



## *Newport, Rhode Island*

*The pineapple has been Newport's symbol of hospitality since the 1650's, when sea captains returning to Newport from trade voyages placed them outside their homes to encourage visitors and welcome guests. A fresh pineapple displayed outside one's home was a sign of a safe return from a trip and also that fresh goods were available for sale. Today the pineapple can be seen in all forms throughout Newport from wooden carvings, flags, chocolate candies, door knockers, welcome mats and souvenirs. During the Fall and Winter Holidays the pineapple can be found over doorways as the centerpiece of fresh fruit displays, keeping alive the tradition that began in the 1650's.*

*On behalf of The Newport, RI CVB,  
We hope to be welcoming your group to the  
"City-by-the-Sea" in the near future.*