusive specters of Benefit Street to Block Island's flaming ghost ship and America's most infamous vampire, uncover the chilling facts and legends behind Rhode Island's undead.

Spectral New England, October 29 at 1:00 p.m., October 31 at 10:00 p.m.

60 minutes

This documentary explores New England's supernatural history from the 1630s to the present day.

Original Food Truck: Haven Brothers, December 30 at 8:00 p.m., December 31 at 12:00 p.m.

60 minutes

The story of the oldest operating diner on wheels.

Carved from Stone: Story of a Granite Town November 4 at 8 p.m., November 20 at 12:00
a.m., November 22 at 4:00 a.m.

60 minutes

Based on the book "Built from Stone: The Westerly Granite Story," this documentary shows Westerly granite as the "gold standard," with hundreds of blacksmiths, carvers, stonemasons, and other craftsmen brought from Europe to ply their artistry, each contributing to the reputation of the beauty of the work and the durability of the stone.

Watch Hill: Portrait of a New England Seaside Village November 11 at 8:00 p.m.

60 minutes

Located on a peninsula at the most southwesterly point of Rhode Island, Watch Hill is surrounded by the sea on three sides. It is the point where three states meet: Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. Watch Hill is picturesque 12 months of the year. Generations have summered in this coastal village for years; others have worked, fished or just observed its quiet charm.

Slatersville: America's First Mill Village, October 1 at 12:00 p.m., Oct 7 at 8:00 p.m., October 8
at 12:00 p.m., October 14 at 8:00 p.m., October 15 at 12:00 p.m.

60 minutes (5 episodes total)

Through hundreds of interviews and thousands of images, the story of American industrialization unfolds in engaging and enlightening ways through emotional connections to intriguing characters, for an understanding of its national significance. From late 18th Century to modern America, across 2 continents and 7 states, the series sparks awareness of labor, community, humanity, and preservation.

Wake of '38 October 1 at 8:00 p.m.

60 minutes

Wake of '38 is the Emmy-winning Rhode Island PBS documentary about Great New England Hurricane of 1938, one of the most destructive and powerful hurricanes in recorded history. Made in 1978, the film features dramatic home movie and newsreel footage taken during the height of the raging storm, and archival photos of the aftermath. The film also features compelling accounts of the storm's survivors.

Our Town: Thanksgiving Marathon Special, November 24 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

12 episodes – 60 minutes each

Our town is a documentary project where neighbors and friends share the stories of their community. Part documentary film, part community builder, part fundraiser, and part “day-in-the-life” scrapbook, ***Our Town*** offers a collection of local legends, historical events, and personal memoirs from the tight-knit community of Rhode Island’s small towns.

QIPR Category: Science / Technology / Engineering

The Newport Bridge: A Rhode Island Icon, October 4 at 2:30 a.m.

60 minutes

Including never-before-seen footage of the original construction ***The Newport Bridge: A Rhode Island Icon*** shares the untold stories of the iron workers, divers, and the political and community patrons who brought the project to fruition. Celebrated as an engineering feat at the time it opened 50 years ago, the Newport Bridge is still the longest suspension bridge in New England. The film features aerial views from a helicopter and from the top of the towers 400 feet above the water.