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# LEAGUE NEWS

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## **RINGWOOD MANOR CLOSED FOR CLEANING FOLLOWING FURNACE MISFIRE**

Ringwood Manor, the historic country house at the heart of Ringwood State Park, will be closed for the remainder of the winter to allow for cleanup of soot released by a malfunctioning furnace.

The DEP's State Park Service will be working with historical conservators to ensure careful and thorough cleaning of the interior of the Manor House and its artifacts. A forced-air furnace misfired last month, spreading soot through parts of the first and second floors of the historic house.

"This was a most unfortunate event at one of our premier and most popular historic sites," said Amy Cradic, Assistant Commissioner for Natural and Historic

Resources. "The State Park Service will take every precaution necessary to ensure the protection of artifacts and the home's interior surfaces during the removal of soot."

Park Service personnel have been meeting with museum emergency response experts to discuss cleanup priorities and will work with qualified conservators during the cleanup process. Ringwood and the Manor House were at the center of American Revolution iron-making. The Manor House, owned in the middle 19th century by iron-master Abram S. Hewitt, displays an extensive collection of art, furniture and other period artifacts.



Ringwood State Park and other buildings continue to maintain normal operating hours. Tours of the Manor House have been suspended pending completion of the cleanup. Most scheduled programs are taking place in other buildings around the Manor House. The Manor House furnace system is being evaluated for repairs and/or replacement. For more information on Ringwood Manor and Ringwood State Park, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/ringwood.html>.

## **SAVE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS**

June 9, 2012	DANE, the Danish Archive Northeast, Edison, Middlesex County
October 20, 2012	Friends of Waterloo Village, Byram, Sussex County
March 2013	Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society, Cumberland County
June 2013	Historical Association of Woodbridge, Middlesex County

We encourage your society to host a future League meeting. If you would like this opportunity to showcase your site, just contact Linda Barth, 908-722-7428, [barths@att.net](mailto:barths@att.net), and she will put you in touch with the regional vice-president for your area. **We look forward to visiting YOUR town some day soon.**

## The Slate of Officers and Directors of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

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The following are valuable members of our board, but are not elected positions:

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## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

History is alive and well in the Garden State! I am encouraged by the number of counties that have followed the example of Union County.

Union was the first to initiate the idea of having many of its historic sites open on one specific weekend. Its "Four Centuries in a Weekend" program on the third weekend in October has been an inspiration.

Several years ago, the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, working with colleagues in Union, came up with its own "Weekend Journey Through the Past," held on the second weekend in October.

Recent years have seen the development of "Weekend in Old Monmouth," in early May. (See the story on page five.)

Last year the folks in Sussex County held a similar event on the third weekend of October. Plans are underway to repeat this program.

Finally, last year marked the 1st Annual Northwest Bergen County History Day Tour. The Coalition of Northwest Bergen Historical Organizations will host its 2nd such event on Saturday, May 19 from 10 to 4. Eight historical homes and museums will be open to tour and enjoy. In honor of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, each historical site will feature a special Civil War era exhibit. Visitors will enjoy learning more about the rich history of NW Bergen County as they stop at the following:

**The Schoolhouse Museum** in Ridgewood, (650 East Glen Avenue)

**The Hermitage** in HoHoKus (335 North Franklin Turnpike)

**The Fell House** in Allendale (475 Franklin Turnpike)

**The Hopper-Goetschius House Museum** in Upper Saddle River (363 East Saddle River Road)

**The Old Stone House** in Ramsey (538 Island Road)

**The Mahwah Museum** in Mahwah (201 Franklin Turnpike)

**The Van Allen House** in Oakland (3 Franklin Avenue)

**The Zabriskie House** in Wyckoff (421 Franklin Avenue)

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**DEADLINE:** Submissions for the August issue of *League News* must be on the editor's desk no later than July 15, 2012. Please send all items to: Linda Barth, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; [barths@att.net](mailto:barths@att.net).

**Material submitted electronically should be in WORD format. Photographs will be scanned and returned. Digital photographs should be submitted in .jpeg or .tiff.**

## SAVE THE DATE!

### ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE THURSDAY, JUNE 7—PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

[www.njhistoricpreservationconference.org](http://www.njhistoricpreservationconference.org)



◀ Convention Hall, Asbury Park

Wilson Hall, Monmouth University,  
Long Branch ▶



### N.J. TO BEGIN SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITE FINANCIAL NEEDS FIRST SUCH SURVEY IN 22 YEARS

The first state-run survey in 22 years that is intended to determine the potential costs of the repair, restoration or improvements needs of New Jersey historic sites began on February 1st. The Capital Needs Survey is being conducted by the state Historic Trust, which encourages all publicly owned and nonprofit-managed sites to participate in the survey.

"The Historic Trust recognizes that even our state's most notable and celebrated historic sites and attractions have significant needs for repairs and improvements, all of which will ultimately serve the public better," said Community Affairs Commissioner Richard E. Constable. "This survey will help the Trust identify those specific needs and begin to quantify the costs associated with making these historic buildings relevant and useful in their communities."

The survey will end May 1. It will pose questions about a building's use, repair needs, projected repair costs, and, if appropriate, its participation in heritage tourism development. A historic building is defined as a structure that was built more than 50 years ago, or prior to 1962. A property does not need to be listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places to be included in the survey. Among the buildings that may participate are historic residences, farmsteads, factories, theaters, museums, houses of worship, fire houses, libraries, railroad stations, and schools. Buildings owned by private homeowners or businesses are not eligible for this survey.

The first capital needs survey, conducted in 1990, identified more than \$400 million. The survey's results helped garner public support for four historic preservation bond referendums in the 1990s, and sustained historic preservation funding from the Garden State Preservation Trust from 2000 to 2010.

This year, the Historic Trust is hoping to attract more participants by making the survey accessible online. "By using the Internet and making the survey easy to complete and submit, we hope to reach as many historic site stewards as possible," Historic Trust Director Dorothy Guzzo said. "The broader the participation, the better picture we will have of the state's real need for historic preservation funding." Upon completion of the survey, the data will be analyzed and the capital needs of the state's historic properties will be tallied and published by the end of the year. The Historic Trust will use the information to prioritize or revise criteria for its program, as well as to alert the community to begin thinking about their future stewardship needs.

The Historic Trust administers grants from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund, the NJ Cultural Trust Capital Preservation Grant Program, the "Discover NJ History" License Plate Fund and the 1772 Foundation Grant Program for New Jersey.

Since 1990, the Historic Trust has awarded more than \$134 million in matching preservation grants to sites in every county of the state. For more information on the Capital Needs Survey visit:

<http://fs19.formsite.com/NJHT/CapitalNeedsSurvey/index.html>.

-TOM HESTER SR., [NEWJERSEYNEWSROOM.COM](http://NEWJERSEYNEWSROOM.COM)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Imaginative holiday decorations at the 1845 Doric House Museum at 114 Main Street, Flemington, drew over 300 visitors in five days. The parlor décor won first honors for the Community Garden Club of Whitehouse, and the foyer and dining room décor garnered second honors for the Hunterdon Hills Garden Club of High Bridge. Shown in the photo following the award presentation by Hunterdon County Historical Society president Dick Stothoff (far right) are Community Club decorating committee co-chairs (from left) Barbara Stawicki and Debi DeLorenzo and Hunterdon Hills committee chair Chris Endris. Both clubs are planning new themes and decorations for the State and National Register Greek Revival house for December 2012. Doric House is open for tours by appointment through the Hunterdon County Historical Society at 908-782-1091.



## SAVING THE PRINCETON BATTLEFIELD IS MOVING INTO A NEW STAGE

*Over the past several years, the Princeton Battlefield Society has been trying to stop a housing development on the site of a portion of the Princeton Battlefield in Princeton Township. The land in question is owned by the Institute for Advanced Study, which wants to construct housing for its professors. The following was prepared by Kathleen Cherry.*

The Princeton Battlefield Society's effort to save the site of the counterattack from the construction of a housing development has entered a new phase. Having "counted noses" on the Princeton Regional Planning Board, we were not surprised when on March 1, 2012, the board approved the application of the Institute for Advanced Study to build its housing project.

However, we are not deterred and are now getting ready to launch our second phase in response. Bottomline, our "second battle of Princeton" will now become our "third!"

We knew from the start that our efforts before the planning board would be uphill, as it would be highly unusual for board members to turn down a development proposal that its staff essentially had preapproved, especially from an institutional developer. Our counsel, Bruce Afran, had advised us that though we would probably lose before the planning board, our chances would be quite good long-term, and that ultimately we would succeed in overturning this decision in court – particularly if we carefully documented our case before the board.

As we proceeded through four lengthy sessions, we concluded that planning board staff was not prepared to respond to our detailed, thorough challenge of their methodology and analysis of the law. In our presentation, we pointed out what we believe are clear violations of the township's zoning laws and the 1992 Settlement Agreement between the township and the institute.

At the same time, Counsel to the Board also did not agree to what we believe were very reasonable requests to subpoena witnesses. These particular witnesses were barred from voluntary participation by the State's policy for state personnel or by confidentiality agreements with the Institute.

Therefore, our strategy, which was managed effectively by our attorney, was to present uncontroverted testimony on the historic significance of the site, as well as the failure of the Institute to show compliance with the specific cluster zoning requirements and the clear terms of the 1992 agreement. We will be filing an appeal of the decision for a *de novo* review of the decision by the Superior Court of New Jersey. We believe that we have developed a very strong record during the four times that we have been before the planning board, and feel that we are in a good position to overturn its decision.

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We feel confident in our legal challenges and are now focusing on a “phase II” of our fundraising efforts to save the battlefield. We have developed a detailed budget for the work ahead. We are seeking donations to our Legal Defense Fund. Thus far we have raised over \$36,000 and are seeking another \$25,000 for immediate costs in Phase II. Donations should be marked on the memo line “for Legal Defense Fund,” and mailed to:

**Princeton Battlefield Society  
P.O. Box 7645  
Princeton, New Jersey 08543  
609-921-0074**

## **5TH ANNUAL WEEKEND IN OLD MONMOUTH VISIT MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORIC SITES MAY 5-6, 2012**



The Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove

The self-guided tour, *A Weekend in Old Monmouth*, will be held this year on Saturday, May 5 from 10 AM-5 PM and Sunday, May 6, 12-5 PM. Forty sites of every description will be open to the public free that weekend. A tour booklet and map will be available at each site and can be previewed on the Monmouth County Historical Commission’s webpage at [visitmonmouth.com](http://visitmonmouth.com); click on Departments, then Historical Commission. Planning the tour will help the visitor see the



Mill at Walnford

most for his time and per his preferences.

