



The Tewksbury Historical Society

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ANNUAL MEETING AND TALK BY *STAR LEDGER* COLUMNIST MARK Di IONNO Sunday, January 21, 2018 @ 1 pm – Society Headquarters - Mountainville

The Tewksbury Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018, at 1 p.m. at Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville. Refreshments will be served. The society will hold its **annual reorganization meeting**, at which time the society's Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for the positions of President and Secretary to be voted upon by the membership at large. The Society's Treasurer will present a 2017 financial report and Standing Committee Chairs will present their reports on 2017 activities and proposed 2018 plans.



Jersey in the '30s was Fred Haines' beat, though it was hardly worthy of the reporter who'd scooped the Ruth Snyder story back in '27. "The most famous *Daily News* cover ever," Haines bragged. His photo showed Snyder strapped to the electric chair. "Respectable" papers denounced it as vulgar, but it sold millions of copies and cemented Haines's reputation as the go-to "tabloid guy" just as celebrity worship was becoming an American obsession. But that was before Haines had the bad sense to publicly insult an even faster-rising media star named Walter Winchell. Haines wound up on the graveyard shift at the *Daily Mirror*, covering the most trivial stories his editor could dredge up. And Jersey.

"Strictly Sticksville," he said, remembering a cold March night in 1932. That was the night he drove down to rural Hopewell, near Trenton, oblivious that the story of the century was about to break under his byline. The infant son of Charles Lindbergh had been kidnapped, and Haines was about to become part of a media frenzy unlike anything anyone had ever seen. Credit: Amazon website. **Mark Di Ionno** is a lifetime newspaperman and a 2013 Pulitzer Prize finalist in news commentary, primarily for his work on Hurricane Sandy. He is also a four-time winner of the New Jersey Press Association's first-place award for column writing. His columns appear regularly in *The Star-Ledger*, and its online partner, nj.com, with an estimated readership of over 1 million people.

Prior to becoming a columnist for the *Star-Ledger* he was one of the principal editors involved in the paper's 2005 Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of Gov. Jim McGreevey's abrupt resignation and the 2001 Pulitzer-finalist coverage of the Seton Hall fire. Di Ionno began his career in sports and was a columnist at *The New York Post*, where he broke many stories, including parts of baseball's case against Pete Rose and the undoing of Mike Tyson.

Di Ionno is the author of three award-winning nonfiction books that include *New Jersey's Coastal Heritage*, and *A Guide to New Jersey's Revolutionary War Trail* which received the New Jersey Academic Alliance Award. *Backroads, New Jersey* was named among the most

notable New Jersey books (1995–2005) by the New Jersey Center for the Book. He was also a contributing editor to *The Encyclopedia of New Jersey*.

Di Ionno's first novel and most recent publication is *The Last Newspaperman*, which along with the Revolutionary War book, were put on NJ 350's "101 Greatest New Jersey Books." The novel was also a finalist in USA Books and ForeWord Reviews "Best of 2012" contests. His second novel "Gods of Wood and Stone" will be published by Touchstone, an imprint of Simon & Schuster next summer. He is also a contributor to the acclaimed "It Occurs to Me I am America," an anthology of short stories, also from Touchstone.

He is an adjunct professor of journalism at Rutgers University and the father of six children.

In the event of inclement weather the meeting will be postponed. Check the society's website at www.tewksburyhistory.net or call 908-832-6734 for more information.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Fred Katnack, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will present a slate for the positions of President and Secretary to serve 2 year terms (2018-2020), which will be voted on by the membership in attendance at the annual meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are due by January 31. You will be receiving a separate dues statement in the mail. We ask that you renew your membership promptly so you don't miss any information on our exciting events for 2018. Thank you for your continued support!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

Darlee Hufstettler	Lebanon	Dot Reed	Califon
Paul & Diane Napolitan	Pottersville	Jim & Kaven Rimi	Washington, NJ
William Duncan Rose	Califon	Georgia Schley	Whitehouse
Anne Fisher-Bara	Bedminster	Ellen Dunnder	Califon

HEADQUARTERS WORK DAYS

Saturday, January 27	9 am to 12 Noon
Saturday, February 10	9 am to 12 Noon

If you can lend a couple of hours we need you so stop by Society HQ in Mountainville.

SEARCHING YOUR DEED

Want to learn how to search your property deed to see who owned your property before you, how many owners there were and who is the earliest on file? The Hunterdon County Clerk, Mary H. Melfi, will teach you how. She is again holding her very popular class on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9 am to 1 pm at the County Hall of Records, 71 Main Street, Flemington. It's FREE and NO advance registration is required.

TEWKSBURY BARN TOUR TO RETURN IN 2018

The Tewksbury Barn Tour returns in 2018 and will be held on Sunday, July 22 from 10 am to 4 pm , rain or shine. The Society will again co-sponsor the event with the Tewksbury Trail Association. A committee made up of representatives of both organizations has been meeting since December to plan the event. Advance ticket purchase via PayPal will be coming in the spring. Volunteers are needed to be docents at each location so if you are interested please email tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net or call 908-832-6734 and leave your name and number.

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	LOC.	EVENT
Sun. Jan. 21	1 pm	M	Annual Meeting & Program by Star Ledger Columnist Mark Di Iono
Sat. Jan. 27	9 am to 12 pm	M	Work Day at Headquarters
Sat. Feb. 10	9 am to 12 pm	M	Work Day at Headquarters
Sat. Mar. 10	9 am – 1 pm	Flem	How to Search Your Deed at Hunterdon County Hall of Records with County Clerk Mary H. Melfi
Sun. Mar. 18	1:30 pm	Z	Meeting & Program by Barry Thomson on the Mansions in May.
Sat. Apr. 28	8 am – 4 pm	C	4 th annual Oldwick Tag Sale sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church
Sun. May 20	1 pm	M	Meeting & Program by Doug Kiofsky on the History of the Hunterdon County Park System
Sun, Jul. 22	10 am - 4 pm	V	Tewksbury Barn Tour, co-sponsored with the Tewksbury Trail Association
Sat. Sep. 1	8 am - 3 pm	TBD	Flea Market
Fri. Oct. 12	6 to 8 pm	Z	Art Show Preview & Reception
Sat. Oct. 13 - Sat. Oct. 20	Various	Z	Art Show Open
Sun. Nov. 11	5 pm	F	Covered Dish Supper & Program
Sat. Dec. 1 & Sun. Dec. 2	10 am to 4 pm 11 am to 3pm	O	Antique Show

Location Codes:

- M Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville
- C Oldwick Carriage House, 5 James Street, Oldwick
- F Fairmount Presbyterian Church Community House 247 Old Turnpike Road
- Flem Hunterdon County Hall of Records, Main Street, Flemington
- Z Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building 16 Miller Avenue, Oldwick
- O Old Turnpike School 173 Old Turnpike Road, Califon