

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER • 2026

Director's Welcome

Greetings from the Cape Verdean Museum,

As we move into this new season, we at the museum celebrate the community, our role in the community and reflect on our shared experiences. We're reminded that we are one meaningful piece of a much bigger story that is the Cape Verdean and Cape Verdean American experience. I am filled with gratitude for the community that surrounds the museum and hope that you will continue to be an essential part of our museum family.

With gratitude,
Jose DaMoura,
Executive Director



2024
2025 Youth Summer Music Program
2026

Community • Culture • History • Future

OUR PURPOSE

Promoting, celebrating and educating about Cape Verde and Cape Verdean American history and culture.

A PIECE OF CAPE VERDEAN HISTORY

Pitch from FIFA “best goal” of the 2026 FIFA World Cup by Sidney Lopes Cabral Donated to CV Museum



The Brown Herbarium staff helped the Cape Verdean Museum preserve a piece of World Cup turf from the Cape Verdean game against Argentina.
Photos by Oliver Scampoli.

We would like to thank Becky, Izzy, everyone at The Brown University Herbarium and Jen at Forage & Flower PVD who went through the extraordinary process of preserving the pitch for the community to enjoy a little piece of Cape Verdean history.

PRESERVING MEMORY

A tangible piece of the 2026 FIFA World Cup is now part of the Cape Verdean Museum’s story and a resource for the community.

PRESERVING OUR WORKING-CLASS HISTORY

Community Preservation Grant Supports Longshoremen Documentary



Local 1329

The Cape Verdean museum was awarded the Louise Whitney Fund Community Preservation Grant. These funds will support the development of our upcoming Cape Verdean Longshoremen Documentary, which will begin production over the coming months.

Founded by Cape Verdean Manuel Q. Ledo in 1933, the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) Local 1392, was the first predominantly Cape Verdean and Black labor union in New England, becoming known as “the table that fed the neighborhood.” These sailors and whalers transitioned their seafaring skills into powerful waterfront labor organizing.

For years these immigrants were the backbone of New England's whaling and shipping industries, and we are honored to highlight their stories. These sponsorships are an important part of the Museum's ability to continue to do the work we do for the broader community.

DOCUMENTARY IN DEVELOPMENT

Production will begin over the coming months, bringing these stories of labor, migration and community to a wider audience.

COMING TOGETHER

2026 Cape Verdean Museum Unity Gala

A night celebrating culture, history and community.

We are excited to announce our ongoing relationship with Centreville Bank as the sponsor for our upcoming 2026 Cape Verdean Museum Unity Gala. The museum thanks all of our community partners for their contributions and welcome you to celebrate with us.

**Cape Verdean Museum's
UNITY GALA**

Celebrating Unity, Heritage and Community

MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Any Delgado **Ineida Rocha**

**GUEST ARTIST
TITO PARIS**
— & Live Band —

2025 COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD RECIPIENTS

MR. JOVINO PERES MR. ERIK ANDRADE
MR. GEORGE LOPES MR. DONALD J. SENNA MR. DONALD A. LOPES
CABO VERDEANS UNITED (MS. GENIE LOMBA & MS. TILA ADAMS)

**MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR
Dr. Isadore (Izzy) Ramos**

TICKET INFORMATION

- 5 VIP Tables for sale: **\$1,400** per table
- 10 Standard Group Tables **\$1,100** per table
- 100 General Admission Tickets **\$120** per ticket

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN AUGUST

- Online: www.capeverdeanmuseum.org
- Cape Verdean Museum: 617 Prospect St. Pawt. RI
- Ligefrica Music & Variety Store: 180 Mineral Spring Ave. Pawt. RI

LOCATION & TIME
Amigos da Tencira: 55 Memorial Drive, Pawtucket, RI
Doors open 6pm & dinner is served 7:15pm

Sept 19

Centreville Bank
Progress on Purpose

WWW.CAPEVERDEANMUSEUM.ORG

Children's Music Program with Instructor Calu di Guida



This summer music program introduces school-aged Cape Verdean – American children ages 7-17 to Cape Verdean music and staple musical instruments, in weekly workshop sessions. Sessions focus on understanding culturally relevant instrument rhythm, pitch, and dynamics through playful exploration. Our Summer 2026 group of students focused on the history and fundamentals of Batuku.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE MUSEUM

Built by Volunteers. Sustained by Community.**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

I would like to acknowledge our hardworking staff of volunteers for their time and dedication. It is a labor of love, and we truly could not do it without you.

Looking Ahead

We at the Cape Verdean museum are proud to have the opportunity to continue telling the important story of Cape Verde and strengthen the Cape Verdean community for our children and future generations. Thank you for your continued patronage and support.

**With gratitude,
Jose DaMoura,
Executive Director**

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