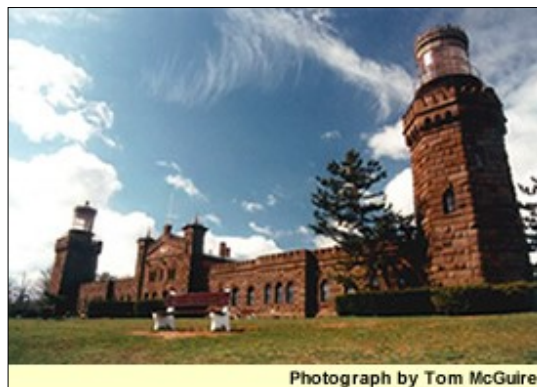
The purpose for the coordinated open hours is to stimulate visitation by making available a lot of history in a single two-day period. Since the 40-site itinerary cannot be seen in one weekend, choosing one’s preferences will help make the tour more enjoyable and leave other possibilities available for another year. The simplest division, geographical, has been outlined in advance as the tour is divided geographically into three sub-tours. Each one begins near a county border. Approaching from the west, one can begin at Walnford, the historic village with an operating mill located in Upper Freehold Township. Coming from the north, Site #1 is the Steamboat Dock Museum in Keyport, also a stop on the Coastal Heritage Trail. Arrive from the south and one can begin at the National Guard Militia Museum in Sea Girt. Come early and see the fine collection of aircraft and military vehicles on the lawn opposite the museum.

The thematic tour is another approach. If you like historic houses, you can organize your own historic house tour. The same applies for museums. Several sites have a Revolutionary War tie. If churches are your preference, there are outstanding examples that date from the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The tour also includes two of the most important lighthouses in the nation, two former one-room schools, a former industrial village (Allaire), a working mill, an active farm with live animals, two colonial taverns and the oldest medical office building in New Jersey and possibly the country. In short, there is something for everyone and a lot for most.



Church of the Presidents,  
Long Branch  
◀

Twin Lights of  
the Navesink,  
Highlands  
▶



Photograph by Tom McGuire

## Criteria for the Kevin M. Hale Publication Awards

The following criteria will be used to judge the various categories of the Hale Publication Awards for 2012.

### NEWSLETTERS

#### Front Page:

Is it eye catching?

Does it clearly identify the name of the group, the site, the date, the location?

Is there a web address given?

#### Contents:

**Does it contain articles that add to our historic knowledge or understanding of a topic?**

Does it encourage participation in the organization's activities? Does it encourage membership?

Does it contain articles about events that are current (or were at the time it was published)?

Does it review previous activities and successes?

**Does it promote other heritage tourism?** Does it promote other sites? Does the group partner with other sites?

**Can it be viewed online?**

#### Pictures:

Do they have historic or cultural value?

Are they clearly labeled and credited to the photographer?

Graphic quality -- Are they eye-catching?

#### Editing:

Are there misspellings, typographical errors, wrong page numbers, etc?

#### Contact Info:

Is it easy to contact the group or editor for more information? Is there an address, phone number and/or email to contact?

Does the reader feel encouraged or welcomed to do so?

### BOOKS, BOOKLETS and JOURNALS

(3 separate categories)

Significance of research (how much time/effort went into the research)

Quality of sources

**How much does it add to our knowledge of the subject?**

Clarity of presentation

Quality of illustrations

Editing

### PAMPHLETS AND BROCHURES

(separate categories)

Includes handouts describing timed exhibits, walking tours, etc.

Clarity of presentation

Graphic appeal

Likelihood of long term retention

Significance of research

Quality of sources

### DVDs

Same as books, except more emphasis placed on graphics and eye appeal.

**Please send your submissions in one or two categories to J.B. Vogt, 6 Forty Oaks Road, White House Station, NJ 08889. If you have questions, please contact her at 908-534-4600 or [jnvg6@gmail.com](mailto:jnvg6@gmail.com) before February 15, 2013.**

### POSTERS

1) Quality of graphics

2) Uniqueness of subject

3) **Historic or cultural value**

4) Likelihood of long-term retention

5) Likelihood it will be framed/hung

### CALENDARS

1) Eye catching cover

2) **Historic pictures**

3) User friendly (enough space to jot a note each day)

4) Records significant holidays or historic dates

5) **Records society events**

### SALEM COUNTY CHURCHES



The complete inventory of the 51 surviving churches, meetinghouses, and synagogues of Salem County, NJ from the 18th and 19th centuries is now available at [www.njchurchscape.com/salem.html](http://www.njchurchscape.com/salem.html).

Publication of the book containing a much-expanded treatment will follow shortly.

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## IN MEMORIAM—RUTH KANE FERN



Ruth Kane Fern, age 92, of Wayne died January 2, 2012 at the Seabrook Village Assisted Living in Tinton Falls. Her passing was graciously peaceful after a wonderful life journey.

She was born in Somerville to the late James A. Kane and Marguerite (Carberry) Kane and had lived there and in Newark before moving to Wayne in 1958. Ruth graduated from Somerville High School with the Class of 1937 and received a car as a graduation present from her parents. She is pictured on the right with friends Helen Holcombe (left) and Mary Masker (middle) in front of that car, which she named "Geraldine."



Ruth attended Trenton State College where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history, English and secondary school education. In 1944 she earned a Masters of English at the Graduate School of Arts and Science at New York University, and in 1953 she received a Masters in Administration and Supervision from Montclair State College. Mrs. Fern studied for her Doctorate in Education at New College at

Oxford University in England as well as Bedford College at the University of London, England.

Mrs. Fern was a college professor of English and Education at Paterson State College (now William Paterson University), where she worked for thirty-seven years before her retirement in 1995. She also supervised student teachers.

Mrs. Fern was past president of the Passaic County Historical Society and the Morris County Historical Society. She was a member of Alpha Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society for distinguished women and Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society. She was also a member of the Washington Association of NJ.

Ruth was very active in the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey for many years, continuing to attend board meetings when she was 90 and having difficulty getting around.

She was the devoted wife of the late Wallace E. Fern (1988); loving second cousin of Mary Carberry Meek Tutko of Rockaway and her husband William, the late James Kane, and several other loving cousins.

Funeral services were held on January 6, 2012 in Wayne.





## SPIRIT OF THE JERSEYS STATE HISTORY FAIR— NEW DATE AND PLACE

Please save the date of Saturday, May 12, for this year's Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair! The fair has been moved to the **second Saturday** so as not to conflict with New Jersey History Day competition. It will again be held at the Washington Crossing State Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## DOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS A HUGE GIFT TO THE DOVER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Over the years, the Dover Volunteer Fire Department, organized in 1874, has collected thousands of photographs of everything from fires, emergency rescues and disasters to the hundreds of parades, fire apparatus demonstrations, celebrations, and picnics, along with a case of newspaper clippings, maps, documents, and memorabilia. All these belongings were tucked away in boxes and crates for decades at the fire department's garage, used for the storage of antique apparatus and equipment, located near the town garage on North Sussex Street.

In February 2012, current Dover Fire Chief Richard Mattison and members of the fire department decided to give the Dover Area Historical Society an opportunity to search through these boxes and crates and decide what is historically significant to the citizens of the Dover area and what items should see the light-of-day for the first time with a public display.

According to George Laurie, museum curator, "considering the amount of memorabilia being offered to the society, this project may take months before completed."

So far, members of the historical society have uncovered photographs of Dover's early firefighters from the late 1800s along with thousands of photographs of the various steamers and fire engines the department has owned over the years. Also found were pictures of the early hand-drawn hose & ladder trucks along with the steamer-engines that were pulled through the streets of Dover and nearby towns by teams of horses, such as Mae and Blossom.

Also uncovered so far were hundreds of newspaper clippings that reported on Dover's numerous fires, such as the Park Union Lumber Yard fire in 1954, considered one of the largest fires in Dover's history. Other clippings describe disasters such as the Picatinny Arsenal and Hercules Powder Depot explosions and emergency efforts like the rescue of spectators when the grandstand collapsed at the Dover Speedway, injuring dozens of spectators.

Everyone loves a parade and the Dover Fire Department had its fair share from its founding in 1874 to the present day; hundreds of photographs document parades in Dover, Boonton, Morristown, Rockaway, and Randolph, as well as apparatus demonstrations showing the public the latest technologies in fighting fires.

Uncovered so far were hundreds of documents detailing the various fire apparatus owned by the department over the years, lists of those who served as fire chief, the men who drove the apparatus to and from fires and a list of volunteer firefighters over the years.

The society hopes to seek a grant to help fund the documenting of these records and the cost of establishing an exhibit at the Dover History Museum House and possibly at the Dover Free Public Library.



Members of the Dover Area Historical Society examine the donation from the Dover Volunteer Fire Department.



## HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS — 2012

**Friday, April 13 – Cape May County—Dinner with the Ghost Writer:** Join psychic medium and ghost writer Craig McManus at the Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean St. for a Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> dinner, 7 pm. Tickets \$50. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15 – Somerset County—“A Touch of Dutch”** at the Grand Opening of the Wyckoff-Garretson House, 215 South Middlebush Road, Somerset 08873. 732-748-7657. Hearth cooking, Outwater’s Militia, and period music amidst a display of late 17th-century Dutch furniture and artifacts. 11 am to 3 pm.

**Saturday, April 14 – Monmouth County—**The Historical Society of Ocean Grove hosts its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean Grove & Greater NJ Antique Postcards, Books, Advertising, & Paper Collectibles Show & Sale at the Young Peoples (Youth) Temple, Pilgrim Pathway & McClintock Street, Ocean Grove. Show hours will be 9-4 with admission by donation, \$3. Food available. Fundraiser benefits the public programs and ongoing research projects of the Historical Society of Ocean Grove. This is your golden opportunity to connect with the past and recapture fond memories through postcards and always at affordable prices. 732-774-1869.

