



# LEAGUE NEWS

**The Newsletter of the  
League of Historical Societies of New Jersey**

Vol. 37 No. 3                      [www.lhsnj.org](http://www.lhsnj.org)                      August 2012

**Summer Meeting  
Friends of Waterloo  
Village  
October 20, 2012**  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Article, registration  
form, and directions,  
p. 23, 24

## PRINCETON BATTLEFIELD AMONG MOST ENDANGERED PLACES

On June 6, the National Trust for Historic Preservation named **Princeton Battlefield** in Princeton, N.J., to its 2012 list of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. This annual list spotlights important examples of the nation’s architectural, cultural, and natural heritage that are at risk of destruction or irreparable damage. More than 230 sites have been on the list over its 25-year history, and in that time, only a handful of listed sites have been lost.

Princeton Battlefield is the site of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle where General George Washington rallied his forces to defeat British troops. Waged 235 years ago, the battle at Princeton was a crucial turning point in America’s War of

Independence, marking one of General Washington’s first victories over professional British soldiers. Not only did Washington’s success inspire countless soldiers to renew their commissions, but it also reinvigorated financial and political support for the war effort throughout the colonies. Many historians believe that this battle, along with the Battle of Trenton, saved the American Revolution and changed the course of world history.

A portion of the battle site is now threatened by a 15-unit housing development planned by the Institute for Advanced Study. As proposed, the project would radically alter the integrity of the historic landscape, which has never been built upon, burying or destroying potential archeological resources and dramatically changing the topography of the terrain — an important element of the battle and essential to interpreting the battle today. Local preservationists, led by the Princeton Battlefield Society, are working to prevent construction of housing on this significant portion of the Princeton Battlefield and permanently protect the site from future development.

“The Battle of Princeton transformed prospects for the American Revolution and proved to be a major turning point in the war,” said Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. “The story of our country’s fight for independence is incomplete without a fully preserved Princeton Battlefield.”

Members of the public are invited to learn more about what they can do to support these 11 historic places and hundreds of other endangered sites at [www.PreservationNation.org/places](http://www.PreservationNation.org/places).

(continued on page six)

### SAVE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| October 20, 2012 | Friends of Waterloo Village, Byram, Sussex County      |
| March 2013       | Historic Cold Spring Village, Cape May County          |
| June 1, 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

### President (2012)

Timothy Hart  
Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

### First Vice President (2013)

Catherine Sullivan  
Victorian Society

### Vice-President, Northern (2012)

Jane McNeill  
Victorian Society

### Vice-President, Central (2013)

Mary Swarbrick  
Fellowship for Metlar House

### Vice-President, Southern (2012)

Pary Woehckle  
Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society

### Secretary (2012)

Judy M. Aley  
Chesterfield Historical Society

### Treasurer (2012)

Michael Kostelnik

### Trustee, Northern (2014)

Dorothy E. Johnson  
Historical Society of Bloomfield

### Trustee, Northern (2012)

Kate Malcolm  
Madison Historical Society

### Trustee, Central (2012)

Jeffrey McVey  
Lambertville Historical Society

### Trustee, Central (2014)

Donald Peck  
Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance

### Trustee, Southern (2014)

Patricia Martinelli  
Vineland Genealogical and Antiquarian Society

### Trustee, Southern (2012)

Jean C. Lacey  
Ocean County Historical Society

### Trustee-at-Large (2012)

Alice Gibson  
Victorian Society

### Trustee-at-Large (2014)

Robert R. Longcore  
Andover Historical Society

### Historian (2012)

James Lewis  
Newark Public Library  
\*\*\*\*\*

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

### Executive Director

Linda J. Barth, 214 North Bridge Street,  
Somerville, NJ 08876;  
908-722-7428; [barths@att.net](mailto:barths@att.net)

### Membership Chairman

Dorothy Pietrowski  
Madison Historical Society

### Publications Awards Committee Chairman

J. B. Vogt  
Fellowship for Metlar-Bodine

### Trustee Emeritus

Bernard Bush

### INSIDE:

**In Memoriam: John Cunningham, p. 3-6**

**Union County Four Centuries in a Weekend, p. 7**

**Archives Day, p. 8**

**Pathways of History, p. 9-10**

**Weekend Journey Through the Past, p. 10**

**C.A.P.E.S., p. 11**

**Passaic County Hist. Soc. award, p. 12**

**League Publication criteria, p. 13**

**Edison Museum, p. 14-15**

**Upcoming events, p. 15-19**

**Lighthouse Challenge, p. 20**

**Book Shelf, p. 21**

**Spotlight on our Members, p. 22**

**October League meeting, p. 23-24**

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I encourage you to take advantage of the many meetings this fall that can provide timely information for you and your historical society.

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums is having its annual meeting in Tarrytown, New York on October 8 and 9. For many in New Jersey this is a short trip (maybe even a day trip) across the bridge to gain useful information from our regional professional museum association. I like to take advantage of these rotating meetings when they get close to home.

The fall League meeting will be at Waterloo Village on October 20. I am excited to see the restoration of this New Jersey history icon. The various partners in restoring Waterloo Village appear to be making real progress. And the New Jersey Historical Commission 2012 New Jersey History Forum will be held on November 17.

Pary Woehlcke has taken the lead in putting together an application to the New Jersey Historical Commission from the League to improve our website and better serve the member organizations. If you or your organizations have not done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible when the form is sent in mid-October. We rely on your dues to keep the organization afloat. The League is the only comprehensive history umbrella group in New Jersey that has the 501(c)(3) tax status.

Meanwhile, New Jersey has organized a committee to coordinate the activities of the 350 years of New Jersey history since the 1664 founding of the English colony of New Jersey. To learn more, visit the New Jersey Historic Commission website at [www.state.nj.us/state/historical/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/state/historical/index.html).

Timothy G. Hart

**DEADLINE:** Submissions for the January issue of *League News* must be on the editor's desk no later than December 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.**

## IN MEMORIAM - JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM - AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN

Since the passing of John T. Cunningham on June 7, many have written tributes to this great author and supporter of New Jersey history. We would like to share a few of those with our readers.

Mark DiLonno, *Star-Ledger*, June 7, 2012

John T. Cunningham described himself as a “popular” historian. That meant he wrote history for the masses. Not dry, academic history. But history that put the story first.

Yes, John Cunningham was a historian. More than that, he was a storyteller. And no one came close to telling New Jersey’s story better or more often than Cunningham, who died on June 7 at age 96.

*This is New Jersey* was the big book. He published it in 1953, and it has been reprinted six times in six decades. It laid the foundation for nearly every New Jersey history book written since, and if there is a library in the state that doesn’t have it on the shelf, then the place has no right to call itself a library.

He embarked on his history discovery with Rutgers professor Richard McCormick, the father of the outgoing Rutgers president. “He was the academic historian, and I was the guy who wrote the easy to read books,” Cunningham once said.

“Far more than other historian, he made New Jersey’s complicated history accessible to a cross section of teachers, students, history buffs, and scholars,” said Rutgers-Newark professor Clement Price. “He was one of the civic giants of New Jersey public life.”

Cunningham and McCormick created a new interest in state history and built the written foundation to support it. Cunningham was most proud of the fourth-grade history curriculum he wrote decades ago. “Of course, what any historian wants to do is educate,” he said. “An awful lot of kids learned about their home state with those lessons.”

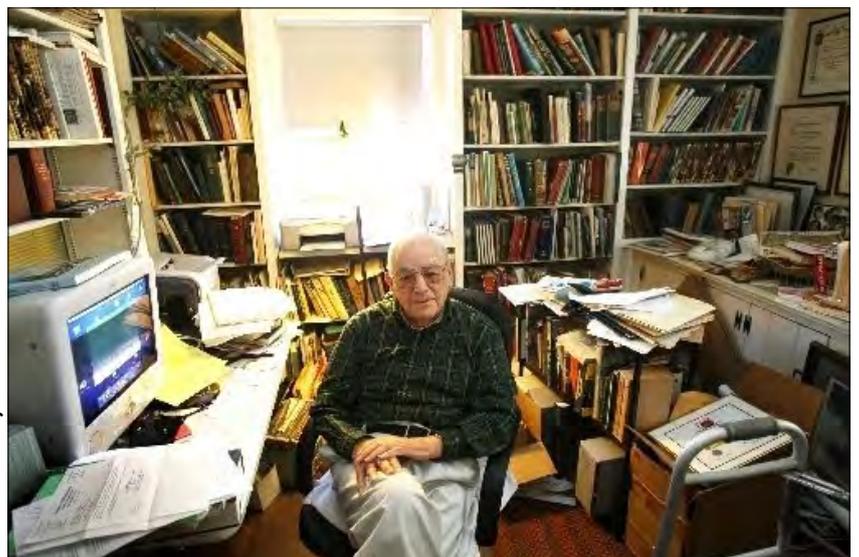
Cunningham wrote for casual readers and kids, but there was always accuracy in the history, and heft in the details. His New Jersey was the most important state in the union. The place where the American Revolution was won and, through the birth of the Labor Movement, where the American worker got to share in the bounties of those freedoms. He wrote of Edison and the invention of comfort, and Einstein, who contemplated other worlds. He wrote about his hometown of Florham Park and Morristown, his high school alma mater. From the industry of Paterson to the ecology of the Great Swamp, John Cunningham learned it, then told everybody.

