



CAPE VERDEAN MUSEUM

2020-2021 Fundraising Campaign

A New Home for Our Future



Our Mission

The Cape Verdean Museum is dedicated to celebrating the history and culture of Cape Verde and Cape Verdean-Americans. The institution, the first of its kind in the country, was founded in 2000 by members of the community representing Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Our location on Waterman Avenue in East Providence officially opened in 2005.

We are a 501(3)(c) institution, defined as a non-profit organization created and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The museum is staffed entirely by volunteers.

We have implemented our mission by creating a display with books, artifacts, pictures, stories, and more from Cape Verdeans all over the world. The museum provides an education that gives our community and others the capacity to fully appreciate Cape Verdeans' many contributions historically, economically and socially.

Our goal is to preserve and to celebrate. We are here for the community today and for future generations. Families, school groups and scholars have found us a one-of-a-kind resource for the special history of Cape Verdeans. We are able to tell that story because of the thoughtful gifts we have received. Maps, books, pictures and artifacts have been donated from throughout the United States and Cape Verde. From family photos to ship advertisements, even the debutante ball sash and longshoreman's hook that sit alongside gifts from the Presidents of Cape Verde, all give an important perspective on Cape Verdean history.

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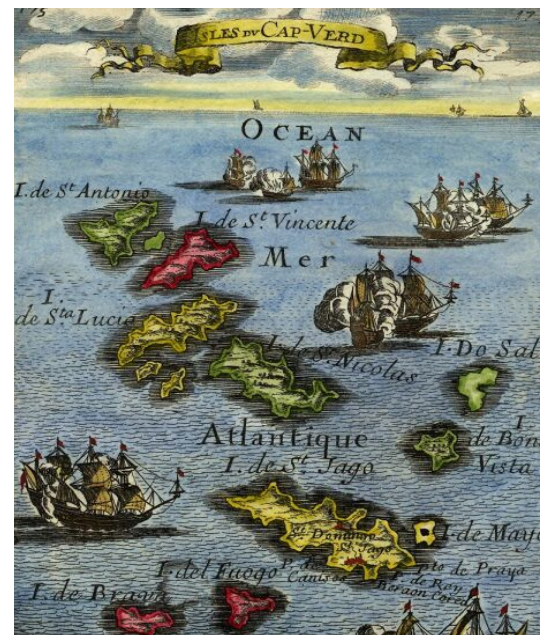
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Proposed Museum Location, Pawtucket RI