**Saturday, April 14 – Cape May County—Kids Winter Workshop: "Victorian Architect Frank Furness" --** Who was he and does "Stick Style" have anything to do with sticks? Kids will learn about the Victorian architecture of the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate in this entertaining, hands-on program presented by the Friends of the Physick Estate, suited for ages 7-10. 1048 Washington St., 10 a.m.. \$10; \$7 for MAC members. For more information or to make reservations, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

Plus these events:

**Self-guided Wine & Brewery Trail:** What’s brewing in Cape May? Some great spirits, as you’ll find out on this tour of two of area wineries, Natali Vineyards and Hawk Haven Vineyard and Winery, plus the new Cape May Brewing Company. Take a tour at each stop and sample some of their products. Includes map with directions. 12 noon to 5 p.m. Admission, \$13. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information or to make reservations, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**A Ride with the Ghost Writer:** Join Ghost Writer Craig McManus on an evening trolley ride through the streets of Cape May as he relates his paranormal findings at various properties along the way. The tour begins and ends at the Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. \$25 all seats. 7:45 and 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Midnight at the Physick Estate:** Twenty-five lucky people will get to spend midnight in the haunted Physick Estate with author and ghost investigator Craig McManus, who will share his experiences and perhaps channel a spirit or two. Tour limited to 25 people. Tickets: \$35. 11 p.m. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Saturday, April 14 – Monmouth County—***Sherlock Holmes returns to Allaire Village!* A dramatic rendition of Arthur Conan Doyle’s “Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band,” in the Allaire Village Chapel at 7:30 pm. Neill Hartley brings the tale to life. Seating limited to 100 for each performance, so advanced purchase is recommended. Only ticket-holders will be admitted. Tickets, \$15. To purchase tickets or for information, call 732-919-3500, or buy online via PayPal at [www.allairevillage.org/tickets](http://www.allairevillage.org/tickets). Allaire State Park, Route 524/ 4265, Atlantic Avenue, Wall Twp., off Exit 98 of the Garden State Parkway and off Exit 31-B of Interstate 195.

**Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15—Morris County—Eighteenth Century Comes to Life Through Revolutionary Times Weekend:** Join us for the fourth annual celebration of the Continental Army's Morristown encampments during the winters of 1777 and 1779-80. Events will be held all weekend at various Morris County venues. For a schedule of all events and venues, please visit [www.morristowntourism.org](http://www.morristowntourism.org) and click on [Revolutionary Times Weekend](#).

**Sunday, April 15 – Monmouth County—Battleground Historical Society Open House** to view new 1940s and 1950s exhibit from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock at the Village Inn museum, 2 Water Street Englishtown, contact [www.thevillageinn.org](http://www.thevillageinn.org).

**Sunday, April 15 – Union County—The Art of Ancient Rubbings--Ideal for children.** Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 07090; 908-232-1776. The museum is open from 2:00-4:00 on Sundays. Costumed docents are on hand to guide visitors through the 1740 farmhouse. Please ask about our weekday tours for groups and our Showcase of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Skills, which visits local schools with an outreach crafts and lecture program. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations Sundays in the Frazee Building. The museum office is open M-F, 9-noon. For information, please call

908-232-1776. Admission: \$3, adults; \$1, students; children under 4, free. [www.millercoryhouse.org](http://www.millercoryhouse.org); [millercorymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercorymuseum@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook.

**Sunday, April 15 – Hudson County—Tunnel Talks. John Gomez on "Mechanical Moderne" 4 p.m.** The architectural historian and advisor to the Hoboken Historical Museum will speak on "The Architectural Innovation and Influence in the Holland Tunnel Ventilation Towers," and how the towers were designed. The Tunnel Talk series is free. Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson Street, Hoboken; 201-656-2240; [www.hobokenmuseum.org](http://www.hobokenmuseum.org).

**Sunday, April 15 – Monmouth County—*Baking Bread, the 1830s Way!* 1-4 p.m.**, The Historic Village at Allaire will hold a demonstration of the bee hive oven and techniques used for baking. Explore the bakery of the 1830s Howell Works and the role it played in sustaining an entire community. Join the workers as they prepare the dough and slide it into the oven. Smell the aroma of freshly baked bread. The Historic Village at Allaire, Allaire State Park, Route 524/4265 Atlantic Avenue, Farmingdale, Monmouth County, NJ, off Exit 98 of the Garden State Parkway and off Exit 31B of Interstate 195. For more information, contact the Allaire Village office, M-Friday, 9-5, 732-919-3500 or at [www.allairevillage.org](http://www.allairevillage.org).

**Saturday, April 28 – Mercer County—Register now! The 2012 Trenton Ceramics Symposium: Trenton Potteries Company: Art and Commerce** presented by the Potteries of Trenton Society at the New Jersey State Museum Auditorium, 205 West State Street, Trenton. This year's symposium will examine the history of The Trenton Potteries Company with special emphasis on the four monumental vases made for the company's display at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and the imaginative decorative wares made in the 1930s and 1940s alongside the sinks and toilets for which the company was famous. For the fair, the company advertised its porcelain by presenting it in the form of four lavishly decorated vases, each nearly five feet high. The program will begin at 10 a.m. with a continental breakfast; registration opens at 9 and includes lunch and a reception at the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie in Cadwalader Park. Registration form is available on [www.potteriesoftrentonsociety.org](http://www.potteriesoftrentonsociety.org). Patricia Madrigal, 609-695-0122 x 100; [www.hunterresearch.com](http://www.hunterresearch.com); [madrigal@hunterresearch.com](mailto:madrigal@hunterresearch.com)

**Tuesday, April 17 – Morris County—Bon-Ton Movie Night - 7:30 PM.** In memory of Dover's first motion picture house, the 1906 Bon-Ton Theater, the Dover Area Historical Society presents "Bon-Ton Movie Night." Every April, Bob Wagner digs into his vast collection of classic movies and treats everyone to a classic surprise. Movie will be shown at the Dover History Museum House, 55 West Blackwell Street in Dover. Free. Refreshments. Call 973-361-3525 to find out the name of this year's movie.

**Tuesday, April 17 – Morris County—**The Florham Park Historical Society presents, "**The Civil War from the Viewpoint of a Union Army Chaplain,**" by Father David Moreno, a Civil War reenactor. Florham Park Library, 7 pm.

**Friday, April 20 – Cape May County—Friends of the Physick Estate Fashion Show & Tea:** On the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., enjoy a delicious light afternoon tea in the garden tent of the Carriage House Café & Tearoom while models show romantic, Victorian-style fashions from Cape May's Uniquely Yours. 2:30 p.m. Reserve your place in advance. \$25 for members of the public or \$20 for Friends of the Physick Estate. Sponsored by the Friends of the Physick Estate, an affinity group of the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information or to make reservations, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Saturday, April 21 – Somerset County—"Richard Stockton and New Jersey's Darkest Hour,"** presented by NJ historian Don Peck, concerns those events in 1776 leading up to the capture of signer of the Declaration of Independence and his renunciation of his oath of allegiance to the new United States. Mr. Peck will explore this tragedy and recount the psychic experiences he has had with the renowned psychic, Jane Doherty. The Meadows Foundation. Van Liew-Suydam House, 280 S. Middlebush Road, Somerset 08873. 2-4 p.m. Tix are \$10. 732-748-7657.

**Saturday, April 21 – Ocean County—Tuckerton Historical Society - Triumph Through Adversity.** Join us as Karen F. Riley, award-winning author of four books, weaves her inspirational true story of overcoming adversity against the backdrop of courageous folks in the Pine Barrens who overcame the odds to taste success. Giffordtown Museum, 35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor, 609-294-1547, 2-4 PM.

**Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22 – Cape May County—**The Cape May County Museum is sponsoring a **bus trip to Maryland**. On Saturday, visit historic St. Mary's City, the original capital of Maryland settled in 1634. Visit will include a walking tour led by a costumed guide plus time on your own to explore. On Sunday visit Annapolis, capital of Maryland. Visit the William Paca House and Gardens, take a trolley tour of historic Annapolis, and tour the US Naval Academy. Cost includes Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast, plus overnight stay at Best Western in Leonardtown Md. Call the museum at 609-465-3535 or visit [www.cmcmmuseum.org](http://www.cmcmmuseum.org) for details.

**Saturday-Sunday, April 21-22 – Mercer County**—The Princeton Battlefield Society presents **Military Field Days at Princeton Battlefield**—Units are invited to knock the dust off their muskets and uniforms and practice drill, field maneuvers, and fieldcraft in preparation for the big events of the 2012 season. We are working to include both American and British units to allow for opposed forces demonstrations/tacticals. The Princeton Battlefield Society; contact, J. Carney; 973-271-8333.

**Sunday, April 22 – Morris County**—Macculloch Hall Historical Museum presents a **Civil War Lecture and Book Signing**: Bob Sheridan: ***Iron from the Deep: The Discovery and Recovery of the USS Monitor***. Held in conjunction with the exhibit "Gone for a Soldier:" Jerseymen in the Civil War. 7 pm (tickets available from 6:30). Held at the Cincinnati Masonic Lodge No. 3, 39 Maple Avenue (one block from the museum). Tickets: Adults \$8, Seniors \$6, Students (over 12 years) \$6. Cash or check only please. On lecture nights, the museum will be open from 1 pm to 6:30 pm.

**Sunday, April 22 – Richmond County (Staten Island) - Tea Party: An Abigail Adams Story.** A reading of a new play by Anna Mione. *Tea Party* deals with the discovery of Abigail's letters hidden in an antique desk. Limited seating. Please call 718-984-6046 for reservations.

**Sunday, April 22 – Union County**—**Annual Sheep-to-Shawl Festival**, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Ideal for children. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 07090; 908-232-1776. The museum is open from 2:00-4:00 on Sundays. Costumed docents are on hand to guide visitors through the 1740 farmhouse. Please ask about our weekday tours for groups and our Showcase of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Skills, which visits local schools with an outreach crafts and lecture program. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations Sundays in the Frazee Building. The museum office is open M-F, 9-noon. For information, please call 908-232-1776. Admission: \$3, adults; \$1, students; children under 4, free. [www.millercoryhouse.org](http://www.millercoryhouse.org); [millercorymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercorymuseum@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook.

**Sunday, April 22 – Morris County**—"New Jersey Goes to War: Soldiers, Civilians, Men, Women, Scoundrels, and Even a Heroic Horse of the Civil War" with historian Joseph Bilby, editor of *New Jersey Goes to War*, a publication from the New Jersey Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. 2:00 p.m. Lower level meeting room of the Morristown and Morris Township Library, 1 Miller Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. For more information contact 973-538-6161 or see: [www.jfpl.org](http://www.jfpl.org). Authors will have copies of their books on sale (cash or check only please). Refreshments will be served. Please join us.

