

The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey 2023 Fall Meeting
Hosted by Sparta Historical Society/Van Kirk Homestead Museum at the
Sparta Middle School, 350 Main Street, Sparta NJ 07871
Saturday, November 4, 2023

AGENDA

- 9:00 am Registration, coffee, continental breakfast, info tables
9:30 am Welcome by MaryAnne Francisco, president of the Sparta Historical and Sparta Mayor Daniel Chiariello
9:45 am Welcome by Brian Armstrong, president, League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, followed by the League business meeting
10:15 am Sparta Historical celebrates its 21st Anniversary: Getting to Know Us
Have you had similar experiences?
10:45 am Break
11:00 am Bill Truran, Sussex County historian; MaryAnne Francisco, Sparta Historical president; and Bill Kroth, CEO, Sterling Hill Mines present
“Sussex County and Its Geology: How it Affected our Early History, Our Middle History with Thomas Edison, and more Current News”
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Tour of Van Kirk Homestead Museum
2:00 pm End of program
2:00 pm Option 1 – Walking tour of Lake Mohawk, which is on State Historical Registry
Option 2 – **Drive to Sterling Hill Mining Museum for a special preregistered 2:15 pm tour for additional cost of \$14 per person; see below for registering for the mine tour**

Local Accommodations: Homewood Suites, 2 Commerce Center Drive, Dover, NJ 07801; 973-989-8899
Holiday Inn Express, 8 N. Park Drive, Newton, NJ 07860; 973-940-8888
Hilton Garden Inn, 375 Mt Hope Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07868; 973-328-0600
Fairfield Inn & Suites, 14 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866; 973 554 4090

For questions before November 4, call 973-726-0883. For questions on November 4, 973-818-9950.

To register for the meeting, complete the form below and mail it with your check for \$30, payable to the Sparta Historical Society. **If you plan to visit the mining museum, please include a separate check for \$14 each, payable to the Sterling Hill Mining Museum.** Please mail your registration (and museum tour check) by October 28 to the Sparta Historical Society, P. O. Box 312, Sparta, NJ 07871, ATTN: Gail Miner

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

City State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Affiliation _____

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From East and North

Route I-280 West to Rt 80 West.

Route I-80 West to exit 34B, Rt.15 North, Jefferson, Sparta.

Route 15 North to Route 517 Sparta, Franklin exit.

Right at end of ramp on to Route 517/Main Street.

Approximately 1 mile on the left is Sparta Middle School, turn left into driveway.

Park on the left side and use the left side entrance.

From South and West

The following routes intersect with Route I-287 North, the Garden State Parkway, Routes 78, 24, 202, and 206 at different points.

Route I-287 North to exit 41B, Route I-80 West.

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Above: Sparta Middle School.
Right: Van Kirk Museum