

January 1, 2014

JANUARY MEETING

DATE: Sunday, January 19, 2014, No SNOW Date

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville

MEETING TOPIC: *A History of Inventing in New Jersey: From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone* by Linda J. Barth.

Join us on Sunday, January 19th at 1 pm for our annual meeting and program. We will first hold our annual business meeting to elect nominees for the offices of President and Secretary. Our Nominating Committee Chair, Fred Katnack, will present a slate of officers and conduct the election. Following this we will hear from our Treasurer on the financial health of the Society and Committee reports from our chairs on our 2013 activities and 2014 events. Last, but certainly not least, we will hear our special guest Linda Barth present *A History of Inventing in New Jersey: From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone*.

Many people are familiar with Edison's "invention factory" in Menlo Park, where he patented the phonograph, the light bulb, and many more innovations. Yet many other ideas have grown in the Garden State, too—New Jerseyans brought sound and music to movies and built the very first drive-in theater. In addition to the first cultivated blueberry, tasty treats like ice cream cones and M&M's® are also Jersey natives. Iconic aspects of American life, like Bubble Wrap®, the boardwalk, the Band-Aid®, and even professional baseball itself started in New Jersey. Life would be a lot harder without the vacuum cleaner, plastic, and air-conditioning, and many other important advances in medicine and surgery were developed here.

Join author Linda Barth as she explores groundbreaking, useful, fun, and even silly inventions and their New Jersey roots. Linda has been a fan of New Jersey for a long time. As a fourth-grade teacher, she tried to focus students' attention on the positive aspects of our state: its diverse geography, agriculture, industry, and famous firsts and inventions. A lifelong resident of the Garden State, Linda has served on the board of Celebrate NJ!, a grassroots movement that builds pride in and fosters a brighter future for NJ through educational programs and promotional initiatives. She has written two books on the D&R Canal for Arcadia Publishing and two children's picture books: *Bridgetender's Boy*, published by the National Canal Museum in 2005, and *Hidden New Jersey*, from Charlesbridge Publishing in 2012. *A History of Inventing in New Jersey: From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone*, published by the History Press, was released in August 2013. She has also contributed to the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*.

Call our Hospitality Chair, Martha Wrede, at 439-3557 to let her know if you can bring something to share.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The By-laws of the Society indicate that there will be an annual election of officers. The nominating committee was chosen at the November covered dish supper. Fred Katnack, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present the slate of nominees for President and Secretary to serve from January 2014 till January 2016. Nominations may be made from the floor with the permission of the nominee. A vote will be taken with a majority of those present at the January meeting electing those nominated. The members of the Nominating Committee consist of: Kurt Rahenkamp, PJ Ehmann, and Elsie Ehmann.

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership dues are due by January 31. Please complete the enclosed form to make sure we have the most current information. Honorary members due not pay dues but if you would return the form to ensure we have your latest contact information.

HEADQUARTERS WORK DAYS

Saturday, January 11 9 am to 12 Noon
Saturday, January 25 9 am to 12 Noon
Saturday, February 22 9 am to 12 Noon

If you can lend a couple of hours we need you so stop by.

25th ANNIVERSARY & OPEN HOUSE

If you haven't already be sure to mark your calendars for our **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, February 16 from 11 am to 4 pm at Society Headquarters, when we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Tewksbury Historical Society. What a great milestone to celebrate. We'll be serving a light buffet luncheon along with refreshments, including cupcakes. Come see the many items from our archives that will be on display. Bring a friend and/or neighbor along too. And best of all - it's free.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

The Plummer Family	Whitehouse Station
Elsie Duckworth	Phillipsburg
Carol Miller	Califon
Walt Sharp	Dallas, Texas
John Simonell	Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania
Steve & Kathy Riedel	Califon

Don't forget to check out our website at www.tewksburyhistory.net for more information on the Society and our upcoming events.

Hunterdon County's 300th Anniversary

Hunterdon County kicks off it's 300th anniversary with a year long celebration on January 1st. There are hundreds of events over the course of 2014 in every municipality in Hunterdon. Tewksbury is contributing to this celebratory occasion with a host of programs and special events over the course of the year. Ours are included with this newsletter.

Not only is it the 300th anniversary of the founding of Hunterdon County but it's also the 300th anniversary of our own Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldwick. They too will be celebrating this occasion.

We have large posters at Headquarters that have all of the events listed on them. They are also available at the Tewksbury Township Police/Administration Building. And they're free.

You can also see all of the events and get the latest, up-to-date information by logging on to the 300th anniversary website at <http://www.hunterdon300th.org/> You can find all of the registration information on the website. Be sure to check as many events require advance registration even though they are free.

2014 PROGRAMS

Sunday, March 16 – 1 pm – Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street. Come hear Chip Riddle tell us about the Potterstown Skirmish, a local battle that took place right in our own back yard.

Sunday, May 18 – 1 pm – Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street. Township Historian Shaun C. Van Doren and Tewksbury Scenic Roads & Bridges Commission Chairman Harold Wrede will present a program on Tewksbury's Scenic Roads. Travel with us back in time to see Tewksbury's old roads haven't changed.

Sunday, November 9 – 5 pm – Our ever popular covered dish supper and program.

2014 SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, May 10 – Oldwick Walking Tours – 10 am, 12:30 pm & 3 pm. Sign up for a guided walking tour of Oldwick led by Tewksbury Township Historian Shaun C. Van Doren.

Saturday, June 14 – Tewksbury Garden Tour – 12 Noon to 4 pm, Rain or Shine. Our bi-annual garden tour returns. Tour 4 gardens plus visit a 5th location with refreshments served. Ticket cost is \$ 15 per person.

Sunday, June 22 – Lecture on the History Of Mountainville, followed by a Guided Tour – 1 pm. Come hear about the history of Bull's Head and take a guided tour led by Tewksbury Township Historian Shaun C. Van Doren.

Sunday, July 20 – Tewksbury Barn Tour, 10 am to 4 pm, Rain or Shine. Co-sponsored with the Tewksbury Trail Association. Visit a number of Tewksbury Barns, old and new, restored and left alone, now homes or still just used as a barn. Ticket cost is \$ 20 per person

Sunday, August 17 – Tour Tewksbury by Auto, 10 am to 4 pm, Rain or Shine – Tewksbury's official event as part of Hunterdon County's 300th anniversary. Come to Society Headquarters, purchase a tour booklet and spend the day driving around Tewksbury. See many historic sites, travel our scenic and historic roads, stop and visit a local business, have lunch in Oldwick, Pottersville or Mountainville. Tour booklet is \$ 10 per person.

Saturday, August 30 – Tewksbury Flea Market – 8 am to 3 pm, Rain Date – Sunday, August 31st. \$ 40 per vendor space, \$ 50 after August 1st. Suggested Admission: \$ 1 per car.

Sunday, September 14 – Lecture on the History Of Pottersville, followed by a Guided Tour – 1 pm. Come hear about the history of Pottersville and take a guided tour led by Tewksbury Township Historian Shaun C. Van Doren.

25th annual Art Show & Sale

Tuesday, September 30, 6-8 pm – Art Show Preview & Reception

Wednesday, Oct. 1 thru Sunday, Oct. 5 – Art Show & Sale