**Tuesday, April 24 – Morris County** - Mendham Borough Historical Society will meet at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, in the borough at 7:30 PM. The program, **"A Legacy Worth Preserving: The History of Pitney Farm,"** will be presented at 8 PM by Eric Sletteland, son of Kathleen Pitney who still resides at the farm. One of the oldest properties within the Mendhams, it was owned by the Pitney family for 288 years and 11 generations prior to its 2009 acquisition by Mendham Township. The Pitney family is associated with the Revolution, the founding of Atlantic City, the court of NJ, the US Supreme Court, the Smithsonian Archives, and other NJ endeavors. Mr. Sletteland is a member of the Pitney Farm Transition Committee appointed by the Mendham Township Committee. His unique perspective and update on this important historic property will be of interest to those associated with preservation as well as all area residents. Having grown up on the property from age 9, he will also share family memorabilia, historic photos, and artifacts to complement his presentation. Parking/program are free.

**Tuesday, April 24 – Morris County** - Madison Historical Society presents **"Baseball in New Jersey, 1855-1870"** by author and baseball historian John G. Zinn. Chase Room, Madison Public Library, 7:15 PM. Light refreshments will be available from 7:00.

Mr. Zinn's talk will focus on the game's beginnings in NJ. He will describe some of its prominent players and some important differences between this early game – then called base ball – and its modern descendant. In those early days, fielders did not wear gloves and pitchers pitched underhand. Mr. Zinn is a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and is the author of *The Mutinous Regiment; The Thirty-Third New Jersey in the Civil War* and co-author with his son, of *The Major League Pennant Races of 1916*. David Lubner, 201-370-9267; [davlub@optonline.net](mailto:davlub@optonline.net).

**Tuesday, April 24 – Essex County - Residential Electricity, Then and Now: What's important to understand and why.** A South Orange Historical & Preservation Society Program *on the changing face of residential wiring. From Edison's first light bulb in 1880 to the present.* Village Hall, 101 South Orange Ave., South Orange, NJ 07079; Main meeting room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). Use parking lot entrance. 7 pm. Monica Merel, CEES LLC (Clean Energy Electric & Solar LLC) Co-author of the forthcoming business book, *Secrets from the Trenches – a Handbook for New Entrepreneurs*. Many homes in South Orange date back to a time when gaslights were the main source of lighting. When these homes were retrofitted to access electricity, no code requirements existed to safeguard people and property from electrical fire.



Newly invented electrical lighting systems were simply installed *inside of* existing gaslight supply pipes and some of these electrical systems are still in use today. Over time each generation superimposed the latest technology onto the pre-existing systems to extend live energy into almost every corner of the home. Sometimes in this process, incompatible types of electricity-carrying materials were connected together. We don't like to think about it but old wiring can be dangerous.

Learn how residential wiring should be upgraded and maintained just as heating, ventilation and cooling systems, roofs and paint jobs are maintained.

**Wednesday, April 25 – Morris County** - Macculloch Hall Historical Museum presents a **Civil War Lecture** by John Zinn in conjunction with the museum's current exhibit "*Gone for a Soldier: Jerseymen in the Civil War*." Mr. Zinn will speak about "**New Jersey Base ball during the Civil War Era, 1855-1870.**" Base ball, as it was written at the time, came to New Jersey in the 1850s and grew rapidly throughout the Civil War era. He will describe the game's early beginnings in New Jersey, prominent teams, and players. The impact of the war on the game's development in New Jersey and how New Jersey soldiers took the new game with them to the front will also be discussed. All lectures start at 7pm (tickets available from 6:30 pm). Held at the Cincinnati Masonic Lodge No. 3, 39 Maple Avenue (one block from the museum). Tickets: Adults \$8, Seniors \$6, Students (over 12 years) \$6. Cash or check only please. On lecture nights, the museum will be open from 1 pm - 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 25 – Middlesex County** - South River Historical & Preservation Society, "**Early History of New Jersey Elementary Schools,**" South River Museum, 64-66 Main Street, South River; 7:00 pm. Free admission and refreshments. Alycia Rihacek, president of the Madison Township Historical Society, will present information about the early history of New Jersey elementary schools and her society's Thomas Warne Museum, which was a local school in Old Bridge prior to the modernization of schools in the late 20th century. Kathleen, 732-355-0498 or [southriverhistory@gmail.com](mailto:southriverhistory@gmail.com); [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njsrhps](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njsrhps).

**Wednesday, April 25 – Middlesex County** - Please join the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance in the Pane Room of the Alexander Library, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick. The 3 pm business meeting will be followed at 4:15 pm by Bill Marsch's presentation, "Why Lincoln Lost New Jersey Twice." Parking passes for the College Avenue Deck can be mailed or emailed in advance. The deck entrance/exit is now from George Street only. Information on the NJSAA may be found at [www.njsaa.org](http://www.njsaa.org). For further information, you may email [craftg@rulmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:craftg@rulmail.rutgers.edu).

**Thursday, April 26 – Cape May County - Luncheon and Temperance Debate:** To drink or not to drink, that is the dispute between saloonkeeper Patrick Collins and Jennie Wales, staunch advocate of the temperance movement. Join Dr. Physick as he attempts to maintain decorum during this spirited debate. 12:30 p.m. Includes luncheon at the historic Merion Inn. Admission, \$25. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Thursday, April 26 – Morris County** - "**Delbarton and St. Benedict's: a Linked History,**" with Abbot Giles Hayes and Dr. Thomas McCabe, historians of Delbarton School and St. Benedict's Preparatory School, featuring Dr. McCabe's book, *Miracle on High Street: The Rise, Fall and Resurrection of St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, N.J.* 7:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission. All events take place in the lower level meeting room of the Morristown and Morris Township Library, 1 Miller Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. For more information, contact: 973-538-6161 or see: [www.jfpl.org](http://www.jfpl.org). Authors will have copies of their books on sale (cash or check only please). Refreshments will be served. Please join us.

**Friday, April 27 – Cape May County Opening Reception: "Cape May's 20th Century Renaissance: From the Pages of 'The First Resort'" Exhibit:** Join author Ben Miller at an opening reception at 7 p.m. for this interactive exhibit from the pages of his book, *The First Resort*, at the Carriage House Gallery at the Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. The exhibit features rare photographs, video, and a multitude of artifacts showcasing the years immediately before and after the city's Urban Renewal movement. Memories will abound for longtime visitors and residents, while more recent travelers will be introduced to a side of Cape May they've never seen. **Exhibit runs through November 4.** Free admission. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Saturday, April 28 – Somerset County** - "**Springtime Tea**" - 2-4 p.m. The Meadows Foundation 2nd annual spring tea, with finger sandwiches, mini-scones, teas, and desserts at the Van Liew-Suydam House, 280 S. Middlebush Rd., Somerset. Special guest speaker: "Victoriana Lady" Lisa Lewis, who will discuss Edwardian fashions that were worn on the *Titanic*. Tickets are \$25 each. Please send a check to The Meadows Foundation, 1289 Easton Ave., Somerset,

NJ 08873 and your ticket will be sent via return mail. Seating is limited and advance payment is necessary.

**Saturday, April 28 – Monmouth County - 8th Annual Spring Tea**, 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Township of Ocean West Park Recreation Center, West Park Avenue, Oakhurst, NJ 07755. Seating will begin at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00. For tickets, call the museum at 732-531-2136. Tickets can be bought singly, but preferably as tables of 4 and 8. All food is prepared by museum volunteers and includes tea sandwiches, breads, desserts, and scones with whipped cream, and butter and jam along with a variety of teas. There will be a gift auction, a boutique of hand quilted crafts and doll clothes, and entertainment. Prizes will be awarded for a fancy hat contest, so plan on wearing a hat. **ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. EVERY YEAR IS A SELL OUT SO DON'T WAIT TO GET YOUR TICKETS.** <http://www.OceanMuseum.org>.

**Saturday, April 28 – Passaic County - *Workers' Memorial Day Observance* to feature “Scapegoating: From the Salem Witch Hunts to Today’s Immigrant Bashing”** lecture at the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark, which will observe **Workers' Memorial Day**, a day set aside by the nation’s unions to draw attention to the occupational health and safety of workers in the US, at 1 PM. In addition to the traditional candle-light vigil, Irwin Nack, Associate Professor of History at William Paterson University and past president of the American Federation of Teachers Local Union 1796, AFL-CIO, will lead a slide presentation and discussion on the above topic. 83 Norwood Street, Haledon, New Jersey. For further information, please visit the museum’s website [www.labormuseum.net](http://www.labormuseum.net) or contact the museum at 973-595-7953 or [labormuseum@aol.com](mailto:labormuseum@aol.com).

**Saturday, April 28 – Richmond County (Staten Island) - English Tea.** Enjoy a Colonial-style English Tea party at the Conference House. For more information and reservations: [info@conferencehouse.org](mailto:info@conferencehouse.org), or 718-984-6046.

**Saturday, April 28 – Ocean County - Victorian Extravaganza at Ocean County Historical Society.** Prepare for summer with flowers, fashions, music, and art! Rain or shine, at 26 Hadley Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Costumed guides will welcome you to our Pierson-Sculthorp home, decorated with Victorian flower arrangements and original paintings in every room. Learn timely tips on flower arranging, as well as soap making using flowers and herbs. Learn how to attract hummingbirds and butterflies to your garden and how to spot gorgeous wild orchids that surround us in the Pinelands. Experience beekeeping up close, and buy plants to decorate your yard. Buy a chance to win a raffle basket worth approximately \$500! Admission: \$3, adults; \$1, students; children under 4, free. For more information, call OCHS at 732-341-1880.

**Sunday, April 29 – Union County - The New Jersey Devil and Other Tall Tales** -- Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 07090; 908-232-1776. The museum is open from 2:00-4:00 on Sundays. Costumed docents are on hand to guide visitors through the 1740 farmhouse. Please ask about our weekday tours for groups and our Showcase of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Skills, which visits local schools with an outreach crafts and lecture program. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations Sundays in the Frazee Building. The museum office is open M-F, 9-noon. For information, please call 908-232-1776. Admission: \$3, adults; \$1, students; children under 4, free. [www.millercoryhouse.org](http://www.millercoryhouse.org); [millercorymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercorymuseum@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook.

**Sunday, April 29 – Middlesex County - Dr. David Fowler will present “The Iron Horse in the Garden State: Railroads in New Jersey, 1812–1930”** at 2 pm at the Metlar-Bodine House Museum, 1281 River Road, Piscataway. Even more so than today, railroads had a pervasive presence and an immense social, economic, cultural, and technological influence in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Then as now, most people in New Jersey were within earshot, at least, of the sound of a train. Using a variety of media such as maps, printed works, and graphic images, Dr. Fowler will discuss the early phases of railroads in New Jersey, as well as their influence on politics, agriculture, labor, technology, suburbanization, resorts, and immigration. Refreshments. Seating is limited. Advance reservations and payment are *necessary* and must be received no later than April 27. Tickets: \$15 per person. For reservations and directions, call the museum at 732-463-8363.