Almost 60 years since his first book — about railroading in New Jersey — Cunningham wrote nearly one a year deep into the 1990s. His *Newark* book, written in 1962, was rewritten and republished in 2002 by the New Jersey Historical Society with great fanfare. At the launch party, the always humble Mr. Cunningham spent most of his talk praising the late Newark historian Charles Cummings, a co-contributor.

His last book, *The Uncertain Revolution: Washington & the Continental Army at Morristown*, came out in 2007. He was working on a memoir when he died.

“It’s not an autobiography,” he said the last time I visited him. “Historians don’t write about themselves. They write about lives in the context of the times. An autobiography is about me, me, me. A memoir, on the other hand, is about a life within times.”

Cunningham said this sitting at his old, desktop computer, in a chair with the padding worn down to paper thin. His home office décor was clutter on top of clutter. Full bookshelves, with the books



Mitsu Yasukawa/for The *Star-Ledger*

topped by papers and files and notes. The narrative was speaking always in Cunningham's head. It was a writer's mind. The ideas, the words, banged around like atoms in a reactor, and he harnessed their power on whatever paper was close enough to whatever pen.

He lived a writer's life, beginning as a reporter at *The Newark Evening News*. It was there he learned the state, and learned he could delight readers by bringing them along on his journey.

I was one who tagged along. He was a friend and mentor.

A couple of years ago, the Advocates for New Jersey History honored Cunningham with their lifetime achievement award. He wasn't able to attend.

"My legs don't work as well as they used to. But my fingers are doing just fine." He asked me to accept the award on his behalf. In front of a crowd of about 300 people at the War Memorial in Trenton, I started by saying, "Without John Cunningham, none of us would be here today, because it was John Cunningham who gave us New Jersey history."

I had to stop then, and compose myself.

Just like now.

---

From Bernard Bush: JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM, 1916-2012

When great men and women come among us, the world becomes a different place. By their character, intellect and vision, and by the selfless application of their energy, they show us the way. Horizons open, possibilities spring up before us, hope becomes more than a distant dream. Life is filled with noble ideals and goals that seem attainable, and we find the will to achieve them.

That is how I will always think of John T. Cunningham and his comrades-in-arms, Richard P. McCormick and Roger H. McDonough, the preeminent founders of the modern movement to preserve and teach New Jersey history. For me they were friends and mentors who guided me in all of my work in New Jersey history for half a century, and above all gave me their trust and support as the first director of the New Jersey Historical Commission.

The tributes to John Cunningham that have been made, and those yet to be made, will surely make clear the debt we all owe to him. I can add, with regard to the work of the Historical Commission, that virtually none of our achievements during his six years as chairman and his two decades as a member could have happened without his leadership. For example, the Commission's publications program, its outreach to schools and local historical societies, the organization of the project to publish the papers of Thomas A. Edison, the establishment of the nation's first state program in African-American history, the authentic observance of important commemorative events, the close working relationship with the New Jersey Historical Society—and so much more.

It has been said that John lived a writer's life. True. But he was also adept at organizing, inspiring and leading organizations. He earned the respect of many civic, business, and government leaders, and he frequently used his prestige in defense of the institutions and agencies of New Jersey history. It has also been said that he wrote "retail" history for a popular audience. Also true. But his popular writing was the result of solid scholarly research, based on a thoroughly professional use of sources. As a writer who valued accuracy and objectivity, he appreciated the importance of library and archival collections and their proper administration. As a seeker of truth and a citizen of the nation and the world, he never resorted to provincial boosterism in his celebration of the history of his state. For him the truth of history needed no self-promoting embellishment.

Finally, let me say that John Cunningham was a man of dignity and gentleness. He knew his own worth, and he respected the worth of others.

Like so many of you, I was fortunate to know him.

---

Joe Bilby:

He was indeed a state treasure. Cunningham's articles in the old *Newark News Sunday Magazine* on New Jersey history and New Jersey in the Civil War, which preceded the Centennial of the war, got me interested in the subject, an interest that has endured to this day.

Gordon Bond:

There will be many tributes to Mr. Cunningham on this listserve - he educated and inspired so many of us. While I can't claim the privilege of having known him as well as many, I thought I would add my small but now-precious memory of the last time I saw him.

It was a year or two ago at a Civil War Roundtable lecture. Afterward, I got a chance to speak with him and tell him how I could still remember his New Jersey books from grade school near forty years ago. I had published my own book, the biography of New Jersey's first printer, James Parker. I was flattered when he said he wanted a copy. As I went out to the car to retrieve one from the trunk (any author worth their byline always travels with a stock "just in case"), I chuckled to myself with the admittedly morbid thought that he was in his 90s and the book over 700 pages...who would finish first? When he asked how much he owed me, I let him know it was I who owed him.

It seems there are generations of New Jersey history buffs and history writers who owed a debt to him to some extent. But particularly those of us who subscribe to the theory that history itself is never dull or dry, and there is no reason to make it so when telling it. "Popularizer" is sometimes a dirty word in some circles. But he taught us not only how to wrestle it away from a strictly scholarly existence, but that it didn't have to mean sacrificing the integrity of the facts to accomplish it.

~~~~~  
Alicia Batko:

Indeed sad news! John Cunningham leaves behind a wonderful legacy of having educated many people about the rich heritage of our state. No one can fill his shoes, but we need to carry on the work of telling our story.

~~~~~  
Rich Rosenthal:

Those of us who were in attendance at the meeting of the North Jersey Civil War Round Table remember when John, at the age of 93, spoke about his book *The Uncertain Revolution: Washington and the Continental Army at Morristown* before a capacity crowd of 175. When John completed his talk of 45 minutes, without any notes, he finished with a final one line statement of, "Yes, I will answer questions, yes, I'm writing two more books." After the audience collectively gasped – then the sustained applause started. (And, John did write those books.)

