



The Tewksbury Historical Society

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY AND LECTURE BY LINDA BARTH ON New Jersey Originals: Technological Marvels, Odd Inventions, Trailblazing Characters and More

Sunday, March 17, 2019 @ 1 pm – Society Headquarters - Mountainville

The Tewksbury Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2019, at 1 p.m. at Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville. Refreshments will be served. This meeting was rescheduled from January 20 due to inclement weather. We've rescheduled the Kevin Woyce lecture to the November Covered Dish Supper.

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 Vice-President and Treasurer to be voted upon by the membership at large. The Society's Treasurer will present a 2018 financial report and Standing Committee Chairs will present their reports on 2018 activities and proposed 2019 plans.

Local historian and author Linda Barth will discuss her latest book, "New Jersey Originals: Technological Marvels, Odd Inventions, Trailblazing Characters and More", volume two of "New Jersey Firsts and Inventions". New Jersey is a state of Innovations – most notably those of Bell Labs and Thomas Edison. Before World War 1 the soldiers at Fort Monmouth and Camp Evans produced radar and night-vision goggles. Edible items that have become part of the US pantry are Pork Roll, Mar's M&Ms, Campbell's famous Green Bean Casserole, Cook College of Rutgers University's disease-resistant vegetables and flowers. Other New Jersey "Firsts" are Lucy the Elephant and the Francis Life Car. All of these topics will comprise a fascinating and interesting lecture.

Ms. Barth is a longtime fan and lifelong resident of New Jersey. A former fourth grade school teacher, she focused the children's attention on the state's positive aspects – its diverse geography, important history, vast agriculture, industrial accomplishments, etc. She is the author of several books about New Jersey, both for adults and for children. Among them are two books on the D & R Canal and "A History of Inventing in New Jersey: From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone" for adults and "Bridgetender's Boy" and "Hidden New Jersey" for children. With her husband she published "The Millstone Valley Through Time" and "Somerville Through Time". She has also contributed to the "Encyclopedia of New Jersey".

In the event of inclement weather (snow or ice) the meeting will be cancelled. Check the Society's website at www.tewksburyhistory.net or call 908-832-6734 for more information or to check for any cancellation.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues were due by January 31. You were mailed a dues statement in the mail. If you have not yet paid please do so or bring it to the meeting. A 2nd reminder, which is your final reminder, will be sent for those who have not paid as of the March 17 meeting. Thank you for your continued support!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society during the 4th quarter of 2018:

Barbara & Bob Martalus, Califon
Sam Walmer, Chester

Peter Near & Adrie Hoogsteen, Califon

SPRING TAG SALE – MAY 4TH

We reported in the previous newsletter the incorrect date of the 5th annual Oldwick Tag Sale – it will be on **Saturday, May 4**. The Tag Sale, sponsored by the Zion Lutheran Church, will be at our Oldwick Carriage House at 5 James Street from 8 am to 4 pm. We've already received a number of great items – so much that we're going to hold the Tag Sale on two successive Saturdays and thus we'll also be selling items on Saturday, May 11 from 8 am to 4 pm. Both days rain or shine.

We're still looking for clean, quality HH items including dishes, china, glasses, as well as lights/lamps, furniture, and antiques. We'll be collecting items on the following dates and times at the Oldwick Carriage House, rain or shine:

Saturday, April 6	9 am to 12 Noon
Saturday, April 27	9 am to 12 Noon

WALKING TOUR OF MOUNTAINVILLE -SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Come hear the history of what was originally known as Bulls Head, where the confluence of 3 streams allowed Mountainville in Tewksbury Township to take advantage of the power of water and where the Potter family became an influential family. We'll see the former one-room school, the local general store and post office, the hotel, the former Kitchen Caboodle cooking school and the site of a former tannery.

This walking tour is sponsored by the Hunterdon County 300th Committee and will be led by Township Historian & Society President Shaun C. Van Doren.

The walk is limited to 30 people and is Free but are Reservations Required. You MUST register online via the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-tour-of-mountainville-tickets-55122528968>

The tour begins at 1:00 pm; meeting location will be disclosed to people with reservations only. There is no rain date for this event. Should it rain, the talk will be moved indoors for a Virtual Tour. If you are closed out of this event and wish to be on our Waiting List, please email us at 300info@co.hunterdon.nj.us or call (908) 788-2030 and leave a message.

TEWKSBURY HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR – SAT. JUNE 8, 2019

Work is well underway for the 2nd Biennial Tewksbury House & Garden Tour, under the leadership of Chair Ellen Dunnder. The Tour is jointly sponsored with the Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills. The Committee has secured four (4) historic homes, each with their own eclectic gardens. The Committee will be finalizing all of the sites in the coming weeks and then will make tickets available for purchase on-line by mid-April. Volunteers are needed to act as docents at each location so if you are interested please email us at tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net or call 908-832-6734 and leave your name and number. You will get a private tour of all of the locations along with training and histories of the sites. This tour should not to be missed.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	LOC.	EVENT
Sun. Mar. 17	1 pm	M	Meeting & Program by Linda Barth – <i>New Jersey Originals</i>
Sat. April 6	9 am to 12 Noon	C	Collection of donated items for the Tag Sale
Sat. April 27	9 am to 12 Noon	C	Collection of donated items for the Tag Sale
Sun. Apr. 28	1 pm	TBD	Walking Tour of Mountainville
Sat. May 4	8 am – 4 pm	C	5 th annual Oldwick Tag Sale sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church
Sat. May 11	8 am – 4 pm	C	Tag Sale Continued
Sun. May 19	1 pm	M	Meeting & Program by Bob Mayers, <i>Revolutionary New Jersey – Forgotten Towns and Crossroads of the American Revolution</i>
Sat. Jun. 8	10 am - 4 pm	V	Tewksbury House & Garden Tour
Sat. Jun. 15	1 pm	TBD	Walking Tour of Pottersville
Sat. Jul. 27	8 am - 3 pm	C	Furniture Tag Sale
Sat. Aug. 31	8 am - 3 pm	TBD	25 th annual Tewksbury Flea Market
Sun. Sep. 15	1 pm	TBD	Walking Tour of Cokesbury
Sat. Oct. 5	10 am & 2 pm	TBD	Walking Tours of Oldwick
Fri. Oct. 11	6 to 8 pm	Z	Tewksbury Art Show Preview & Reception
Oct. 12 - 19	Various	Z	Tewksbury Art Exhibition & Sale
Sun. Nov. 10	5 pm	F	Covered Dish Supper & Program on History of New Jersey State Parks by Kevin Woyce
Sat. Dec. 7 & Sun. Dec. 8	10 am to 4 pm 11 am to 3pm	O	Antique Show
Sat. Dec. 14	9 am to 12 pm	M	Society Headquarters Open for Christmas Shopping

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
- Z Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building 16 Miller Avenue, Oldwick
- O Old Turnpike School 173 Old Turnpike Road, Califon
- V Various Locations – Available once you purchase a ticket