**Tuesday, May 1 – Cape May County - Feasting on History--The Annual Restaurant Gala.** Historic Cold Spring Village kicks off the 2012 season with its main fundraiser of the year. This annual restaurant gala will be held at the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum in Cape May Airport at 6 pm. Over 35 of Cape May County’s favorite restaurants, plus local and regional wineries and distributors, generously donate popular foods, signature dishes, wine and desserts. Tickets, \$70 per person, or \$650 for a table of ten; full tables will only be reserved for a full purchase, single ticket holders will have open/unassigned seating. Please purchase tickets in advance, as there will be no ticket sales at the event. Proceeds benefit Historic Cold Spring Village and help support the educational programming and outreach. For more information, please contact Sydney Perkins at 609-898-2300, ext. 18, [sperkins@hcsv.org](mailto:sperkins@hcsv.org) or visit [www.hcsv.org](http://www.hcsv.org). For directions to the Aviation Museum, please visit [www.usnasw.org](http://www.usnasw.org).

**May 1 – Passaic County - May Day Festival** at the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark. At 7:00

PM the museum will host the annual May Day Festival featuring instrumental and vocal performances of folk and labor music by George Mann with Marty Confurius and Alan Podber, the New Jersey Industrial Union Council (IUC) Solidarity Singers, and more. Enjoy refreshments, tours of the museum, and shopping in the museum store. \$10. 83 Norwood Street, Haledon. For further information, please visit [www.labormuseum.net](http://www.labormuseum.net) or contact the museum at 973-595-7953 or [labormuseum@aol.com](mailto:labormuseum@aol.com).

**Saturday, May 5 – Sussex County** - The **Sussex County Historical Day** will be held in the gym at the Sussex County Community College, One College Hill, Newton, 9 am -3 pm; admission is free. The day will reflect the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War with an encampment by the 15<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> N.J. Volunteers, vendors selling items used during the Civil War, lectures, and musical performances of Civil War songs. Cosponsored by the Sussex county Historical Society, the N.J. *Herald* and the Sussex County Community College. Wayne McCabe at [Sussexhistorian@juno.com](mailto:Sussexhistorian@juno.com).

**Saturday, May 5—Mercer County—Community Day Clean up**, 9 AM- 4 PM. The Princeton Battlefield Society will spearhead a trail cleaning, marker cleaning, and shed rehab, along with several other projects. Volunteers will be afforded a rare behind-the-scenes look into the maintenance activities associated with the battlefield, as well as the opportunity to visit less-used areas of the site. All participants will be provided a tour of the battlefield. Email [Brianjkovacs@aol.com](mailto:Brianjkovacs@aol.com) to confirm your attendance. The Princeton Battlefield Society; J. Carney; 973-271-8333.

**Sunday, June 10 – Middlesex County - Reserve early! Captain James Lawrence and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War of 1812.** The Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance invites you to its Spring Sunday Luncheon/Lecture Program at The Armory restaurant, foot of Gordon and Front streets, Perth Amboy, between 1 and 3 PM. Reenactor Jeffery Macechak, education director for the Burlington County Historical Society, will present, “Don’t Give Up the Ship,” featuring the first-person character of Captain James Lawrence. Lawrence, who commanded the ship U.S.S. *Chesapeake*, is best known for his dying command, “Don’t give up the ship!” Capt. Lawrence and his half sister Elizabeth Lawrence Kearny were both born in Burlington, in the house that later became the residence of the fourth governor of New Jersey, Joseph Bloomfield, who was born in Woodbridge. Elizabeth married Michael Kearny and lived in Perth Amboy’s Kearny Cottage where she helped raise her younger half brother James. Elizabeth and Michael’s son, Lieutenant Lawrence Kearny, also served in the War of 1812. The cost for the buffet luncheon is \$30.00. To reserve a place, please call Elyce Jennings at 732-463-0767 and send your check, marked Armory and payable to RMHA, to Mrs. Elyce M. Jennings, 851 River Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854-5550. All checks must be received by **May 30, 2012**.

**Saturday, May 12 – Ocean County - Tuckerton Historical Society - Mathew B. Brady: Cameraman of the Civil War.** Charles F. McSorley presents a lecture and slide presentation exploring the life and times of celebrated New York City photographer Mathew B. Brady. The program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum, 35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor, 609-294-1547, 2-4 PM.

**Tuesday, May 15 – Morris County - “History of the Blackwell Street National Historic District”** - 7:30 PM. This program traces the history of Dover’s roots back to 1816 when Joseph Blackwell and Henry McFarlan took over the Dover Iron Works. Program at the Dover History Museum House, 55 West Blackwell Street. Free. Refreshments served. Questions? Call 973-476-4455.

**Saturday, May 19 – Somerset County** - May in Montgomery presents **Back to Blawenburg**. Exhibits, Storytelling through images; informative and amusing presenters. Visit [www.vanharlingen.org](http://www.vanharlingen.org) for details. 11am-3pm -- \$15/person.

**Saturday, May 19 – Bergen County - Bringing the Civil War Home: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northwest Bergen County History Day Tour.** The Coalition of Northwest Bergen Historical Organizations will host its 2nd annual tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eight historical homes and museums will be open to tour and enjoy that day. In honor of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, each historical site will feature a special Civil War-era exhibit. Visitors will enjoy learning more about the rich history of NW Bergen County as they stop at the following:

**The Schoolhouse Museum** in Ridgewood (650 East Glen Avenue)

**The Hermitage** in HoHoKus (335 North Franklin Turnpike)

**The Fell House** in Allendale (475 Franklin Turnpike)

**The Hopper-Goetschius House Museum** in Upper Saddle River (363 East Saddle River Road)

**The Old Stone House** in Ramsey (538 Island Road)

**The Mahwah Museum** in Mahwah (201 Franklin Turnpike)

**The Van Allen House** in Oakland (3 Franklin Avenue)

**The Zabriskie House** in Wyckoff (421 Franklin Avenue)



Tickets for admission to all eight sites are \$10 a person; children under 12 admitted free. **Starting April 16**, tickets can be purchased through the Coalition's historical organizations. They will also be on sale at the Schoolhouse Museum in Ridgewood on Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sundays 2 to 4 p.m. and at Abma's Farm Market in Wyckoff Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To purchase tickets by mail, send a request and self-addressed stamped envelope to The Schoolhouse Museum, 650 E. Glen Avenue Ridgewood, NJ 07450 (make checks payable to the Ridgewood Historical Society.) Proceeds from the ticket sales will be equally divided among the eight historical homes and museums on the tour. The Coalition will be selling grilled hotdogs and soda at the picnic area at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum in Upper Saddle River. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about Northwest Bergen County's history through our wonderful and interesting historical sites. For more information about the day e-mail [info@ridgewoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ridgewoodhistoricalsociety.org).

**Sunday, May 20 – Ocean County - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluegrass & Barbecue Festival** -- 11 am to 5 pm. Kick-off the summer with the down home sounds of bluegrass and the sweet smell of barbecue. Crafters, vendors, food, family activities, demonstrations, decoy carvers, boat building, and boat rides. Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$6; Children 6 to 12, \$3; Children 5 and under, free; Members \$6. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868 [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org).

**Sunday, May 20 – Union County - “Cleanliness is in the Mind of the Beholder”** - Ideal for children. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090; 908-232-1776. The museum is open from 2:00-4:00 on Sundays. Costumed docents are on hand to guide visitors through the 1740 farmhouse. Please ask about our weekday tours for groups and our Showcase of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Skills, which visits local schools with an outreach crafts and lecture program. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations Sundays in the Frazee Building. The museum office is open M-F, 9-noon. For information, please call 908-232-1776. Admission: \$3, adults; \$1, students; children under 4, free. [www.millercoryhouse.org](http://www.millercoryhouse.org); [millercorymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercorymuseum@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook.

**Sunday, May 20 – Morris County - Celebrate Preservation and the Roxbury Township Historical Society's Townshipwide 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance** at its headquarters, the 18th century, National Register Silas Riggs Saltbox House, 213 Main Street in the Ledgewood village of the township. 1 to 4 PM. For information, call Marge Cushing, 973-584 6931 or Richard Cramond, 973-584-7903.

**Sunday, May 20 – Hudson County** - Another Tunnel Talk will help visitors "dig" into tunnel lore: 4 p.m., *Highway Under the Hudson* author Dr. Robert W. Jackson will describe the conditions that precipitated the construction of the Holland Tunnel, and its impact since then. Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson Street, Hoboken; 201-656-2240; [www.hobokenmuseum.org](http://www.hobokenmuseum.org).

**Tuesday, May 22 – Essex County** - Macculloch Hall Historical Museum Homeschool workshops are recommended for children 7 years old and older. To book, please contact Museum Educator Cynthia Winslow, 973-538-2404 ext 10 or [cwinslow@maccullochhall.org](mailto:cwinslow@maccullochhall.org). Homeschool Workshop: 1860s Life in the Northern Home. 1-3 p.m. \$6 per student. What was happening at home while Union soldiers were at war in the 1860s? Students visit period rooms in Macculloch Hall Historical Museum to discover the activities of family members while their sons and brothers were serving as soldiers and sailors for the Union.

**Saturday, May 26 – Union County - Aunt Carrie's Attic Sale** (rain date 5/27) 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090; 908-232-1776. The museum is open from 2:00-4:00 on Sundays. Costumed docents are on hand to guide visitors through the 1740 farmhouse. Please ask about our weekday tours for groups and our Showcase of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Skills, which visits local schools with an outreach crafts and lecture program. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations Sundays in the Frazee Building. The museum office is open M-F, 9-noon. For information, please call 908-232-1776. Admission: \$3, adults; \$1, students; children under 4, free. [www.millercoryhouse.org](http://www.millercoryhouse.org); [millercorymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercorymuseum@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook.

**Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27 – Mercer County-Washington at Princeton Memorial.** The Princeton Battlefield Society will offer the first reenactment of the Battle of Princeton held on the site since the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Attending units will participate in a reenactment of General Hugh Mercer's Brigade's attack on, and defeat by, the British 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, along with the subsequent rallying and counterattack of the American forces lead by Washington. This will be a two-day event. On Saturday night PBS will offer a special tour of the battlefield. Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the event. Princeton Battlefield Society; contact- J. Carney; 973-271-8333.