I am proud that of the two awards given each year by the NJCWRT at the *New Jersey Student History Day Competition*, one award is titled: *The John T. Cunningham Award*.

~~~~~  
Michael Bressman, Drew University:

When John T. Cunningham '38 passed away on June 7 just four years shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, he left behind a rich written legacy. Over the last 60 years, he authored 50 books, frequently focusing on the history of the Garden State. One such book told the story of his alma mater. Cunningham, who was one of Drew's oldest living alumni, penned *University in the Forest*, a 389-page volume that chronicles the school's earliest days from the 19<sup>th</sup> century up to 2002, which is when the most recent addition was published.

"Drew University joins the entire of State of New Jersey in mourning the loss of a cultural icon," said University President Robert Weisbuch. "In writing *University in the Forest*, John opened a window to Drew's past that will help current and future generations of students, faculty, and staff understand their shared Drew roots."

Cunningham is perhaps best known for his book *This is New Jersey*, which was first published in 1953 and has never gone out of print. He also published several acclaimed textbooks and photo essays throughout his career.

Prior to focusing his writing on historical narratives, Cunningham started his career as a news reporter for the *Morristown Record*. His first assignment was covering eastern Morris County, which was a responsibility that he held as both a high school student and as an undergraduate at Drew. In presenting him with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008, a Drew citation referred to the ways his distinguished career as a journalist shaped his later work as a historian.

“[Cunningham] approaches history with a journalist’s quest for truth and a style that engages non-historians,” read the citation. “His accuracy, his knowledge of New Jersey, and his appealing style have earned him recognition as ‘New Jersey’s popular historian,’ as he was named by the New Jersey Historical Association.”

A 1950s review of *The New Jersey Shore* by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania agrees that Cunningham’s writing style made it easy for the general public to learn about local history. “The book is written in a pleasant newspaper style that makes for easy reading,” reviewer J. Harcourt Givens wrote. “It will be enjoyed by every resident of New Jersey who is interested in his state, as well as by those nonresidents who, like this reviewer, spend each summer at ‘the shore’.”

Cunningham, who was a winner of Drew’s 1955 Award in the Arts and 1980 Service Award, was a familiar presence on campus from his own undergraduate years through the present. He was a frequent guest during Orientation Week where he would make a popular presentation to new students on Drew history.

*Drew Magazine’s* Winter 2012 issue featured a conversation between Cunningham and Herman Rosenberg ’37, who were believed to be the college’s oldest living alumni. The two recounted their undergraduate days in the midst of the Great Depression, during which they supported themselves by raking leaves for \$0.35 an hour. They also reminisced about the close relationships that they shared with their favorite professors, a Drew tradition that continues to endure. “I eventually majored in psych because of Jim McClintock,” Cunningham said. “He took no nonsense. If you were in [his] class, you were expected to produce.”

## SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - NEW JERSEY FORUM

The New Jersey Historical Commission, New Jersey State Archives and New Jersey State Museum are pleased to announce that Hendrik Hartog, Class of 1921 Bicentennial Professor in the History of American Law and Liberty at Princeton University, will be the keynote speaker at the 2012 New Jersey Forum. Professor Hartog will discuss his new book, *Someday All of This Will Be Yours: A History of Inheritance and Old Age*.

Launched in 2006 and designed to advance scholarship in New Jersey history, the Forum provides an opportunity for established and emerging scholars to present new research. Continuing this tradition, the 2012 Forum will offer presentations featuring everything from revolutionary African-Americans, changing gender roles, to Civil War military leaders, and mobsters.

## ENDANGERED PLACES (continued from page one)

The 2012 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places (in alphabetical order):

Bridges of Yosemite Valley, Calif.  
Ellis Island Hospital Complex, New York Harbor, NY and NJ.  
Historic U.S. Post Office Buildings  
Joe Frazier’s Gym, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Malcolm X-Ella Little-Collins House, Boston, Ma.  
Princeton Battlefield, Princeton, N.J.  
Sweet Auburn Historic District, Atlanta, Ga.  
Terminal Island, Port of Los Angeles, Calif.  
Texas Courthouses  
Theodore Roosevelt’s Elkhorn Ranch, Billings County, N.D.  
Village of Zoar, Ohio

To download high resolution images of this year’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places, please contact [pr@nthp.org](mailto:pr@nthp.org) or visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/about-us/press-center/> to register and download high resolution images and video.

(continued on page eleven)

# 2012 Four Centuries in a Weekend

## HISTORIC SITES TOUR

Union County: Where New Jersey History Began

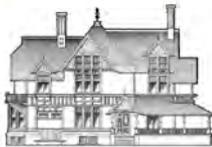


**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**NOON - 5:00 P.M.**



Free Booklet and Map contact:  
**Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs**

908-558-2550 • NJ Relay 711  
Culturalinfo@ucnj.org • www.ucnj.org/cultural



**UNION COUNTY**

*We're Connected to You!*

A SERVICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

## Four Centuries Historic Sites

### **BERKELEY HEIGHTS**

Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenside Park  
Littell-Lord Farmstead

### **CLARK**

Dr. William Robinson Plantation-Museum

### **CRANFORD**

Crane-Phillips House Museum

### **ELIZABETH**

Boxwood Hall State Historic Site  
First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth

### **HILLSIDE**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Woodruff House / Eaton Store Museum

### **KENILWORTH**

Oswald J. Nitschke House

### **MOUNTAINSIDE**

Deacon Andrew Hetfield House

### **NEW PROVIDENCE**

Salt Box Museum

### **PLAINFIELD**

Drake House Museum

### **RAHWAY**

Merchants and Drovers Tavern  
Union County Performing Arts Center

### **ROSELLE**

Abraham Clark House

### **ROSELLE PARK**

Roselle Park Museum

### **SCOTCH PLAINS**

Osborn Cannonball House

### **SPRINGFIELD**

Cannon Ball House

### **SUMMIT**

Carter House

Reeves-Reed Arboretum

Summit Playhouse

Twin Maples

### **UNION**

Caldwell Parsonage

Liberty Hall Museum

### **WESTFIELD**

Miller-Cory House Museum



Union County:  
**Battleground of Freedom**

[WWW.UCNJ.ORG/PODCASTS](http://WWW.UCNJ.ORG/PODCASTS)



Smartphone users scan here for Four Centuries booklet.

## Help Us Celebrate New Jersey's 350th Birthday!

As part of the upcoming celebration of New Jersey's 350th anniversary, the New Jersey Historical Commission is developing a series of short programs titled, "This Week in New Jersey History." This series is projected to air on public television and be available online. Its 52 segments will explore the richness of the past 350 years of New Jersey history through topics as diverse as the state itself. The series will support New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards and include curriculum materials for use in the classroom at the elementary and secondary levels. Topics for the series will also be chosen to support the following interpretive themes that have been developed for the celebration: (continued on page twelve)

**ARCHIVES WEEK AND ARCHIVES DAY, OCTOBER  
IN MANALAPAN, MONMOUTH COUNTY**

Archives Week Seminars - Wednesday, October 10, 2012  
Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ 07726-3249

9:00 am to 9:30 am Morning refreshments  
9:30 am to noon *Researching Land Records in Monmouth County*

**Presenter: Joe Grabas, Certified Title Professional** - Mr. Grabas has a long record of land title education in the State of New Jersey. In 2008, he founded the Grabas Institute for Continuing Education to bring alternative historically based continuing education to the title, legal, real estate & insurance professions and to establish an organization that would support and sustain research into the impact of land ownership and conveyancing on the social and economic development of the State of New Jersey. Joe supports and remains active in the New Jersey history community. He serves on the Monmouth County Historical Commission and is an active member of many other local history-related organizations.

1 pm to 2:30 pm *Researching Genealogy in the Monmouth County Archives*

**Presenters: Gary D. Saretzky, Archivist, and Tara Christiansen, Reference Archivist, Monmouth County Archives** - The Monmouth County Archives contains numerous record series in which names of citizens are mentioned, dating back to the early 1700s. This presentation will discuss some of the most useful types of records for family research and how they can be used either online or at the Archives.

\*\*\*\*\*

Registration fee for the morning seminar is \$5 per person to cover the cost of refreshments. There is no cost to attend the afternoon event but registration is requested.

CE/CLE credits available during the morning session for insurance producers and lawyers through the Grabas Institute. Continuing education credit certificates for teachers provided for both events on request.

Contact: Shelagh Reilly, 732-308-3771 or [sreilly@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:sreilly@co.monmouth.nj.us)

An optional tour of the Monmouth County Archives will follow the afternoon program.

To register, return the form below. If attending the morning workshop, please send \$5 (check payable to Monmouth County Clerk or cash, no invoices) to Monmouth County Archives, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ 07726

\*\*\*\*\*

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Which event(s) do you wish to attend (check either or both)?

Land Records \_\_\_\_\_ Genealogy Records \_\_\_\_\_

**ARCHIVES AND HISTORY DAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS**

# THE PATHWAYS OF HISTORY - A SPECIAL MUSEUM TOUR EVENT

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Small museums continually search for innovative ideas to promote community history and entice the public to visit their museums and historic places. In 2010 five enthusiastic Morris County groups conceived an idea designed to highlight their distinctive museums and historical properties. Housed in venerable buildings of local significance, each had a unique and fascinating story to share. Aptly called “**Following the Pathways of History—Links to Each Other and to the Past,**” this two-day museum tour was a huge success.

