



The Tewksbury Historical Society

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We hope you and your family are doing well. As we start March, we hope that COVID is looking farther away in our rearview mirror. Our Mountainville Headquarters has fully re-opened however we will be holding our annual meeting as well as program & lectures for the remainder of 2022 at the Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building in Oldwick where the size of the room allows us to spread out. We also continue to operate out of our Oldwick Carriage House at 5 James Street in Oldwick for our Tag Sales. We look forward to seeing you at one or more events this year.

ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM – MARCH 20th

J. Richard Pierce to Speak about the American Flag at Annual Meeting

Due to inclement weather and the cancellation of the THS Annual Meeting in January, J. Richard Pierce will be the guest speaker at the Society's Sunday, March 20 meeting, at the Zion Lutheran Church Christian Education Building, 18 Miller Avenue, Oldwick, 08858, at 1 PM - parking lot entrance is on Church St., just past Miller Ave. The election of officers and the 2021 Year End Financial Report, originally scheduled for January, will take place. The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Pierce, a retired bank executive, will talk about the American flag, tracing its history from the beginning in 1777 to the present. Using his personal collection of American Parade Flags, he chronicles the growth of the nation. For two centuries, the flag has been a lasting tribute to the founding fathers of the republic and an enduring memorial to all who have served to preserve the American way of life.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Pierce served in the US Army and Reserves. He is the author of "The Stars and Stripes: Fabric of the American Spirit", based on his flag collection. He is the recipient of the Rutgers Loyal Son Award, the Abraham Lincoln Medal from the Union League of New York and the Guardian of History Award from the Red Mill Museum Village. He is a past trustee of the Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts, a current trustee of the Morven Museum and Gardens in Princeton, the Philadelphia Flag Day Association, a lecturer with the Hunterdon County 300th Committee and does projects for the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

We're looking for refreshments for the meeting so if you can bring a snack – the Society will provide coffee, tea and water – please call Martha Wrede at 908-439-3557.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

We recently mailed you a membership dues reminder. You can renew via mail or if you prefer to pay on-line go to www.tewksburyhistory.net and renew using any major credit card. Thank you for your continued support!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please update your email address book as we are transitioning to a new email - tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com. We will be closing our Earthlink account in April as this will allow us to save almost \$ 500 annually in charges.

SPRING TAG SALES

Do you have items you would like to donate for our Tag Sales? We will be collecting by appointment only later in March and April. Please call 908-832-6734 and leave your name and phone number and someone will return your call, ask what you have, provide the list of what we accept and set-up a specific date and time slot for you. We implemented this new process back in the summer of 2020 as we must be much more selective in what we can accept.

Visit our Spring Tag Sales at the Oldwick Carriage House at 5 James Street in Oldwick, rain or shine. The sales are on the following dates:

Saturday, April 30	8 am to 4 pm
Saturday, May 7	8 am to 4 pm

We accept all major credit cards as well as cash or check for payment.

Want to volunteer to help at one or both of the sales? We have 2-hour time slots available for you. Please send an email to tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com and put Tag Sale in the subject line of your email.

TEWKSBURY BARN TOUR TO RETURN IN JULY

We have already begun planning the return of the Tewksbury Barn Tour. It will be held on Sunday, July 24th from 10 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. The Society is jointly sponsoring the Tour with the Tewksbury Trail Association. The event is being co-chaired by Shaun Van Doren and Jeannie Shuster with a committee of volunteers from both organizations. We had started the planning back in early 2020 since we would have held it in July of that year had we not had the pandemic.

An advertising journal will be printed so if you're a local business and want to advertise let us know. Advance and day of ticket purchases will be available starting in June. Volunteers are needed to act as docents at each location for a 3-hour shift so if you are interested please email us at tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com or call 908-832-6734 and leave your name and number.