**Saturday, June 2 – Warren County - Come Drive the Concrete Mile.** Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thomas A.

Edison's First Concrete Road, New Village, NJ 08886. Vintage cars will drive the route, beginning at Bread Lock Park, Rt. 57, New Village, NJ 08886. The 6.6-mile route includes Edison's original concrete mile. Tour starts 10 am with registration at 9 am. No fee required. Rain date, June 3, 2012. Sponsored by Franklin Twp. Historical Commission in conjunction with The Highland Project at Bread Lock Park.

**June 2 – Cape May County - Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township** - The Strawberry Festival will be held at the Gandy Farmstead from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The rain date for the Strawberry Festival is June 3.

**Saturday, June 2 – Ocean County - The Lacey Historical Society Presents Its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Event: Sock Hop and Car Show.** Go back in time to the early 1960s with our sock hop. We will have music, dance, contests, and a car show. What more can anyone ask for! Gille Park, 4-8 pm; free.

**Sunday, June 3 – Union County - Mott's Artillery Encampment.** Ideal for children. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090; 908-232-1776. The museum is open from 2:00-4:00 on Sundays. Costumed docents are on hand to guide visitors through the 1740 farmhouse. Please ask about our weekday tours for groups and our Showcase of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Skills, which visits local schools with an outreach crafts and lecture program. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations Sundays in the Frazee Building. The museum office is open M-F, 9-noon. For information, please call 908-232-1776. Admission: \$3, adults; \$1, students; children under 4, free. [www.millercoryhouse.org](http://www.millercoryhouse.org); [millercorymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercorymuseum@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook.

**Thursday, June 7 – Monmouth County - Spring Lake Historical Society's 33rd House Tour.** The Spring Lake Historical Society will once again hold its annual House Tour, featuring several wonderful homes and downtown commercial properties, along with the newly renovated historic St. Andrew's Church, the historic Normandy Inn, and the society's museum, which is featuring a new exhibit about the annual Spring Lake 5K Race. The society's Main Gallery and Changing Gallery with its "Hidden Treasures of the Historical Society" exhibit will be open for viewing. We look forward to seeing you all at the House Tour.

**Saturday, June 9 – Ocean County - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Privateers & Pirates Fest** -- 11 am to 5 pm. *All Things Pirates!* Learn the difference between privateers and pirates and then be one. Pirate history – authentic and make believe plus a treasure scavenger hunt, games and a duel. Come dressed as a pirate and receive a discounted admission fee. Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$6; Children 6 to 12, \$3; Children 5 and under, free; Members free. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868. [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org).

**Saturday, June 9 – Ocean County- The Lacey Historical Society Presents Its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Event: Historical House Tour:** Join us and escape for a few hours into another time! Learn about early historical sites in Bamber Lake, Forked River and Lanoka Harbor. This program is sure to please and educate your mind.

**Saturday, June 16 – Mercer County - Forgotten History-**An afternoon-long presentation and discussion on the Northern Campaign in NY state and Canada, featuring noted experts in the field. Eric Schnitzer, Bill Ahearn, Todd Braisted will take guests on an insightful journey through some of the most heroic battles on the American frontier. Tickets are required for this event, with the proceeds going to preservation and interpretation of Princeton Battlefield. The event includes a cocktail hour following the presentations for further informal discussion with the speakers. To order tickets: <http://princetonbattlefieldsociety.ticketleap.com/forgotten-history>. [www.facebook.com/events/269881023085362](https://www.facebook.com/events/269881023085362). The Princeton Battlefield Society; contact- J. Carney; 973-271-8333.

**Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24 – Ocean County - 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Baymen's Seafood & Music Festival** - 11 am to 5 pm. *New 2012--Two Days!* Enjoy delicious Jersey fresh clams, crabs, scallops, and shrimp from the finest local seafood purveyors. Crafters, vendors, music, food, family activities, demonstrations, boat rides, boat builders, and decoy carvers. Speak with commercial fishermen to learn about occupations on the bay or take a clam shucking class. Bring the family and plan to spend the whole day. Selected as one of the "Top 10 NJ Outdoor Festivals" by *NJ Countryside* magazine. Presented by the Jersey Shore Folklife Center. Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$6; Children 6 to 12, \$3; Children 5 and under, free; members free. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868 [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org)

**Sunday, June 24 – Hudson County** - 4 p.m. Tunnel talk: *The Last Three Miles* author Steven Hart will discuss the riveting saga of the roads and bridges connecting the Holland Tunnel to the rest of the country. Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson Street, Hoboken; 201-656-2240; [www.hobokenmuseum.org](http://www.hobokenmuseum.org).

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student. In every year of the Civil War there were important battles at southern forts. Students work together to build a model fort based on Civil War sources and discuss how the military use siege warfare to defeat their enemies.

**Saturday, June 30 – Ocean County - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Wine & Blues** -- 3 pm to 8 pm. Team up with the Tuckerton Seaport for a perfect afternoon of wine tasting from New Jersey's finest wineries plus live blues music. Crafters, vendors, food, boat rides, and lots of fun. Complimentary souvenir Seaport wine glass! "Traditional Pie Bake Off" contest presented by the Jersey Shore Folklife Center. Seaport Members \$15, nonmembers \$20. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868 [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org)

**Saturday, July 14 – Tuckerton Historical Society - Historic Local Postcards.** Jim Estelle will present many aspects of interest of over 30 years of historic local postcard collecting. Bring some of your old local postcards to share. Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum, 35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor, 609-294-1547, 2-4 PM.

**Saturday, August 18 – Tuckerton Historical Society - Introduction to Genealogy and Local Records.** John Yates will present an introduction to genealogy for beginners to intermediates, including getting started, keeping records, using computer programs, and researching local, county, state, and federal records. Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum, 35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor, 609-294-1547, 2-4PM.

**Thursday, August 23 – Trip to Philadelphia** with the Spring Lake Historical Society. See the Museum of Art, with a guided tour of the exhibit: "Visions of Arcadia, featuring paintings by Gauguin, Cezanne, and Matisse. Luncheon at the museum's restaurant. Price: \$110. Call Liz Finnerty for reservations: 732-449-2477. Bus will leave the Spring Lake Railroad Station at 8:30 AM.

**Saturday, September 8 – Tuckerton Historical Society - Ye Old Clamtown Flea Market.** Held at Tip Seaman Park from 8:00-4:00. This marks its 38<sup>th</sup> year. Wider advertising and possibly an appraiser table this year should expand participation and attendance of antique dealers. Approx. 100 dealers. Selected food vendors. RAIN DATES 9<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

**September through June – Mercer County - Morven exhibit: *New Jersey Views*** is an exhibit featuring over 100 original prints and paintings depicting New Jersey. The exhibit aims to compile a scholarly examination of the state's visual history. This private collection of lithographs, aquatints, engravings, watercolors, and oil paintings presents a unique look into the wide variety of images made of New Jersey in the 18th and 19th centuries. Featuring historical prints, picturesque landscapes, and political portraits, as well as architectural and city views, *Portrait of Place* explores the spectrum of New Jersey's graphic history. With an assortment of images that have hitherto not been studied or in some cases publicly displayed, the collection of Joseph Felcone looks to be the first wide-ranging and scholarly look into New Jersey's richly illustrated past.

**Saturday-Sunday, September 8-9 – Ocean County - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show During the New Jersey Maritime Heritage Festival,** 11 am to 4 pm. Join the Seaport and the Philadelphia Chapter of the ACBS for two splendid days of classic wood and glass boat exhibitors, demonstrations, workshops, crafters, vendors, food, and maritime activities. Sign up for our boat building class or take a boat ride on the Tuckerton "Crik." The boat show is fun for the whole family. Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$6; Children 6 to 12, \$3; Children 5 and under, free; members free. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868 [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org)

**Sunday, September 9 - Morris County. Open House** in conjunction with the Roxbury Historic Trust at its headquarters, the 18th-century, National Register Silas Riggs Saltbox House, 213 Main Street in the Ledgebrook village of the township. 1 to 4 pm. For information call Marge Cushing, 973-584-6931 or Richard Cramond, 973-584-7903.

**September 11 – Cape May County - Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township.** The general meeting will be held at the Upper Township Branch of the Cape May County Library. Refreshments at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be announced in the SHOUT newsletter, which is available on our website.

**Saturday, September 22 – Ocean County - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seaport Antique Car & Truck Show** -- 10 am to 2 pm. Over 100 antique and classic cars and trucks on display. In conjunction with the Vintage Auto Museum of New Jersey. Judging and awards ceremony. Raindate: September 23. To enter a vehicle contact David at [ddieugenio@comcast.net](mailto:ddieugenio@comcast.net). Adults, \$5; Children 6 to 12, \$3; Children 5 and under, free; members free. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868 [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org)

**Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30 – Ocean County - 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show** 7 am to 5 pm. Join us as we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the show during this exciting two-day event highlighting the culture of the area! Demonstrations, contests, seminars, decoy auction, crafters, carvers, vendors, food, music, enter-



tainment, sneakbox races, rubber duck races, and lots of fun. Dock Dog Competitions as featured on ESPN. Two great locations: Tip Seaman County Park and Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum. Admission: Free. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868 [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org)

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**Saturday, October 13 – Tuckerton Historical Society - Civil War Program.** Reenactors will present their version of life as a soldier in the Civil War. Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum, 35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor, 609-294-1547, 2-4 PM.

**Sunday, October 20 and 21 – Many Counties - Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey.** Saturday, 8am to 8pm; Sunday, 8am to 6pm. Lighthouse enthusiasts climb every lighthouse in the state over this exciting two-day event. Eight lights along the shore, one on the bay, and two on the Delaware River. Sandy Hook, Twin Lights of the Navesink, Sea Girt, Barnegat, Absecon, Hereford Inlet, Tuckerton, Cape May Point, East Point, Finn's Point, and Tinicum.