Now in its third year, the **Pathways of History Museum Tour** has grown to include thirteen historic locations in eleven municipalities. The two-day 2012 tour will take place on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am–4 pm and Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from noon–4 pm. The original five museums in Boonton, Boonton Township, Butler, Kinnelon, and Montville Township are honored to be joined by Denville, Dover, Jefferson Township, Lake Hopatcong, Pequannock Township, and Riverdale’s Glenburn. The museums and historic sites will simultaneously open their doors in welcome. Each participant on the tour has planned something extra special for this extraordinary event honoring history, community and friendship.

Locations and Events -- Admission is free at all locations

## **Boonton Historical Society**

210 Main Street, Boonton, NJ 07005

GPS: 40° 54’ 10” N, 74° 24’ 28” W

Memorial exhibit honoring landscape artist and pioneering environmentalist, Joan S. L. Greentree

## **Boonton – at the Miller-Kingsland House**

445 Vreeland Avenue, Boonton 07005

GPS: 40° 54’ 02” N, 74° 23’ 12” W

33<sup>rd</sup> Regiment New Jersey Volunteers Civil War

Encampment – Saturday & Sunday

The New England Players – Saturday 2:30 PM

Afternoon Tea served – Sunday from 2–4 PM

## **Boonton Township – Oscar A. Kincaid Home of History**

591 Powerville Road, Boonton Twp 07005

GPS: 40° 57’ 17” N, 74° 24’ 35” W

Tours of Kincaid farmhouse - A celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “The Face” - Fine arts and crafts at Road-side stand - ART-IN artists on site - Refreshments served in Mrs. Kincaid’s kitchen

## **Butler Museum & Historical Committee**

10 High Street, Butler 07405

(Butler Municipal Police Department)

GPS: 41° 00’ 04” N, 74° 20’ 23” W

Slide Presentation on the early glory days of Butler – Saturday and Sunday – 12:15 PM

Children’s Coloring Activities – Saturday and Sunday

Video and slides of the 1957 Pequannoc Rubber Company

Fire – available for viewing all day

## **Denville Historical Society**

113 Diamond Spring Road, Denville 07834

GPS: 40° 53’ 45” N, 74° 28’ 25” W

Tours of Denville Museum – Saturday 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 PM

## **Dover Area History Museum House**

55 West Blackwell Street, Dover 07801

GPS: 40° 53’ 02” N, 74° 33’ 40” W

Exhibit of local history

## **Glenburn, Riverdale**

211 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale 07457

GPS: 41° 00’ 04” N, 74° 18’ 55” W

Continuous tours of this beautifully restored mansion

### **Henry Doremus Dutch Stone House**

490 Main Road (US 202) Towaco 07082  
(Park in Sea Breeze parking lot across the street from the house) - GPS: 40° 55' 05" N, 74° 21' 15" W

Revolutionary war encampment and musket drills - Live period music with fiddler and accompanist - Antique quilt display with quilters on hand - Continuous tours of site and Dutch architecture - 18th century antiques on display - Document display of George Washington letters and expense account

### **Jefferson Township Museum**

315 Dover-Milton Road, Jefferson Twp 07438  
GPS: 41° 01' 12" N, 74° 31' 40" W

House tours - Quilters - 1880s woodworking tools - Gift Shoppe

### **L'Ecole Kinnelon Museum**

25 Kiel Avenue, Kinnelon 07405  
GPS: 41° 00' 07" N, 74° 21' 41" W

Lectures by Russell Hannah on the Newark Watershed – Saturday & Sunday at 2:00 PM - PowerPoint presentation featuring Dr. Helen L. Miller – Saturday & Sunday at 1:00 PM - Local artisans: wood crafts; botanical ceramics; etchings, and watercolors

### **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum**

9 Lakeside Boulevard, Hopatcong 07843  
(at Lake Hopatcong State Park, Landing 07850)  
GPS: 40° 54' 57" N, 74° 39' 56" W

A special exhibit featuring Bertrand Island Amusement Park

### **Museum of Pequannock Township**

34 Evans Place, Pompton Plains 07444  
GPS: 40° 58' 14" N, 74° 17' 36" W

A display representing veterans of the Civil War connected to old Pequannock Township

### **Nicholas Vreeland Out Kitchen**

52 Jacksonville Road, Montville 07082  
GPS: 40° 55' 59" N, 74° 20' 33" W

Hearthside food practices and recipes - Continuous tours and architectural discussion

## *Weekend Journey through the Past*

The Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, in conjunction with local historical organizations and tourism partners, has designated the weekend of October 13 & 14, 2012 as this year's Weekend Journey through the Past.



During this two-day period, twenty-seven of the county's significant historic sites will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and from noon to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Along with the four additional sites this year, a Kids/Family Detective activity, What in the World is That?\*, is planned to complement the various special exhibits, programs, and tours planned at each historic site. Free parking and admission to all sites.

The sites have been grouped into three tours by location: Northern, Central, and Southern with a scenic route plan and driving directions for each. This annual event is a perfect opportunity for a family outing. A visit to the county's historic sites offers a unique educational experience for all ages, as well as a chance to visit some of Somerset County's most picturesque and unspoiled areas.

Many of the sites have significant Revolutionary War histories and have contributed to the area's designation as the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area. Local historians will be on hand to share their knowledge and stories about Somerset County's history.

Participating sites are: Boudinot-Southard-Ross House, Basking Ridge

The Brick Academy, Basking Ridge

Brook Arts Center, Bound Brook

Codington Farmstead, Warren

First Reformed Church, Rocky Hill

General John Frelinghuysen House/Raritan Public Library

(continued on page 21)

## ENDANGERED PLACES (continued from page six)

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places has identified more than 230 threatened one-of-a-kind historic treasures since 1988. Whether these sites are urban districts or rural landscapes, Native American landmarks or 20th-century sports arenas, entire communities or single buildings, the list spotlights historic places across America that are threatened by neglect, insufficient funds, inappropriate development, or insensitive public policy.

The designation has been a powerful tool for raising awareness and rallying resources to save endangered sites from every region of the country. At times, that attention has garnered public support to quickly rescue a treasured landmark, while in other instances, it has been the impetus of a long battle to save an important piece of our history.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately funded nonprofit organization, works to save America's historic places to enrich our future. [www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org).



Ellis Island Hospital Complex

### New Jersey Caucus -- C.A.P.E.S. Program Offers Free Archival Assistance

The Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) is funded by the New Jersey Historical Commission and operated by members of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference – New Jersey Caucus. CAPES offers free general assessment surveys of archival collections held by nonprofit organizations in New Jersey.

The survey includes reviewing and providing recommendations for improvement in the following areas: physical facility (environmental factors, fire and security protection), storage (shelving and containers), reformatting materials (microfilm/digitization), collection arrangement and description, and policies. A detailed report will be provided and can be used to supplement other grant applications.

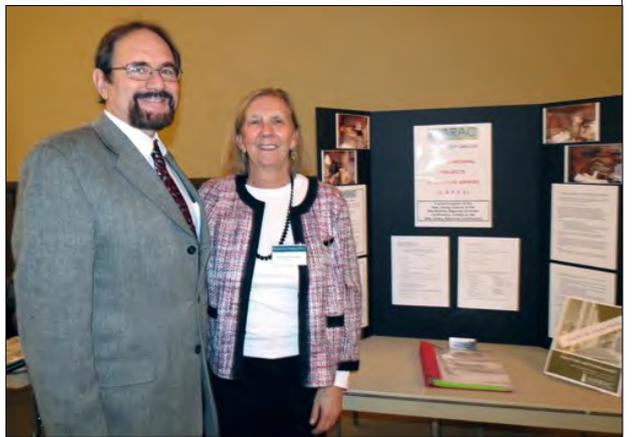
To be eligible, you must have collections that are open to the public and relate to New Jersey history. Only archival materials (books, papers, maps, photographs, audio-visual) are surveyed. Government archives are not eligible.

Follow-up visits are available to those who have already had their first CAPES visit. These sessions can include a staff training workshop, focused collection survey, or a reassessment of your original report if the visit was many years ago.

The CAPES program is in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year of providing free archival and preservation consultation to public libraries, academic libraries, museums, historical societies, and other nonprofit organizations in New Jersey.

In December 1988, members of the New Jersey Historical Commission and New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference jointly established the program that has, to date, provided consultations to more than 400 organizations in New Jersey.

Please direct any questions to Frederic Pachman, CAPES Program Coordinator, [capescoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:capescoordinator@gmail.com). For applications see: [http://www.state.nj.us/state/historical/dos\\_his\\_grants.html](http://www.state.nj.us/state/historical/dos_his_grants.html).



New Jersey Caucus CAPES Coordinator Frederic C. Pachman and CAPES Consultant Elsaly Palmisano with exhibit at the New Jersey History Issues Conference in Trenton, March 30, 2012.

## PASSAIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO RECEIVE PRESERVATION AWARD

After decades of exhaustive work, including research, planning, and design, the Passaic County Historical Society is proud to announce that it is the recipient of a Preservation, Restoration, and Adaptive Use Award presented by the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Victorian Society in America in recognition of its efforts in restoring Paterson's Lambert Castle.

The elaborate Victorian castle, built by self-made silk magnate Catholina Lambert in 1893, has seen many changes in both its purpose and design in its 119-year existence. In recent years, much of the castle, including its architecture and furnishings, has been restored to its 19th-century appearance. The castle is now operated by the Passaic County Historical Society as a museum of local history and culture.

The Victorian Society in America is the only national nonprofit organization committed to the historic preservation, protection, understanding, education, and enjoyment of the nation's 19th-century heritage. The society received the award at Lambert Castle in May.

Among the invitees were the entire Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders (a body which has been instrumental in the restoration of Lambert Castle and the continuing work of the historical society) and United States Congressman Bill Pascrell.

The Passaic County Historical Society is a private, membership-supported, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational institution that owns and maintains an extraordinary collection of historical artifacts, archives, and genealogical records. The society operates and manages the museum and research library at Lambert Castle, which is owned by the County of Passaic.



