



## The Tewksbury Historical Society

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**Sunday, April 23 -- Hunterdon  
County**

**Tewksbury Historical Society  
Hosts Barry Thomson at April  
23 Meeting**

The Tewksbury Historical Society hosts local historian W. Barry Thomson on Sunday, April 23, at the Zion Lutheran Church, 56 Old Turnpike Road, at 1:30 PM. The public is welcome at no charge, seating on a first come first served basis.



**Thomson will present an illustrated talk on Three Fields, the site of the 20th Mansion in May Designer Showhouse and Gardens** presented by the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center. Three Fields, designed and built between 1928 and 1930, is a 9,000 square foot stone, brick and tile-roofed French manor style home located in the Borough of Mendham, NJ. The mansion was designed by New York architect Greville Rickard for Benjamin Duncan Mosser and his wife, the former Florence Willets Mosford.

The talk will cover the history and design of the Three Fields estate and discuss the first two families that lived there, the Mossers, who built the house, and Andrew and Dorothea Fletcher, who purchased the estate in 1949 and who were generous benefactors to Mendham. The talk will also describe the design of Three Fields by architect Greville Rickard and the original landscape architect, Robert Ludlow Fowler Jr.

Barry Thomson was born and raised in Peapack-Gladstone, received his undergraduate degree at Drew University and took architecture and urban planning courses at Harvard University. He was a David Rockefeller Fellow, a program sponsored by the New York City Partnership. He co-authored with the late Jack Turpin the two volume work, ***New Jersey Country Houses: Somerset County***. He writes extensively about history.

Mansion in May is the preeminent designer showhouse and gardens in the New Jersey-New York area, attracting over 20,000 visitors. Three Fields will

be open to the public for Mansion in May from May 1 to May 31, 2023. Funds raised will contribute to the expansion and modernization of the Institute of Bioskills Training and Innovation at Morristown Medical Center. For more information on Mansion in May 2023 and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.mansioninmay.org](http://www.mansioninmay.org).

Anyone interested in joining the Society or volunteering at its functions may call 908-832-6734 or email [tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com](mailto:tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com).

### **SPRING TAG SALES**

The Society will be holding two spring tag sales on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 4 pm**, rain or shine at it Oldwick Carriage House 5 James Street in Oldwick. Ample on street parking is available on James Street and Old Turnpike Road as well as in the Society's parking lot located at 49 Old Turnpike Road.

We sell clean, quality items, in working operation, including antiques, furniture, artwork, chinaware, crystal, silver, housewares, costume jewelry and linens.

### **Maxine Lurie Discusses New Jersey's Position in the Crossfires of the Revolution at the Tewksbury Historical Society Meeting on May 21**



Maxine Lurie will be the guest speaker at the Tewksbury Historical Society Meeting on May 21, 1 PM, at the Zion Lutheran Church Christian Education Building, 18 Miller Ave., Oldwick 08858. The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Lurie will discuss her newest book, "Taking Sides in Revolutionary New Jersey: Caught in the Crossfire". The American Revolution lasted 8 years, a "civil war" where men and women, blacks and whites, native Americans all found themselves on a middle ground. Family, religion and politics factored in their choices. Lurie analyzes the difficulties faced by the prisoners of war, the refugees produced by the conflict and the loyalists. Their stories are interesting and illustrate how these people were literally in the "cross fire".

Lurie holds a BA from Alfred University, a MA from the University of Rochester, and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. She has taught at Marquette University, Rutgers University, and Seton Hall University; helped conduct seminars for K-12 teachers. An Early American historian, she has taught and written about New Jersey history for over thirty years. She is active with research projects, and in the New Jersey history community. She is the author of scholarly articles ,edited "The New Jersey Anthology" (1994, 2010); was co-editor-in-chief with Marc Mappen of "The Encyclopedia of New Jersey" (2004);worked with Peter O. Wacker and Michael Siegel on " Mapping New Jersey" (2009); with Richard F. Veit editing "New Jersey: A History of the Garden State" (2012); writing "Envisioning New Jersey: An Illustrated History" (2016).

### **TEWKSBURY GARDEN TOUR TO OCCUR ON JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>**

The Tewksbury Garden Tour will be held Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. The event is being co-chaired by Ellen Dunnder and Wolfgang Meyer.

Tickets are available in advance for \$ 40 per person via the Society's website at [www.tewksburyhistory.net/id5.html](http://www.tewksburyhistory.net/id5.html). Tickets will also be available for purchase the day of the tour for \$ 50 per person. Advance ticket pickup and day of event ticket purchase all are at Society Headquarters 60 Water Street Lebanon (Mountainville), NJ 08833. No tickets will be mailed. Each ticket includes a journal describing each location along with a map to locate each garden.

Advertising opportunities are still available in our ad journal. Please send an email to [thsnjevents@gmail.com](mailto:thsnjevents@gmail.com) and an ad contract will be emailed to you. 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](mailto:tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com) or call 908-832-6734 and leave your name and number.

### **TEWKSBURY AUTO TOUR**

Journey on Tewksbury's scenic roads and bridges, stop at historic sites, take in the vistas and rolling landscapes on **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm**, rain or shine.

You can reserve a tour booklet in advance by visiting our website [www.tewksburyhistory.net](http://www.tewksburyhistory.net) then click on the Tewksbury Auto Tour page or purchase one the day of the tour. Tour booklets can be picked up or purchased beginning at 11 am on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Society Headquarters 60 Water Street in Mountainville. The price is the same - \$ 10 booklet.

## 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	LOC.	EVENT
Sun. Mar. 12	1 pm	L	Lecture on John Honeyman by George W. (Tres) Arnett
Sun. Apr. 23	1:30 pm	Z	Mansion in May Lecture by W. Barry Thomson
Sat. Apr. 29	8 am – 4 pm	C	Oldwick Tag Sale
Sat. May 6	8 am – 4 pm	C	Oldwick Tag Sale
Sun. May 21	1 pm	Z	THS Meeting & Program – Maxine Lurie - Taking Sides in Revolutionary New Jersey: Caught in the Crossfire
Sat. Jun. 10	10 am - 4 pm	V	Tewksbury Garden Tour
Sun. Aug. 6	11 am – 3 pm	M	Tewksbury Auto Tour
Sat. Sep. 2	8 am – 4 pm	C	Fall Tag Sale
Fri. Oct. 6	6 to 8 pm	Z	Tewksbury Art Exhibition Preview & Reception
Sat. Oct. 7 – Sat. Oct. 15	Various	Z	Tewksbury Art Exhibition & Sale
Sun. Nov. 12	5 pm	Z	Covered Dish Supper & Program – W. Barry Thomson
Dec. 9 Dec. 10	10 am – 4 pm 12 pm – 4 pm	C	Holiday Sale

**Location Codes:**

- M Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville
- C Oldwick Carriage House, 5 James Street, Oldwick
- Z Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building 16 Miller Avenue, Oldwick
- L Lamington Presbyterian Church 355 Lamington Road, Bedminster
- V Various Locations – Available once you purchase a ticket