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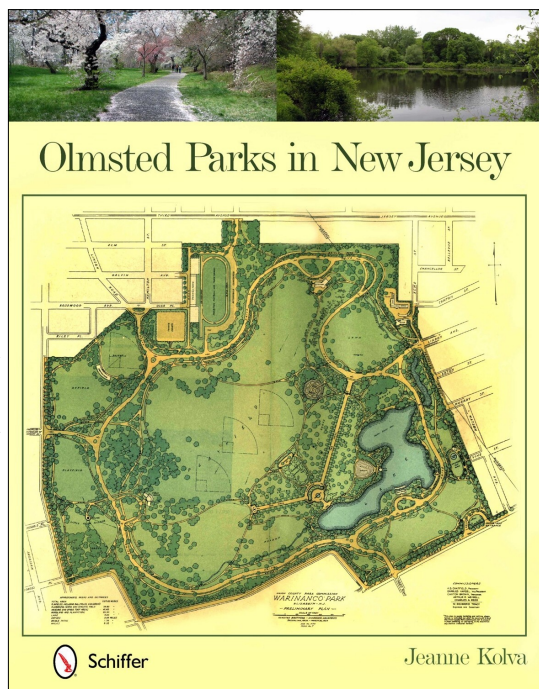
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### OLMSTED PARKS IN NEW JERSEY

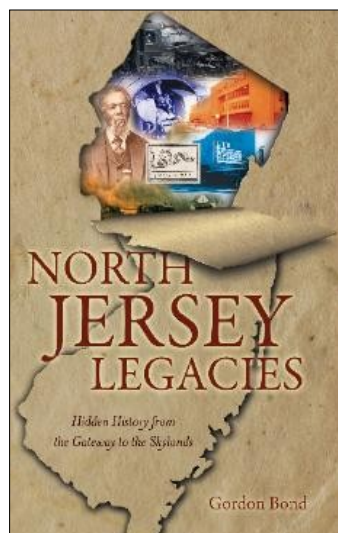
by Jean Kolva

*Olmsted Parks in New Jersey* is a historic overview of the parks that the Olmsted companies created in New Jersey primarily for county parks in Essex, Union, and Passaic. Son and stepson of the creator of New York's Central Park, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and John Charles Olmsted continued with their father's naturalistic style of landscape architecture, with 20th-century modifications, into the 1960s. Illustrated with more than 200 historic and contemporary photographs, vintage postcards, and Olmsted sketches and plans, this survey chronologically details the development of each park or reservation as it was transformed from former farmland, swamp, forest, or a previous park. Included are the gems of Branch Brook Park in Newark, Cadwalader Park in Trenton, Warinanco Park in Roselle, and Brookdale Park in Montclair and Bloomfield. Discover the Olmsted legacy in some of the most magnificent public parks in New Jersey.

*Olmsted Parks in New Jersey* is available through Schiffer Books, [www.schifferbooks.com](http://www.schifferbooks.com) or at Barnes & Noble at [www.BN.com](http://www.BN.com) or Amazon.com.



### NORTH JERSEY LEGACIES: HIDDEN HISTORY FROM THE GATEWAY TO THE SKYLANDS, by Gordon Bond



What do the Dust Bowl, a virulent anti-Stamp Act broadside, Sputnik 2, the birth of the commercial aviation industry, railroad communication, the 15th Amendment, and subliminal advertising have in common? They all have little-known ties to northern New Jersey history!

And, they're all in Gordon Bond's new book, *North Jersey Legacies: Hidden History from the Gateway to the Skylands*, just published by The History Press.

The crossroads of the Revolution, the laboratories of Thomas Edison, World War I submarines—behind these landmarks of New Jersey history are forgotten stories nonetheless important. Few may realize the role New Jersey played in the evolution of the railroad industry in the twentieth century or the enormous contribution to civil rights made by Thomas Mundy Peterson of Perth Amboy, who cast the first vote under the 15th amendment in 1870. Chapters include:

- Dust in the Garden: The Days the Dust Bowl Came to the Garden State
- 1/3000th of a Second in Fort Lee: A Mysterious Experiment in Subliminal Advertising
- Train Talk: How New Jersey's Belvidere-Delaware RR Helped Modernize Rail Communications

- Scooping Sputnik 2: How America Learned of Sputnik 2 from New Jersey
- The Constitutional Courant: Was New Jersey's First Printer Responsible for New York's Most Virulent Anti-Stamp Act Broadside?
- Newark Airport: Where Aviation Became an Industry
- "To Cast a Freedman's Vote": How a Handyman from Perth Amboy Made Civil Rights History

These and other accounts have been uncovered by local author and Garden State Legacy founder Gordon Bond, and despite their scarce remembrances, they have left indelible marks on the history of the Garden State. *North Jersey Legacies* is available (with autograph) at: [http://gardenstatelegacy.com/North\\_Jersey\\_Legacies.html](http://gardenstatelegacy.com/North_Jersey_Legacies.html). Mr. Bond is available to give a presentation on Thomas Mundy Peterson.



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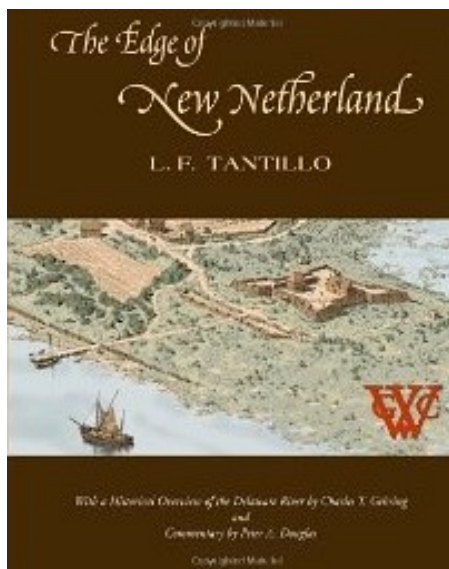
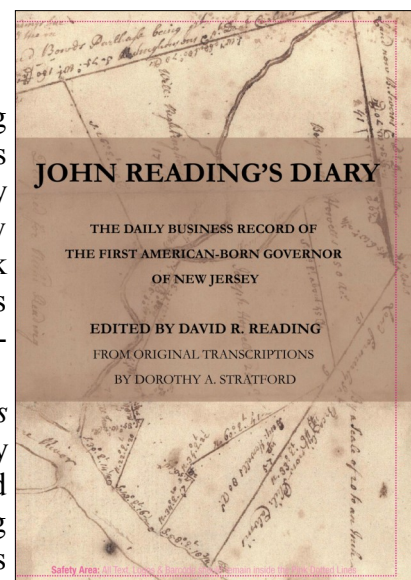
### ***JOHN READING'S DIARY*** edited by David R. Reading

*John's Reading's Diary* contains daily entries by New Jersey acting colonial Governor John Reading from 1747 until the day before his death on November 5, 1767. The original transcriptions were done by Dorothy A. Stratford in the late 1980s for the Genealogical Society of New Jersey's magazine. The GSNJ published only the first ten years, but this book brings together all the years in a single publication, including 1753 which is held by the Hunterdon County Historical Society. There are extensive footnotes and a full index with over 1,500 names of Hunterdon County residents.

To quote Dr. Alvin Rabuska of Stanford University, "*John Reading's Diary* is a rich cornucopia of details of daily life in mid-eighteenth century colonial New Jersey. The diary records buying and selling, lending and borrowing, and services rendered and payment received between John Reading and hundreds of customers and employees in New Jersey and beyond and his own family members. These transactions are recorded in multiple currencies at constantly fluctuating exchange rates.

"John Reading enjoyed high political and economic status. His life illustrates a prominent leader of the rising American political class. His diary is *must reading* for any student of eighteenth-century colonial American history."

The book is available from Amazon.com @\$39.95 or directly from The Mount Amwell Project, 1673 Hunting Creek Drive, Alexandria, VA 22314, 39.95+5.00 shipping. ISBN 978-0-615-37098-9, 220 pages, Hardcover. David R. Reading (Editor), Dorothy A. Stratford (Original Transcriptions).



### ***THE EDGE OF NEW NETHERLAND***, by L. F. Tantillo

L. F. Tantillo provides readers with new insight into life on *The Edge of New Netherland*, where two small groups of colonists – one Dutch, the other Swedish – fought to control access to the Delaware River and thus the trade in Indian furs, and later, English tobacco. Decades before British forces captured this territory in a power grab that remade colonial North America, fortifications were built and rebuilt, deals made, and settlements established.

While *The Edge of New Netherland* (ISBN 1461060958) examines, in beautifully illustrated detail, the broader aspects of daily life on the Dutch, Swedish, English and Indian borderlands of North America, it focuses on the history of one wood and dirt fortress. Built in 1651 by the Dutch and destroyed in 1664 by the British, Fort Casimir largely failed as a defensive bulwark, but it helped anchor the growing settlement of New Amstel, now New Castle, Del.

*The Edge of New Netherland* brings history to life with over 100 beautiful drawings accompanied by entertaining and accessible explanatory text.

Mary Collins writes in *De Halve Maen*, "Tantillo provides the reader with an evocative perspective of the early European settlement on the banks of the Delaware River as seen through an artist's eye...Tantillo focuses on Fort Casimir as an archaeological, architectural, and artistic interpretation of a historic site and takes us through the process by which the past is visualized."

*The Edge of New Netherland* is available for sale online at Amazon.com and other channels. About the Author: Trained as an architectural designer, artist L. F. Tantillo specializes in the depiction of historical struc-

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tures in their original context. His artwork has appeared in numerous exhibitions, publications, and film documentaries in the United States and Europe. Tantillo is a fellow of the American Society of Marine Artists and the recipient of many accolades and awards. His studio is in upstate New York. [lftantillo@aol.com](mailto:lftantillo@aol.com); 518-766-4542; [www.lftantillo.com](http://www.lftantillo.com).

### ***Private Hercules McGraw: Poems of the American Civil War***

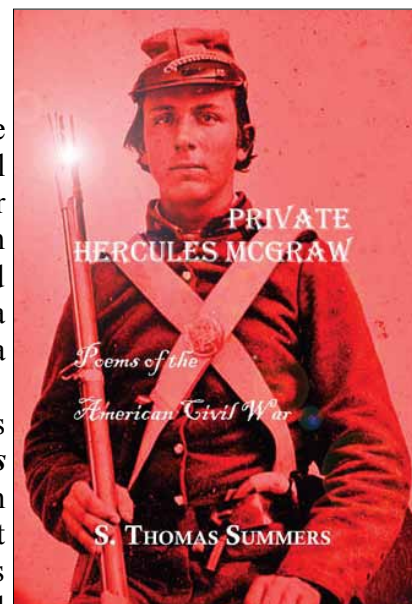
by S. Thomas Summers

In ***Private Hercules McGraw: Poems of the American Civil War***, Private McGraw shares his journey through the landscapes of the American Civil War. McGraw, a Confederate soldier and racist, steps into the war in order to assure that slavery will exist long enough for him to purchase a slave with hopes to impress his love, Martha. As McGraw treks through the blood and mire, experiencing both triumph and tragedy, he begins to transform into a man of peace and compassion – a man who no longer sees a black man or a white man; he simply sees a man – a fellow, a brother.