### 350th Anniversary of New Jersey (continued from page seven)

**Innovation:** The world has been reshaped again and again by people from and things created in New Jersey. From Edison's light bulb to the Atlantic City boardwalk to the first intercollegiate football game to Frank Sinatra and Count Basie, New Jersey's innovations and innovators have had an impact around the globe.

**Diversity:** By virtue of its geography and population, New Jersey is in many ways a microcosm of the U.S., with numerous national themes playing out within the state's boundaries over the past 350 years.

**Liberty:** New Jersey played a pivotal role in the American Revolution, participating in more significant military action than any other state in the new nation and establishing a tradition of distinguished military service that continues to this day. New Jersey's commitment to the cause of liberty was further demonstrated when it became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights in 1789.

Do you have a topic to suggest for the series? A favorite or perhaps underappreciated moment from New Jersey's past? If so, please send suggestions to [NJ350@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:NJ350@sos.state.nj.us). The deadline for submissions is Friday, August 31.

PLEASE NOTE: With only 52 episodes to develop, it will be impossible to use every suggestion. The Historical Commission appreciates all suggestions and will consider them for this and other programming related to the anniversary celebration. On behalf of the Historical Commission staff, thank you for your support of New Jersey history and interest in the state's upcoming 350th celebration.

## 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?

### 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**

### 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 [jnvtg6@gmail.com](mailto:jnvtg6@gmail.com) before February 15, 2013.

### **LEAGUE ELECTION AT OCTOBER MEETING**

Officers and trustees up for election this year are:

2-year terms ending in 2014:

President - Tim Hart

First Vice President - Jane McNeill

Central Region VP - Jeff McVey

Northern Region VP - Kate Malcolm

Southern Region VP - Peter Hill

Secretary - Judy Aley

Treasurer - Pary Tell

Historian - James Lewis

4-year terms ending in 2016:

Southern Region Trustee - Open

Central Region Trustee - Mary Swarbrick

Northern Region Trustee - Catherine Sullivan

At Large Trustee - Alice Gibson

Each member organization receives one vote. If nominations are made from the floor, election must proceed by ballot.

## THE MUSEUM AT THE THOMAS EDISON CENTER REOPENS

by Nancy Zerbe

On Saturday, June 9, 2012 the museum at the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park reopened after a two-year renovation and development of all new interpretive exhibits. Located on the grounds of Thomas Alva Edison's historic Menlo Park laboratory site, the small museum interprets Edison's accomplishments at the world's first industrial research and development laboratory, including invention of the first practical light bulb, development of a complete electrical generation and distribution system, improvements in communications via the telephone and telegraphy, and invention of the phonograph.

Over 300 people joined the nonprofit Edison Memorial Tower Corporation (EMTC) for the Museum Grand Re-opening Celebration. The day's activities included guided tours of the new exhibits, the unveiling of the site's new logo, and fun educational activities throughout the grounds.

The renovation project, the first major project since the building's construction in the early 1940s, included upgrades to the building's systems, overall repairs and repainting, and—most important of all—provisions for persons with handicaps in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The new interpretive exhibits—the first professionally developed comprehensive exhibits in the museum's history—broaden the scope of the interpretation to include all aspects of the site's history, both Thomas Edison's amazing accomplishments and the twentieth-century efforts to commemorate Edison and his Menlo Park laboratory.

What can you learn by going to Menlo Park? You can learn why the site has attracted people for over 130 years. In the 1870s, people flocked to Menlo Park first to see Edison's amazing new device to record the human voice and a year later for a spectacular New Year's Eve lighting of Christie Street. Long after Edison left Menlo Park and the buildings fell into disrepair (and, no, Henry Ford didn't take them all out to Michigan—but, you'll learn about that too!), people continued to come to Menlo Park. In the twentieth century, Edison's followers (the "Edison Pioneers") started a tradition of commemorating the site, culminating in the beautiful Art Deco Edison Memorial Tower. Most important, perhaps, is that you'll learn that Menlo Park isn't just about what Edison invented, but how he invented. While at Menlo Park, Edison developed the world's first industrial research and development laboratory.

Kathleen Carlucci, the site's director of interpretation, is pleased at the public's reaction to the new exhibits. She noted that "visitation has increased, and the guests seem very pleased with the exhibits and the tour they receive." She is also pleased that "for the first time, the museum has a dedicated space for changing exhibits. The first special exhibit, developed by the restoration architects at Mills & Schnoering Architects,

LLC, focuses on the restoration of the Edison Memorial Tower, which has just begun."

Nancy Zerbe, who led the two-year effort as president of EMTC, thanked the many professionals and volunteers who helped with the project. She stated that "the design team of architect Alice Deupree of LWDMR Architects, LLC, exhibit designer Dan Schnur, and logo designer William Kobasz did an excellent job!"

Located at 37 Christie Street, Edison, NJ, the museum is open



Mr. Edison, as portrayed by Patrick Garner, conducts an experiment for visitors. Photo by Rajani Kanukollu

Thursday–Saturday 10:00–4:00; private group tours can be arranged on other days by contacting the museum. There is no entrance fee; however, there is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person to help with the nonprofit’s costs. For more information, please visit [www.menloparkmuseum.org](http://www.menloparkmuseum.org) or call 732-549-3299. When you go, make sure to sign up for the EMTC’s electronic newsletter or become an EMTC member, so that you’ll receive notifications of changing exhibits.

There are many facets of Menlo Park and Thomas Edison that the EMTC looks forward to exploring through special exhibits.

## HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS — 2012

**Thursday, September 6** - Morris County - The Jefferson Township Historical Society general meeting at the township library’s Riker Room, Weldon Road, 7:30 pm. The presentation, about the *Cultural Resource Inventory Web Application*, concerns finding historic districts, sites, building, and more in Morris County. 973-697-0258.

**Saturday, September 8** – Tuckerton Historical Society - Ye Old Clamtown Flea Market at Tip Seaman Park from 8-4. Approx. 100 dealers. Selected food vendors. RAIN DATES 9<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday-Sunday, September 8-9** – Ocean County - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show & NJ Maritime Heritage Festival, 11-4. Two 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)

**Saturday, September 8 – Ocean County** - Our first Jewelry Bazaar promises to be worth a visit. We will be selling a wide variety of jewelry, which should please every taste. 10:00 to 2:00. 732-458-7507. For more information, please visit [www.Bricktwphistoricalsociety.com](http://www.Bricktwphistoricalsociety.com). 515 Herbertsville Road, Brick.

**Saturday, September 8 – Morris County** - *Styling an American Family: The 1910s at Gustav Stickley’s Craftsman Farms* opens September 8 at the Stickley Museum. Reservations now being accepted for the 6 pm opening reception, which includes a viewing of the exhibition in the Log House, a curator’s lecture by Jeffrey Mayer, and an outdoor tented reception. Tickets are \$12 for non-members and free for Stickley Museum members. No tickets will be sold at the door. The exhibition features fashions from Syracuse University’s Sue Ann Genet Costume Collection with such themes as “Motoring,” “Music,” “Entertainment at Home,” and “After the Party.” The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms is open Wednesdays and Thursday, noon-3, and Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11-4. Intersection of Manor Lane and Route 10 West in Morris Plains. For further information, to reserve tickets to the exhibition opening, or to book group tours, please see the museum’s website at [www.StickleyMuseum.org](http://www.StickleyMuseum.org) or call 973-540-0311.

**Saturday, September 8** – Morris County - Denville Walking Tours kick off Denville’s Centennial Celebration. Union Schoolhouse-Four Corners Tour. The Denville Historical Society & Museum will host an open house at the schoolhouse from 10-4. Walking tours at 10 and 1. (Begin at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Union Schoolhouse, Openaki Road, Union Hill. If it rains, the entire tour will be conducted from the schoolhouse. \$5 per person; \$3 for those 65 and older OR under 21 years-old.) For further information call, 973-625-1165.

**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 Ledgewood village of the township. 1 to 4 pm. For information call Marge Cushing, 973-584-6931 or Richard Cramond, 973-584-7903.

**Sunday, September 9** - Morris County - The Jefferson Township Museum (George Chamberlin House) will have an open house from 1 to 4 pm. Costumed docents will give tours of the museum. See the special exhibit of miniatures. Free. 315 Dover-Milton Road. Visit *Miss Elizabeth’s Shoppe* in the kitchen of the museum. For further information, visit [www.jthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.jthistoricalsociety.org), or call Christine Williams, president, at 973-697-0258.

**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 7:30 pm. The speaker will be announced in the SHOUT newsletter, which is available on our website.

**Wednesday, September 12** - Passaic County - The Morris Canal Yesterday and Today. At 7 pm at Paterson’s Lambert Castle, Philip Jaeger will present a discussion of this remarkable piece of New Jersey history. The meeting is open to the public and attendance is free of charge. Visit [lambertcastle.org](http://lambertcastle.org) or call 973-247-0085 for more information.

**Thursday, September 13** – Burlington County - Join us at 7 pm for a discussion of the classic book, *The Pine Barrens*, by John McPhee. Pinelands Preservation Alliance, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton; Registration: Call 609 859-8860 x14 or email [tomdunn@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:tomdunn@pinelandsalliance.org).

