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Rhode Tour on the Road

Hera Gallery Welcomes Rhode Tour to South County

**September 13, 2014**

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

*South Kingstown:* Hera Gallery is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the South County debut of the Rhode Tour mobile phone application. This free event will be taking place Saturday, September 13th from 6-7:30 pm and is open to the public.

Rhode Tour is a statewide mobile historical smart phone application that tells stories by and about Rhode Islanders. A joint initiative of the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities and Brown University's John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage, Rhode Tour brings mapping technology, sound, images, videos and well-told stories together to engage us in learning about the places we live, work, visit or perhaps simply pass by in Rhode Island.

For the initial phase of Rhode Tour, participating organizations and people include the Urban Pond Procession, Slater Mill, the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society, the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project, Sandra Enos of Bryant University, and students and faculty of Brown’s Public Humanities MA program. In telling Rhode Island stories, Rhode Tour is about the power of place, including archaeology, the environment, race and ethnicity, manufacturing, and social issues.

In a short presentation, we will introduce Rhode Tour and its features. Sandra Enos will discuss *Orphanages, Asylums and Almshouses* based on research on the history of Rhode Island’s places for its poor, vulnerable, delinquent, hearing impaired and disabled citizens. With compelling images and stories, this digital technology allows researchers, story-tellers and people who love our state’s places and people an engaging platform to share these resources. Joined by scholars and researchers from Brown’s Public Humanities Program and staff from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, we will discuss the role of digital media in expanding and enhancing the reach of the humanities and the arts.

Visit [rhodetour.org](https://mail.bryant.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=fgSTzble4E2SU4pyYnDlWdRx0xGeldEI4F1csCL-l1-cxGX-CBn5tjJGZhW6zbrsccrmbBN5b90.&URL=http%3a%2f%2frhodetour.org) to take a thematic tour on your computer, or download the mobile app from the App Store or Google Play for a new kind of Rhode Island guidebook.

For more information about the RhodeTour project, please contact Adrian Moore (Adrian@rihumanities.org)at the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

For more information about Hera Gallery, please visit the HERA webpage (<http://www.heragallery.org>) or contact Abigael McGuire (info@heragallery.org).

**The event will take place at Hera Gallery located at 10 High Street in Wakefield, RI on September 13th. The public is invited to attend the reception held from 6-7:30pm on Saturday, September 13th.**

*Hera Gallery is free and open to the public and is accessible to persons with disabilities. Parking is available behind the building or across the street.*

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