PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

ANNUAL MASTRO CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

12:00 - 11:00 PM FREE ADMISSION

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT 12:00 PM
TO HONOR PEOPLE WE LOST DURING THE YEAR

Enjoy the Cape Verdean culture with music, food, and entertainment

Games, raffles, prizes, community resource tables, kids activities, and various vendors

Cape Verdean Cultural & Education Program 329 Grosvenor Ave, East Providence, RI 02914

History of Mastro de Santo Antonio

Cape Verdean Progressive Center
In the early 1950's, husbands of the Club's founders
wanted to create a way to promote the Cape Verdean
culture and visibility of the club in the community. Most
instrumental in this endeavor were Lao Amado and John
Gomes. The CV Club adopted Santo Antonio as the
patron saint and on June 13 chose to celebrate the feast
of St. Anthony on an annual basis.

Mastro of St Anthony celebration used to be celebrated on June 13 regardless of what day in the week it fell on, but in subsequent years chose to celebrate on the second Sunday in June closest to the 13th. Over the years the Mastro was celebrated Friday thru Sunday and some years just celebrated on Sunday, as we are doing this year. Past celebrations include the dressing of the Mastro (tree) with fruits, money, breads, candy and sometimes a bottle of liquor at the top of the tree.

What is important is that the Mastro de Santo Antonio continues to be celebrated at the CV Club to promote the Cape Verdean culture and our club for future generations with music, food, activities and friendships.

History Provided by George Barboza.