**Friday, September 14** – Morris County - Downtown Concert Series, 6-8. FREE, family-friendly outdoor concert on the lawn of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, featuring Rosewood. Bring a blanket/chair and relax with an evening of music. Picnicking welcome. For more information call 973-377-2982 x14 or visit our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org). Rain or Shine! In case of inclement weather, concert will be held inside the museum with first come first serve seating. 9 Main Street, Madison. For information, please call 973-377-2982 x10 or visit our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org).

**Saturday, September 15** – Richmond County (Staten Island) - September Celebration - 236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1776 Peace Conference. 11 am–4 pm (*Rain Date: Sunday, September 16*). Children's activities, historic house tours, re-enactments, crafters, colonial dancing, colonial outdoor cooking, live music, and so much more! A fun-filled event for the whole family on the Great Lawn in Conference House Park! \$5.00 – adults; \$3.00 - children (12 and under) and seniors. Conference House Association, 7455 Hylan Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10307; For additional information please call 718-984-6046 or visit our website: [www.conferencehouse.org](http://www.conferencehouse.org).

**Sunday, September 16** – Sussex County - The Walpack Historical Society presents Myra Snook and Frank Hennion speaking on the Shapanack Cemetery. Walpack M.E. Church, Walpack Center. Bring a picnic lunch (noon). Meeting and speaker at 1:00 p.m. Questions? 973-948-4903.

**Sunday, September 16** – Sussex County - Historical Society of Andover Borough - Experience Andover's historic fascinating and interesting past. The Andover Museum is open to visitors from 1-4 PM on the third Sunday of the month, as well as by appointment. Located upstairs in the Andover Borough Municipal Building, 137 Main Street/Route 206, Andover Borough, NJ. Ample parking behind the building; entrance on Smith Street. All are welcome. For additional information please contact: 973-786-7833 or [historyandovernj@aol.com](mailto:historyandovernj@aol.com).

**Sunday, September 16** – Mercer County - Constitution Day Concert - Trent House grounds open 12:30; music at 1:30. To celebrate National Constitution Week, the historic Trent House will honor this revolutionary document with a narrated program of special patriotic music by the Capital Singers of Trenton, directed by Richard Loatman. If you missed the Trent House's 4th of July picnic and patriotic concert, here's another opportunity to hear this wonderful selection of music. Suggested donation \$5.00. William Trent House, 15 Market Street, Trenton; 609-989-3027 museum office; 609-989-0087 Trent House Association office; [www.williamtrenthouse.org](http://www.williamtrenthouse.org)

**Sunday, September 16** – Morris County - Railroad Open House – Boonton. 10-5 pm. FREE! Largest electric locomotives that ever operated in NJ, the 1930s GG-1 giants. Old diesel locomotives, passenger cars, and freight cars. Exhibits and exciting multi-media presentations on NJ's railroads by former railroad employees; railroad historians. Presentations by NJ Transit on their Operation Lifesaver program for kids and adults. Antique trucks and fire engines, old buses from NJ's Public Service bus company, vintage military vehicles. This facility is normally closed to the public. Rain or shine. Park in the Boonton Municipal Parking Lot along Division St. east of Main St. at the old railroad station. From the south on I-287 get off at the Main St. exit and once on Main St. cross over the railroad tracks on the overhead bridge. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (Division St.) turn right and the parking lot is a very short distance on the right at the old railroad station. Free parking. Also on-street meter parking. The railroad museum open house is less than one block west of Main St. on Morris St., but there is currently no parking there. An overflow lot is the NJT parking lot on the southbound roadway to I-287 southbound. A vintage shuttle bus will run between the parking lots and the railroad museum or you may walk to it on the sideways. Visit the URHS website: [www.urhs.org](http://www.urhs.org)

**Wednesday, September 19** – Middlesex County - *Struggle Without End: The Civil War's Impact on New Jersey*, a new exhibition at Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries in New Brunswick, will open September 19, 2012 with a keynote address by James McPherson. For more information, please see [http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/news/12/07\\_civil\\_war\\_nj\\_impact.shtml](http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/news/12/07_civil_war_nj_impact.shtml)

**Saturday, September 22** – Ocean County - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seaport Antique Car & Truck Show, 10-2. 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-Sunday, September 22-23** - Monmouth County - Monmouth County Historical Association will host a Civil

War reenactors encampment on the grounds of the museum & library, 70 Court Street, Freehold between 10 am and 5 pm on Saturday, 10–4 on Sunday. Tours of the current exhibition “Marching Away: Monmouth in the Civil War” will also be offered inside the museum; the exhibit will run through March 2013. The event will feature military activities and demonstrations as well as craft demonstrations from the Civil War era: demonstrations of rug making, chair caning, hat box making and cooking over the open fire using recipes from the mid-nineteenth century; period toys; models of naval vessels. Mary Todd Lincoln will talk with visitors about her husband and her experiences as First Lady.

11:00 am – Military Drills with discussion on types of formation -- 1:00 pm – Rifle Shooting Contest with an explanation of gun fare -- 2:00 pm – Victorian Tea -- 3:00 pm – Dancing of the Period with instruction

**Tuesday, September 25** – Morris County - Mendham Borough Historical Society. At 8 PM in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Ray LeMasters will present *Hackettstown Remembered Through Postcards*, featuring his well-known collection of historical and modern postcards that highlight people, places and events. LeMasters’s postcards progress through all forms of photography and presentation, including modern tech. A native of Hackettstown, LeMasters is an author and life member of the Hackettstown Historical Society. Guests are invited to bring postcards to share after the program. Public is invited; parking/program are free.

**September 26** - Middlesex County - South River Historical & Preservation Society presents Brian Armstrong, South River Historical & Preservation Society president, who will provide a presentation about the 1968 South River High School football season. He will discuss how Coach Bellissimo, Drew Pearson, and the Super Fraternity beat the odds with their winning season during the turbulent year of 1968. South River Museum, 64-66 Main Street, South River. 7:00pm. Free admission and refreshments. Contact: Kathleen 732-355-0498 or [southernriverhistory@gmail.com](mailto:southernriverhistory@gmail.com). [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/njsrhps/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/njsrhps/).

**September 28 through January 13**—Morven exhibit: Portrait of Place: Paintings, Drawings, and Prints of New Jersey (1761-1898), *from the Collection of Joseph J. Felcone*. This exhibit, featuring over 100 original works depicting New Jersey, 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, political portraits, and architectural and cityviews, *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. Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540; hours: Wed. – Fri. 11-3; Sat. & Sun. 12-4.

**Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30** – Ocean County - 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show, 7-5. Two-day event highlighting the culture of the area! Demonstrations, contests, seminars, decoy auction, crafters, carvers, vendors, food, music, entertainment, sneakbox races, rubber duck races, and lots of fun. Dock Dog Competitions. 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).

**Saturday, September 29** – Ocean County - Hometown festival featuring an apple pie contest, games, crafts, demonstrations, music, and food. No charge; some activities require tickets (50¢ each). Lacey School House Museum. 10-3.

**Saturday, September 29** – Ocean County - Afternoon tea party - relax and share cups of steaming, freshly brewed tea, delicate sandwiches, and assorted dainty sweets. Book early as we sell out every year. \$20. 1-3. Call Jane at 732-458-7507. For more information, please visit [www.Bricktwphistoricalsociety.com](http://www.Bricktwphistoricalsociety.com). 515 Herbertsville Road, Brick.

**Saturday, September 29** – Morris County - A Day in Old Mount Tabor 19th Annual House Tour, sponsored by the Mount Tabor Historical Society. 11-4, rain or shine. Easy parking & free shuttle service! Mount Tabor, an historic Victorian Camp Meeting community, showcases 15 Victorian cottages and historic buildings on a self-guided walking tour. Box lunches available for sale. Visitors park at the Mount Tabor Elementary School on Park Road, ½-mile south off Route 53 (for online maps or GPS: 864 Park Rd, Morris Plains NJ). Shuttle will run continuously to Mount Tabor from 10:30-4:30. On the day of the tour, tickets are sold at the gazebo on Simpson Ave., near the Tabernacle or at the end of the shuttle line. For additional information and/or advance tickets, call 973-586-1564, or see our House Tour flyers on [www.mounttabornj.org](http://www.mounttabornj.org). To purchase advance tickets or arrange for groups, send a check (payable to MTHS) (\$20 per ticket) to the Mount Tabor Historical Society House Tour, P.O. Box 271, Mount Tabor, NJ 07878. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

**Saturday, September 29** - Union County - The Cranford Historical Society will hold its fundraiser, “Wine and Cheese Candlelight Social” at the Elks Club, 951 Lincoln Avenue, Cranford from 7 pm to 10:30 pm. Music, wine, a variety of

cheese and hors d'oeuvres, good company and conversation. Gift Basket Raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Price: \$40 per person. Please RSVP by September 14. Reservation forms can be obtained at the Cranford Public Library and at the Cranford Historical Society office, 38 Springfield Avenue Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to 12:30 pm. 908-276-0082; [cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net](mailto:cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net). The fundraiser benefits the Crane-Phillips House Museum and the Han-son House.