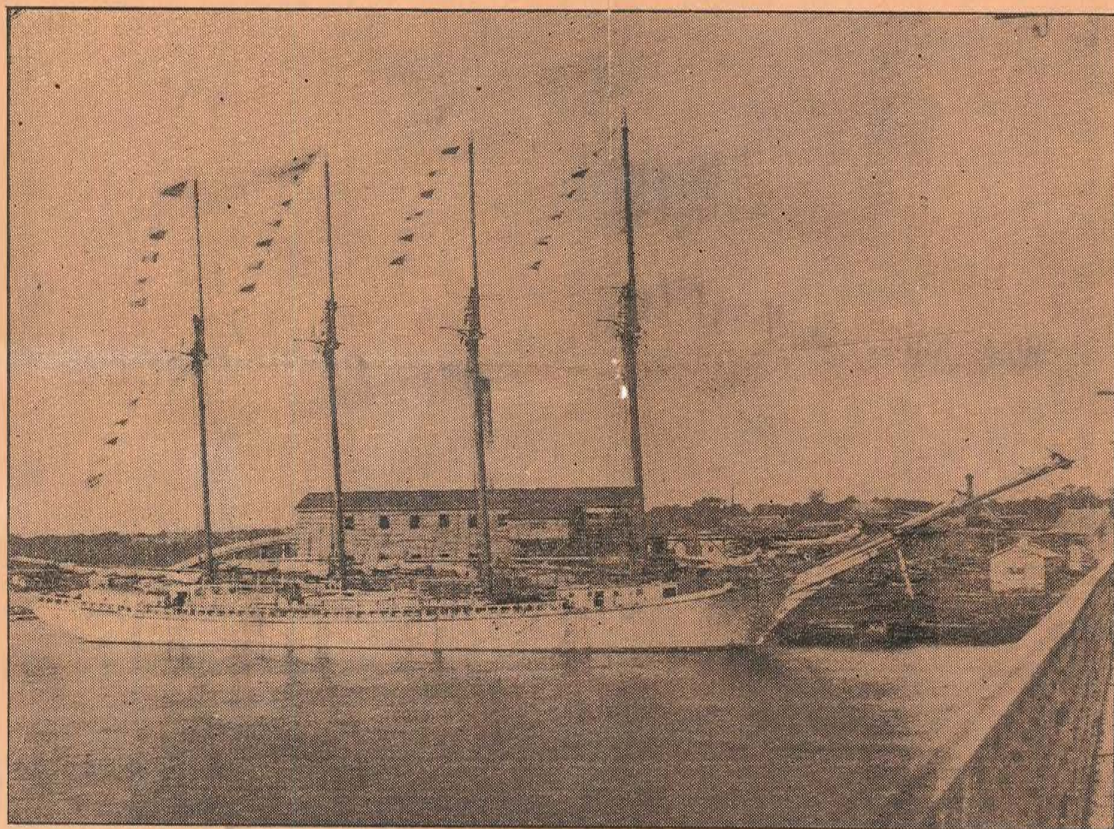


A NEW HOME WILL ALLOW US TO:

- Display more of our collection
- Expand library & research area
- Host larger school visits
- Devote space to special exhibits, gallery shows and other events



The Cape Verdean Museum is at a critical juncture and we need your support! Over the last twenty years, we've grown a great deal thanks to the many wonderful people in our community. Now, we want to keep that momentum going by moving into a new home that allows us to truly showcase our collection and host special events, raising the visibility of Cape Verdean heritage and developing into a Rhode Island cultural institution that everyone can take pride in!



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Our Collection

The museum's exhibits, like Cape Verdeans themselves, cover a lot of territory. We explore the islands, from early European colonization and the slave-trade era to the nation's current political and cultural life. This history is told through 16th and 17th century maps, documents and rare pieces recovered from shipwrecks, as well as recent artwork, textiles and ceramics.

Another area we are devoted to is the story of Cape Verdean-Americans. We follow the migration of people to the United States as whalers and seasonal cranberry pickers, as well as packet ship passengers settling in Fox Point and New Bedford. We celebrate the contributions these people made, whether it's as whalers, stonemasons and longshoremen or through a rich community life that included fundraising dances, history celebrations and pro-Independence groups. We also recognize the work of notable Cape Verdean-Americans, from musicians and athletes to politicians and scholars, in our Hall of Fame.



Our Impact

Over the last fifteen years, the Cape Verdean Museum has had visitors from thirty-two states and thirty-nine foreign countries. Several schools have made field trips to our East Providence location, including Rhode Island College, Johnson & Wales, Boston University, East Providence High School, The Met School, Norwich Academy and Blackstone Academy.

The Embassy of the Republic of Cape Verde in Washington has suggested that official visitors from the republic make the museum a stop on their itinerary. The current President of the RCV, Jorge Fonseca, has made an official visit to our home, as well as former Presidents Antonio Monteiro Mascarenhas and Pedro Pires.

Our Education Committee has a traveling exhibit that has been shown at libraries, schools, festivals and diversity programs throughout Rhode Island. Our staff members have participated in the African Studies Association's annual conference in Boston, Rhode Island's Black History Month and a program on children at the Museum of Work and Culture in Woonsocket.

The Cape Verdean Hall of Fame and *Tardi Kultural* are two of the museum's most successful regular events. The Hall of Fame recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to the Cape Verdean communities of New England while *Tardi Kultural*, or "Culture in the Afternoon," is an arts festival that brings together painters, poets, speakers, writers and musicians to celebrate our rich culture.

For those who volunteer at the museum, the most rewarding moments come when a visitor recognizes a relative in an old photo or when a child learns something new about their roots. This is where the Cape Verdean Museum can have its most meaningful impact, helping those in the community embrace their heritage and opening the door to others who wish to share in this history.

Clockwise, from top left: Class visit from Norwich Academy; Awards luncheon at CVM golf fundraiser; Our traveling exhibit at the Rhode Island Heritage Day Festival; Speakers at our "Culture in the Afternoon" event; Officials from Cape Verde touring the museum; Boxer Demetrius Andrade donates a pair of autographed gloves.







"Anyone wanting to learn more about the Cape Verde in New England should make sure to visit the Cape Verde Exhibit located at 1003 Waterman Avenue in East Providence. This small but lovingly built collection takes visitors through whaling, emigration and building new lives and communities in the United States." – The Boston Globe, April, 2009.

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