***Private McGraw*** has garnered praise from nationally known historians and writers. “S. Thomas Summers's ***Private Hercules McGraw: Poems of the American Civil War*** is a beautiful exposé on the human condition in wonderful, flowing prose that is as naked as man and as stark as war. Most importantly, the poetry within demonstrates how that human condition evolves when a person is forcibly faced with the realities of his changing beliefs and values. Everyone interested in America's Civil War - student as well as scholar - will relish this poetic story of one man's war; and likely every reader will recognize himself/herself within its lines. — **J. David Petruzzi, author, historical advisor to the television miniseries *Appomattox*.**

As the nation commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War, the author is hoping to schedule several poetry readings so that he may share his love of poetry and history. If you think his poems might be of interest, please contact him, as he would love to visit your venue for a poetry reading. His full bio appears below.

S. Thomas Summers is a teacher/professor of English at Wayne Hills High School in Wayne, NJ and Passaic County Community College in Paterson, NJ. The author of ***Private Hercules McGraw: Poems of the American Civil War***, Summers's poetry has been featured in numerous respected poetry reviews and journals: *The Atlantic*, the *Loch Raven Review*, *MiPo*, *The Pedestal Magazine*, etc. Most recently, Summers was featured in *New Jersey's Civil War Odyssey*, an anthology produced by the **New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association** and the **New Jersey Civil War 150 Sesquicentennial Committee 2011-2015**. Summers lives with his wife and children in the hills of Northern, New Jersey and blogs at [www.thelintinmypocket.wordpress.com](http://www.thelintinmypocket.wordpress.com).



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When finally opened regularly as a museum, the Vanderveer House will interpret three important themes including the Vanderveer family history, Dutch colonial life in America, and the Revolutionary War period including General Knox's time spent in Pluckemin. The museum will also display artifacts excavated during archaeological digs at the Pluckemin artillery encampment site.

The house is featured on Somerset County's Middlebrook Five Generals' Headquarters Tour, held every year during Presidents' Weekend. For further information, please contact the Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, P.O. Box 723, Bedminster, NJ 07921; 908-212-7000 x404; [www.jvanderveerhouse.com](http://www.jvanderveerhouse.com); [info@jvanderveerhouse.com](mailto:info@jvanderveerhouse.com).

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS



With our members spread across the state, many of us are not familiar with the organizations in regions far from our own. This column will spotlight our members, so that others may learn of their mission and accomplishments.

The league has many member organizations that were formed to honor or celebrate the American Revolution. This is Part III of a series highlighting those societies.

**The Friends of Monmouth Battlefield, Inc.**, was formed in 1990 and is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization devoted to preserving, protecting, and historically interpreting Monmouth Battlefield and historically related sites. The Friends group is licensed as an officially recognized friends organization (ORFO) by the State of New Jersey and is authorized to act in partnership with state government to protect, preserve and interpret the battlefield state park.

Individuals concerned with the deteriorating conditions of the state park, which opened in 1978, formed the Friends of Monmouth Battlefield in 1990. Landscapes were being overwhelmed by vegetative growth obscuring historic vistas. Historic sites and buildings were on the verge of collapse. Beginning in 1990, as a way of bringing attention to the threatened national historic landmark, the Friends initiated the annual Battle of Monmouth reenactment. This historic event is observed on the third or fourth weekend of June each year. It has become the largest annual living history event in the state.

Other programs and activities of the Friends include:

- ♦ Sponsorship of the annual “Revolutionary Days in Monmouth County” activities and programming
- ♦ “Over Here Molly Pitcher” programming.
- ♦ Regular bimonthly membership meetings on historical topics related to the battle and the park.
- ♦ Development of walking and driving tours of the Battle of Monmouth.
- ♦ Staffing of the gift shop at the Park Visitor Center.
- ♦ Sponsoring talks and programs at the park and tours of the battlefield.
- ♦ Publication of a newsletter with articles relating to the battle and information on the park
- ♦ Outreach to schools, community groups and state agencies.
- ♦ Supporting the park by donation of items such as audiovisual equipment, bicycle racks, and exhibit material.
- ♦ Enhancing the interpretation of the battle by donation of historical wayside exhibits.
- ♦ Donation of major items such as a full size replica Revolutionary War cannon, with equipage, and a working replica Revolutionary War musket, with equipage.
- ♦ Securing grants and donations for the preservation and interpretation of the parks and its historic buildings.

You can reach the Friends at P.O. Box 122, Tennent, NJ 07763; 732-951-9142; [www.friendsofmonmouth.org](http://www.friendsofmonmouth.org).

**The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that registered with the State of New Jersey on March 17, 1998. The mission of the Friends is to restore, develop and operate the Vanderveer House property, significant in United States military history, as a nationally important historic site and an educational and community resource.

Jacobus Vanderveer Jr, son of Jacobus Sr, a wealthy Dutch miller, built a small farmhouse just west of the North Branch of the Raritan River on the northern outskirts of Pluckemin. In 1778, Vanderveer and his wife Maria lent their home to General Henry Knox, who was to command a new artillery encampment and training academy being established by the Continental Army on a hillside above the village of Pluckemin. General Knox, along with his wife Lucy and family, occupied the house from the winter of 1778 through the summer of 1779.

The Vanderveer House is now the only remaining building from that chapter in Bedminster history, as the artillery park and its academy – a forerunner of West Point – no longer stand. “It is truly a priceless piece of our history,” commented JVH President Jay Petrillo, noting that the house and artillery park are listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

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**THE LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES SPRING MEETING  
HOSTED BY THE DANISH ARCHIVE NORTH EAST (DANE)  
855 New Durham Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817  
(intersection of Highway 501 and Interstate 287 South)**

**Saturday, June 9, 2012**

9:00 AM Registration & coffee, including traditional Danish pastry (Wienerbrød)  
9:30 AM Welcome and introductions  
9:45 AM League business meeting, including the Kevin Hale Publication Awards  
10:45 AM Speaker - Wendy Hudson: *Danish Communities and Culture in New Jersey*  
11:15 AM Break  
11:30 AM Speaker – Agnes Hagmueller: *Famous Danish Americans*  
12:00 noon Lunch including traditional Danish Smørrebrød (Danish open faced sandwiches)  
1:00 - 3PM Tours:

DANE Museum: A museum about the many Danes who settled and contributed in one way or another to the history and growth of the northeastern United States.  
Middlesex County Museum - Cornelius Low House: exhibit “Lights! Camera! Action! History of Film 1890-1960 in New Jersey” - 8-mile drive from DANE – special opening for meeting attendees  
East Jersey Olde Towne Village - The village is a collection of original, replica, and reconstructed 18th- and 19th-century structures. – 10-mile drive from DANE – special opening for meeting attendees  
Information and maps for these and other local historic sites will be distributed at the meeting.

**Places to stay – spend the weekend!**

**Fairfield Inn & Suites Edison-South Plainfield**, 875 New Durham Road, Edison, NJ 08817. 732-650-0011  
(Next door to DANE)  
**Red Roof Inn Edison**, 860 New Durham Rd, Edison, NJ 08817. 732-248-9300  
(Directly across the street from DANE)

**Questions before June 9, 2012:** Call 732-287-6445 or 732-842-8362

**Questions on the morning of June 9?** Call 732-614-8747

**REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 2, 2012**

Please include a check for \$25.00 per person, payable to the Danish Archive North East and mail it to  
DANE, 855 New Durham Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Directions to the Danish Archive North East (DANE)**

855 New Durham Road, Edison, NJ  
732-614-8747

#### **From North (using Garden State Parkway):**

1. Garden State Parkway south to Exit 129 – US 9 toward I-287/Woodbridge/RT-440/Perth Amboy
  2. Keep left at the fork in the ramp
  3. Keep left to take the US-9 ramp toward RT440 South/I-287/The Amboys
  4. Merge onto US-9 via the ramp on the left toward RT-440 West
  5. Merge onto RT-440 toward I-287
  6. RT 440 becomes I-287 North
  7. Take exit 2A - RT 27 North toward Metuchen
  8. Merge onto RT27
  9. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> left at the traffic light on to Bridge Street
  10. Go to the end of the street - at the traffic light turn left on to New Durham Road
- Go about 1 mile – DANE is set back from the road and the first driveway on the left after crossing I-287 and just before the Fairfield Inn. The sign in front of the building says “Danish Home for the Aged”

#### **From the North or South (using New Jersey Turnpike):**

1. NJ Turnpike south to Exit 10 – I-287 North
- Same as above instructions starting at #7

#### **From the South (using Garden State Parkway):**

1. Garden State Parkway north to Exit 127 toward I-287/Woodbridge/Staten Island (just after crossing the bridge over the Raritan River)
- Same as above instructions starting at #5

#### **From the West/Northwest (using I-287):**

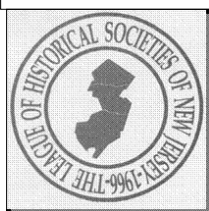
1. I-287 South
2. Take Exit 3 – New Durham Road
3. Turn right at traffic light at the end of the exit ramp

DANE entrance is first driveway on the left and just before the Fairfield Inn. The building is set back from the road and the sign in front of the building says “Danish Home for the Aged.”

### **THE EDITOR’S CORNER** (continued from page two)

Tickets for admission to all eight sites are \$10 a person; children under 12 admitted free. **Starting April 16**, tickets can be purchased through the Coalition's historical organizations. They will also be on sale at the Schoolhouse Museum in Ridgewood on Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sundays 2 to 4 p.m. and at Abma's Farm Market in Wyckoff Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To purchase tickets by mail, send a request and self-addressed stamped envelope to The Schoolhouse Museum, 650 E. Glen Avenue Ridgewood, NJ 07450 (make checks payable to the Ridgewood Historical Society.) Proceeds from the ticket sales will be equally divided among the eight historical homes and museums on the tour. The Coalition will be selling grilled hotdogs and soda at the picnic area at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum in Upper Saddle River. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about Northwest Bergen County's history through our wonderful and interesting historical sites. For more information about the day e-mail [info@ridgewoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ridgewoodhistoricalsociety.org).

We urge our members to visit any or all of these upcoming events.  
And start planning now for New Jersey's 350th anniversary in 2014.



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