**Thursday, October 4** – Middlesex County - New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance fall meeting: Alexander Library, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick. Business meeting at 3 pm; 4:15 pm Stephannie Hoagland's program, "The Rise, Fall & Resurrection of DooWop Architecture in Wildwood, NJ." Parking passes for the event can be emailed.

**Saturday, October 6** – Morris County - Bottle Hill Day - 11-4. Go back in time with the New Jersey Frontier Guard and learn about life during the French and Indian Wars. Stationed on the front lawn of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, members of the Guard will demonstrate the crafts, skills, military activities, and daily life of the mid-18th-century. Visitors are encouraged to explore the museum and its many exhibits. For more information visit our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org) or call 973-377-2982. FREE! 9 Main Street, Madison.

**Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7** – Richmond County (Staten Island) - Open House New York 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Week-end, 11-4. Join us as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Conference House becoming a historic house. Take a tour of this beautiful piece of history, enjoy a light snack and beverage, stroll around the trails of beautiful Conference House Park, take the children to the playground, or visit the South Pole. Conference House Association, 7455 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10307; For additional information please call 718-984-6046 or visit our website: [www.conferencehouse.org](http://www.conferencehouse.org).

**Tuesday, October 9** – 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 starts at 7:30 pm. The speaker will be announced in the SHOUT newsletter, which is available on our website.

**Saturday, October 13** – Morris County - Family Fun Day, 1-3. Join us at the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts for lots of family fun and a craft activity. Advance registration recommended, call 973-377-2982 x12. Regular museum admission, \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, students & children (ages 6 and older), and free for members and children under 6. Family maximum admission \$13.00. 9 Main Street, Madison. For information, please visit our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org).

**Saturday, October 13** – Tuckerton Historical Society - Civil War Program. Reenactors will present 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 14** – Morris County - 1-4. Living History Day in conjunction with the Roxbury Historic Trust at its headquarters, the 18<sup>th</sup>-century National Register Silas Riggs Saltbox House, 213 Main Street in the Ledgewood village of the township. For information, call Marge Cushing 973 584 6931 or Richard Cramond 973 584 7903.

**Sunday, October 14** – Morris County - Gradual Emancipation and Indentures in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. 2pm. Dr. Sharon Sundue PhD discusses emancipation in the north and its ties to forced apprenticeship. Advance registration recommended, call 973-377-2982 x13. Regular admission. Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, 9 Main Street, Madison, NJ 07940; [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org)

**Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 20-21** – **Morris County - Guided Tours of the Denville Museum** by the Denville Historical Society. Vito Bianco will give tours of the museum each day: On the 20<sup>th</sup> the museum will be open from 10-4 with tours at 11 and 1, and on the 21<sup>st</sup> from noon-4 with a tour at 1. For further information call 973-625-1165.

**Sunday, October 21** - Morris County - Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, 2 PM. Crafters Corner, Create unique and one-of-a-kind crafts with artist and educator Rachel Prager. All participants will go home with a finished project. Ages 16 and up. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Admission, \$15 for non-members; 10, members (includes all supplies). Call 973-377-2982 x14 to register. 9 Main Street, Madison. For information, please call 973-377-2982 x10 or visit our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org).

**Saturday-Sunday, October 20-21** – **Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey** - See article on p. 20.

**Sunday, October 21** – Sussex County - The Walpack Historical Society presents Van Campen Day at the Van Campen Inn, Old Mine Road. Noon to 5 pm. Questions? 973-948-4903.

**Sunday, October 21** – Sussex County - Historical Society of Andover Borough - Experience Andover's historic fascinating and interesting past. The Andover Museum is open to visitors from 1-4 PM on the third Sunday of the month, as well as by appointment. Located upstairs in the Andover Borough Municipal Building, 137 Main Street/Route 206, Andover Borough, NJ. Ample parking behind the building; entrance on Smith Street. All are welcome. For additional information please contact: (973) 786-7833 or [historyandovernj@aol.com](mailto:historyandovernj@aol.com).

**Thursday-Saturday, October 25, 26 & 27** – Ocean County - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted Seaport, 6-9 pm. *Three Scary Nights!* Pirates & sea captains long lost at sea stroll the boardwalk for a night of screams. "Haunted Forest," hayrides, phragmites maze, food, refreshments, entertainment and a non-scary pumpkin patch for the little ones. Fun for the whole family! Admission \$8, members \$5; hayrides \$2 with paid admission, hayrides free for Seaport members. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868 [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org).

**Friday, October 26** – Ocean County - Murder Mystery Dinner Show, 6 pm. \$75 per person. Get ready for an evening of fatal fun. Engleside Inn, 30 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven, LBI, NJ. Overnight packages. For more information, contact the Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum at 609-296-8868 or visit: [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org)

**Friday-Saturday, October 26-27** – Morris County - **Haunted Denville Walking Tours**. Vito Bianco will for tours at 7 pm beginning at the Denville Museum. Ages 16 and older only. \$5/person; \$3 65 years & older OR under 21. Raindate Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> when tour will begin at 6 pm. Check message at 973-625-1165 by 2 P.M. the day of the tour for update in case of bad weather. For further information call the Denville Historical Society & Museum, 973-625-1165.

**Saturday, October 27** – Richmond County (Staten Island) - Halloween Extravaganza , 12 pm–4 pm. Children's activities, crafts, rides, games, costume parade, food and fun. Conference House Association, 7455 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10307; for additional information please call 718-984-6046 or visit our website: [www.conferencehouse.org](http://www.conferencehouse.org).

**Sunday, November 4** – Sussex County - Join the Walpack Historical Society for a 1½-mile hike on the Military Trail. Meet at the Rosencrans Museum, Walpack Center at 11 am. Questions? 973-948-4903.

**Saturday, November 10** – Morris County - Family Fun Day, 1-3. Join us at the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts for lots of family fun and a craft activity. Advance registration recommended, call 973-377-2982 x12. Regular museum admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, students & children (ages 6 and older), and free for members and children under 6. Family maximum admission \$13.00. 9 Main Street, Madison. For information, please call 973-377-2982 x10 or visit our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org).

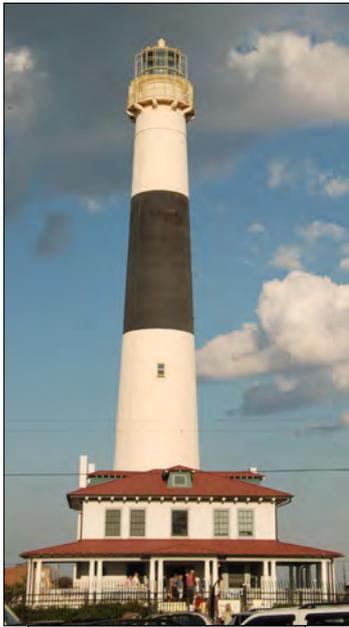
**Sunday, November 11** – Morris County - 1 to 4 PM -- Open House in conjunction with the Roxbury Historic Trust at its headquarters, the 18<sup>th</sup>-century National Register Silas Riggs Saltbox House, 213 Main Street in the Ledgewood village of the township. For information, call Marge Cushing 973 584 6931 or Richard Cramond 973 584 7903.

**Sunday, November 11** – Morris County - The Out-of-Place Child: The State's Right to Intervene in Private Affairs, 2 pm. Diane Marano examines the legal history of child indenture in NJ and the state's legal right to intervene for the "benefit" of the child. Advance registration recommended, call 973-377-2982 x13. Regular Admission. Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, 9 Main Street, Madison, NJ 07940; [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org)

**Monday, November 12** – Morris County - 8 PM. General meeting—program, refreshments. Public invited to the 18<sup>th</sup>-century National Register Silas Riggs Saltbox House, 213 Main Street in the Ledgewood village of the township. For information, call Marge Cushing 973 584 6931 or Richard Cramond 973 584 7903. Roxbury Township Historic Trust.

**Tuesday, November 13** – 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 7:30 pm. The speaker will be announced in the SHOUT which is available on our website.

**Wednesday, November 14** – Morris County - Teddy Bear Picnic, 4-5. Bring your teddy bear and help us honor National Teddy Bear Day, with a Teddy Bear Picnic for both human and stuffed visitors alike. Gather around our museum educator and listen to teddy bear stories. Take part in a fun teddy bear craft. Enjoy yummy teddy bear treats and an afternoon of teddy bear fun! Appropriate for children 2-6 years old. Regular museum admission, \$5, adults; \$3, seniors, students & children (ages 6 and older), and free for members and children under 6. 9 Main Street in the heart of downtown Madison, just two blocks from the Madison train station. For information, please call 973-377-2982 x10 or visit our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org).



Absecon, Atlantic City

## NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE, OCTOBER 20-21

Lighthouses and select museums will again host the “Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey” weekend on October 20th & 21st, 2012. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the state and visit each lighthouse over the weekend and help raise needed funds for continued lighthouse preservation.

These majestic beacons have played an important role in New Jersey’s history, guarding mariners and protecting our coasts for over a century. Lighthouses serve as a reminder of American ingenuity, while honoring the values of safety and heroism. Visit the lighthouses and museums on the Challenge for an opportunity to step back in time and learn more about our state and country's history.

Hours of operation for each lighthouse can be found on lighthouse and museum websites listed below, and at [www.lighthousechallenge.nj.org](http://www.lighthousechallenge.nj.org), [www.njlhs.org](http://www.njlhs.org) and [www.visitnj.org](http://www.visitnj.org).



