



Boonton Historical Society & Museum

at the Dr. John Taylor House

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January 2016

Holiday Celebration At The Museum

Far from being frightful, the weather outside was delightful as members and guests welcomed in another holiday season at our annual open house in December. We enjoyed the wonderful music of guitarist Joel Perry, and feasted on delicious refreshments.



Joel Perry on guitar



Archivist and past President Monica Scozzafava with Mayor-elect Matt DiLauri

The drawing for our raffle of historic books and DVD's was held, and won by none other than our former trustee, past Vice President, walking tour guide, photographer, school visit speaker, author, scout leader, costumed host – our own Mr. Boonton, **Lloyd Charlton**.



Our raffle winner, Lloyd Charlton



What's Happening In New Jersey

The Mercer & Somerset Railroad Story, The 140th Anniversary of Hopewell's Frog War

**Wednesday, January 6
Hopewell Valley Historical Society**

Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 80 West Broad Street, Hopewell, NJ.



Railroad historian John Kilbride will present an illustrated program on the history and legacy of the Mercer & Somerset Railroad. This obscure and rural New Jersey rail line became famous not for the trains it ran, but for its fate as a Pennsylvania Railroad proxy in a post Civil War "frog war". This event occurred in Hopewell Township exactly 140 years ago!

The history of the line and its role in the 1876 skirmish and the resulting development of the state's rail network will be covered. John will review its short corporate life and the balance that its long legacy has contributed to the state's railroading heritage.

Although it was abandoned more than a century and a quarter ago, John will show numerous portions of the right-of-way and several surviving structures which remain as its legacy.

This program is free and open to the public and appropriate for all ages. Curbside parking is available along West Broad Street and Louellen Street in Hopewell Borough.

For more information:

www.hopewellvalleyhistory.org.

Please RSVP to hvhist@aol.com

Alice and Friends Cabaret

**Friday, January 8
The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie in
Cadwalader Park, Trenton, NJ**

With Music Inspired by Alice in Wonderland
Performed by Tom Chiola and George Sinkler
7:30-10:00 p.m.

The Trenton Museum Society will host a musical event in conjunction with Alice Revisited, an exhibit featuring work by Dallas Piotrowski and Friends, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's publication of Alice in Wonderland.

Vocalist Tom Chiola and George Sinkler on the piano offer their musical interpretation of the beloved story. Participants are invited to dress as their favorite Alice character and can expect fabulous food and beverage, an Alice-themed silent auction, and a rollicking good time. Join the trustees and friends of the Trenton Museum Society to travel down the rabbit hole in celebration of this literary classic in what promises to be a fun-filled evening.

Reservations are required and tickets may be purchased via PayPal on the Ellarslie website, www.ellarslie.org, or at the door with advance reservation. Reserved tickets are \$35 and, if available, at the door for \$40. This show is likely to sell out, so patrons are advised to reserve early.

Proceeds from the Cabaret support the exhibits and programs of the Trenton Museum Society. See our website for more information: www.ellarslie.org or call 609-989-1191.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie is located in the middle of the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Cadwalader Park, with an entrance on Parkside Avenue, in Trenton, New Jersey. There is abundant free parking in front of the museum.



New Jersey's tallest lighthouse will host a Birthday Celebration to honor the 159th birthday of the Lighthouse

**Saturday, January 16
Absecon Lighthouse**

Free climbs from 11 am to 3:30 pm and birthday cake from The Bake Works in Northfield at 1:00 p.m.

To honor "Abby's" birthday, Atlantic City students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to submit poems, paintings, photographs, and drawings in the annual "Abby & the Arts" contest. Cash prize winners will be announced at 1:00 p.m. Entry forms and details are available at www.abseconlighthouse.org.



The celebration continues Sunday, January 17th, with "Buy One Get One" admissions from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you truly want to "DO AC," then don't miss this opportunity to experience a 360 degree view of Atlantic City's sparkling skyline, and wish a Happy Birthday to Atlantic City's oldest historic structure, as well as the country's third tallest lighthouse.

Absecon Lighthouse is a state-owned historic property administered by the nonprofit Inlet Public/Private Association. Located at 31 So. Rhode Island Avenue in Atlantic City, it is open to visitors Thursdays through Mondays, 11 am to 4 pm. Absecon Lighthouse received a general operating support grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State. For more information about Absecon Lighthouse and its programs call (609) 449-1360 or visit www.abseconlighthouse.org



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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The Boonton Historical Society
and mail to the address above**

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- Individual \$200.00
- Couple \$350.00
- Add a Spouse \$150.00

Annual Membership:

- Business/Professional \$30.00
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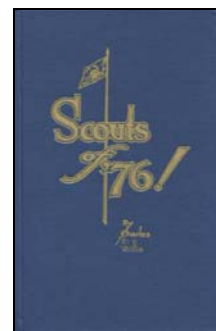
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