



Boonton Historical Society & Museum

at the Dr. John Taylor House

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May 2017

Our Annual Walking Tours Begin



The sun came out for our first walking tour of the 2017 season. Joe Macasek led a tour group of over 40 members and guests on his ever popular tour of Boonton's historic ironworks district.

Sunday, June 11th, 1:30PM

Walking Tour of the Historic Residential District

*Sponsored by
The Boonton Historical Society*

In 1830 the first skilled ironworkers came from England to work in the Boonton Iron Works. They were guaranteed free passage to America, as well as generous wages and new homes for their families. This tour includes an external look at some of these homes and, if scheduling permits, a visit to one of the churches they subsequently built.

The tour begins outside the Post Office at 501 Main Street and there is a suggested donation of \$5.00 for non-members.

Saturday, May 13th, 10:30AM

Hog Pen Rocks Hike

*Jointly Sponsored by
The Historical Society of Boonton Township
The Boonton Historical Society
POWWW (Protect our Wetlands, Water & Woods)
Morris County Park Commission*

Visit the Revolutionary War settler's refuge, an historic site treasured by "locals" for 9000 years, sculptured by the Wisconsin Glacier 20,000 years ago from three billion year old rocks.

Guides will discuss the history of the Hog Pens, and the flora and fauna of this beautiful natural area. There will be a camp fire at the rocks with hot dogs and marshmallows.



The area is located in Boonton Township on land owned by the Morris County Park Commission. Entry is off the Miller Drive driveway to the trail head – a moderate hike of about 30 minutes.

Remembering Our Volunteers

Juanita Galluzzi

Juanita was an active member not only of the Historical Society, where she worked in our gift shop, but in many local organizations including the Garden Club, where she served as president. Juanita was a leader of both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as well as an active member of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

Juanita was particularly active at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and School where she was a member of the Catholic Daughters, Rosary Altar Society, and also served as a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Finance Committee, and worked in the thrift shop and school library.

Su Lum

The youngest daughter of Alex and Mae (Merk) Fowler, Su grew up in New Jersey in the Miller-Kingsland House. She homesteaded in Alaska before settling in Aspen in 1964.

Su was a major contributor to our research and exhibit about the Kingsland Marionettes. The Fowlers bought the Miller-Kingsland House from Mabel (Kingsland) and Cedric Head. Together Mable and Cedric formed the Kingsland Marionettes and enjoyed considerable fame throughout the country. Su recalled touring with them as a young girl and visiting their school and workshop in Brandon, Vermont. Recalling her youth in the Kingsland House, Su loved to tell of climbing down the rose trellis to meet a young man of whom her father did not approve.

Jean Harris

Jean enjoyed her role as a greeter at our museum where she engaged our visitors in lively conversation and shared her knowledge and love of history.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa, Jean and her husband moved to Boonton in 1975. She was a registered nurse and educator in various hospitals in PA, WV, OH and NJ. For many years she coordinated nursing training at the Troy Hills Center in Parsippany and volunteered with the Red Cross and with Home Health Services in Morris Plains. Jean had a lively and inquiring mind. She loved reading,

music, travel, and gardening. She especially loved picnics and making new friends wherever she went.

Happenings In New Jersey

Sunday, May 21st, 10AM – 4PM

History Day In Middlesex County

*East Jersey Old Town Village
1050 River Road
Piscataway, NJ*

Save the date for History Day 2017 at East Jersey Old Town Village, a gateway site to the Crossroads of the American Revolution!



There will be historic craft demonstrations throughout the buildings and grounds, carriage rides in the park, period music, vintage children's games & crafts, and a presentation by the American Historical Theatre.

Sunday, May 7th, 1PM – 4PM

"Pteridomania: The Victorian Fern Craze

*The Jefferson Township Museum
George Chamberlain House
315 Dover-Milton Road*

The Victorian fern craze led to adventure, romance, and crime.

There will also be some examples of "Scherenschnitte" on display - the Victorian art of paper cutting.



For further information, refer to the Jefferson Township's Historical Society website at www.jthistoricalsociety.org, or call Christine Williams, Jefferson Township Historical Society President at 973-697-0258. Admission is free.

Saturday May 6th, 10:00AM – 5PM
Sunday May 7th, Noon – 5PM

Weekend in Old Monmouth Returns

48 historic sites throughout Monmouth County open their doors to visitors interested in local history. For two days the entrance fees at these 48 historic gems are waived, providing special access to all those who wish to enjoy all there is to offer in Historic Monmouth County

The sites on the tour are generally operated independently. In addition to the waived fees, the hours of operation are all the same for the two days. The self-guided tour also has recommended routes that guide history buffs traveling by foot, bicycle or car to the various locations. So start planning your route by previewing the tour sites on the County's website at www.visitmonmouth.com.

A detailed tour book and tour map are available on the above Monmouth County website. On the tour dates, each tour stop will also have maps and booklets available. For more information, email history@co.monmouth.nj.us.

May 5th, 6th, and 7th

Morven in May

Morven Museum & Garden
Princeton, NJ

Friends of Morven Preview Plant Sale:
Friday, May 5, 1PM – 3:30PM

Craft Show and Plant Sale Public Hours:
Saturday, May 6, 10AM – 5PM
Sunday, May 7, 10AM – 4PM

One of New Jersey's most anticipated spring rituals is a juried exhibition and sale of contemporary, American-made, fine craft. The museum brings together 37 professional fine craft artists from around the U.S., all working at the highest levels in their respective medium, including decorative and wearable textiles, jewelry, furniture, ceramics, glass, metal, and more. Their exquisite work will be displayed in gallery-style booths under a grand tent on the museum's Great Lawn.



Along with the beautifully crafted art objects, Morven offers for sale a distinct collection of plants for your garden. These include fragrant heirloom flowers, unique new varieties of annuals, perennials and vegetables, carefully chosen flowering shrubs, and select plants propagated from Morven's own garden.

To view additional Morven in May details, visit Morven's website, www.morven.org.





**ENJOY THE SPRING!
FIND THE FLOWERS**

**50% off all flower pots,
flower vases, and any
item that has a flower
in or on it for the
months of
May and June in
our Gift Shop Annex**

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