Sandy Hook

Night climbs will be offered as well at Absecon, Barnegat, Cape May, Sandy Hook, Tinicum, and Tuckerton Seaport. The lighthouses encourage the public to take advantage of this special weekend to financially support and preserve the maritime history of our state as we face the same economic challenges as other sectors of commerce.

Following is a list of all of the participating lighthouses and museums:

|                                  |                        |                            |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Absecon                          | East Point             | Sandy Hook                 |
| Barnegat                         | Finns Point            | Sea Girt                   |
| Barnegat Light Historical Museum | Hereford Inlet         | Tatham Life Saving Station |
| Cape May                         | Navesink/Twin Lights   | Tinicum                    |
| Cape May County Museum           | US Life Saving Station | Tuckerton Seaport          |

### New Jersey Lighthouse “Firsts”

- 1823 The *Sandy Hook Lightship* becomes the first outside lightship in the United States.
- 1841 Navesink Twin Lights becomes the first lighthouse in the New World to be equipped with a Fresnel lens.
- 1850 The Brandywine Shoal Lighthouse is the first completed lighthouse in the country built on a screwpile foundation.
- 1868 Sandy Hook East Beacon becomes the first lighthouse in the country to be equipped with a steam-driven fog siren.
- 1883 Navesink Twin Lights becomes the initial first-order lighthouse to use mineral oil (kerosene) for fuel.
- 1889 The Sandy Hook Lighthouse becomes the first lighthouse in the U.S. to use the incandescent lamp.
- 1898 The Navesink Twin Lights South tower has a second order bivalve lens installed which was brighter than most first order lights in the US. It was lit by electricity and was one of the most powerful lighthouses in the nation at this time.
- 1899 The first wireless messages to be sent and received in the U.S. were exchanged between operators aboard the S.S. Ponce and Twin Lights.
- 1903 Compressed acetylene dissolved in acetone was first used as fuel at the Sandy Hook South Beacon and Jones Rock Beacon, Connecticut.
- 1921 The Sea Girt Lighthouse and *Ambrose Lightship* became the first stations to use a radio fog beacon. A device was also installed aboard the Fire Island lightship.
- ♦ 1934 The first lighthouse in the country to be illuminated by a sodium vapor lamp is the Cape May Lighthouse.

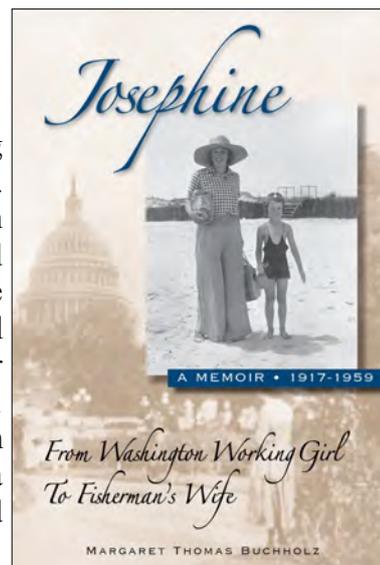
## NEW JERSEY BOOK SHELF

### *Josephine - From Washington Working Girl to Fisherman's Wife*

By Margaret Thomas Buchholz

During World War I, before women had the right to vote in America, a young Josephine Lehman Thomas answered the patriotic call from Washington, D.C. and became one of the pioneering “government girls,” leaving her home in Michigan for adventure in the nation’s capital. Through explored diaries and letters, her daughter, Margaret Thomas Buchholz, gives us an amazing chronicle of a trailblazing woman. Josephine worked for legendary journalist Lowell Thomas and traveled the world until the Great Depression dropped her and her new family, struggling to get by, on an island off the coast of New Jersey.

This fascinating personal history reveals the optimism of the early 20th century, the emerging professional woman, the thrill of adventure travel, and a sense of success, followed by the crash of the economy, losing everything, and ultimately happiness in a simple life by the sea.



*“From the colorful and beautifully written diaries of her mother Josephine Lehman, framed by her own painstaking research, Margaret Buchholz has crafted a luminous biography of a spirited woman and her journey through the first half of the 20th century. Life dealt Josephine both extraordinary opportunities and devastating setbacks, and she navigated them all with panache. I loved reading this book.”— Mary Walton, author of A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot*

*The words and thoughts of gifted letter-writer and diarist, Josephine Lehman, capture the excitement and challenges of women working in Washington, DC during WWI. Jo was a true trailblazer when she answered the call for patriotic young women to work in our Nation's capital during a time of uncertainty and turmoil. I loved hearing firsthand about Jo's adventures and experiences. Even though her words were written during another time, they are relevant and timely today. Washington has changed a great deal for the female government employee and we owe our start to brave and exciting women like Jo.”— Krysta Harden, 21st Century*

The book can be ordered from Down the Shore Publishing, [www.down-the-shore.com/josephine.html](http://www.down-the-shore.com/josephine.html), 6" x 9", 240 pp., illustrations, \$16.95 softcover; ISBN 978-1-59322-062-4.

#### **Weekend Journey** (continued from page ten)

Amy Garrett House, Rocky Hill  
Griggstown Schoolhouse, Griggstown  
1752 Dirck Gulick House, Belle Mead  
Kirch-Ford-Terrell House, Warren  
Old Millstone Forge, Millstone  
Old Presbyterian Graveyard, Bound Brook  
Presbyterian Church, Bound Brook  
Relief Hose Company No. 2, Raritan  
Daniel Robert House /Borough Hall, Somerville  
South Branch Schoolhouse, Branchburg  
Abraham Staats House, South Bound Brook  
Andrew TenEyck House, Branchburg  
U.S. Golf Association Museum, Far Hills  
Jacobus Vanderveer House, Bedminster  
Van Horne House, Bridgewater

Van Veghten House, Bridgewater  
Vermeule Mansion, North Plainfield

Wallace House, Somerville

Washington Rock, Green Brook

Wyckoff-Garretson House, Franklin Township

For a tour book and map, visit

[www.co.somerset.nj.us/schistoryweekend/index.htm](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/schistoryweekend/index.htm)

\*What in the World is That? One unique item from the past will be featured, displayed, and identified, along with its description, at each of the 27 participating historic sites during this year's Weekend Journey Through the Past. As a young detective enlisted to investigate, you are assigned to reveal the true identity and function of each mystery item.

## 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 IV of a series highlighting those societies.

**Crossroads of the American Revolution Association** is a nonprofit organization that supports the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, created by Congress in 2006. The Crossroads tells the story of our state's crucial role in the American Revolution.

Positioned between the new nation's capital in Philadelphia and the British stronghold in New York, no place in New Jersey was spared the ravages of war. During six years of conflict, General George Washington and the Continental Army spent more days in New Jersey than in any other state. By the time victory was won, the fight for American independence had touched every community in New Jersey. More than just a crossroads on the map, New Jersey became the crossroads in the birth of a nation.

For the British, central New Jersey offered a direct overland route connecting New York with Philadelphia and the southern colonies. But for the Continental forces, New Jersey was an unassailable fortress, with the Watchung Mountains providing an extended natural rampart, shielding it from surveillance and offering a safe route linking New England with states to the south.

The National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program lists 296 significant military engagements within the state, in addition to hundreds more skirmishes from 1775 through 1783. Key events that determined the course of the war occurred here:

- ◆ the **Battles of Trenton and Princeton**, which changed the British strategy from offense to defense;
- ◆ the **Battle of Monmouth**, which demonstrated the Continental army's ability to stand toe to toe with the British army as an equal;
- ◆ the **Middlebrook Encampments**, which provided a strategic, protected position that ultimately contributed to the army's success; and
- ◆ the terrible winters at **Morristown**, which tested the army's ability to survive.

Here in New Jersey, the fledgling Continental army teetered on the brink of disaster, but somehow emerged stronger. And it was in New Jersey that the mighty British army's vulnerabilities were revealed.

Just as it is today, what happened in New Jersey was a microcosm of the national experience. For the residents of New Jersey, the fight for American Independence meant eight years of civil war. Both armies vied for the food, forage, wood, and other resources that the countryside could provide and launched disruptive forays against each other.

New Jersey's population was culturally diverse, dispersed, and primarily agrarian. The ravages of occupation forced a reluctant population to take sides. Bitter divisions developed within communities. Ad hoc militias waged unconventional warfare. Neighbor turned upon neighbor, and allegiances shifted with the fortunes of war. Here, through endurance and survival, a nation was born.

New Jersey's Revolutionary experience is not one of glory and easy triumph. It is an authentic experience represented by significant victories and small tragedies; of heroism on the battlefield and conflict in communities across the state. It is characterized by controversy, endurance, and survival. The story of the **Crossroads of the American Revolution** lives on in the places and people of New Jersey.

The Crossroads has produced a guidebook that is available for \$5.00 at most of the visitor sites. This guide takes you on a tour of places that witnessed the Revolutionary War—the buildings, battlefields, homes, and encampments that provide a concrete connection to the spirit that gave birth to a nation—a spirit that lives on today. Most of the sites in the guide are listed on State and National Registers of Historic Places. Those designated a national Historic Landmark are marked as NHL. This designation indicates a site of exceptional national significance. You can contact the association at 101 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; 609-633-2060; [www.revolutionarynj.org](http://www.revolutionarynj.org); [info@revolutionarynj.org](mailto:info@revolutionarynj.org)



## Directions to Waterloo Village

Take Route I-80 East or West to **Exit 25, Stanhope/Newton RT 206 N.**

Take the first right onto **International Dr North/Waterloo**

In 0.5 miles, at the next traffic light, turn right onto **Continental Drive/Waterloo.**

Go 1.2 miles to end of the road.

Turn left onto Route **604W/Waterloo Road (no sign).**

Go 1.2 miles to **Waterloo Village** on left

Turn right at the gatehouse into the large parking lot and park on the left, near the walk-in entrance.

Walk into the village. The museum shop, where we will be meeting, is on the left after the tent site.



**The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey**  
**P.O. Box 909, Madison, New Jersey 07940**  
**[www.lhsnj.org](http://www.lhsnj.org)**