

May 1, 2012

### **MAY MEETING**

DATE: Sunday, May 20, 2012  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville  
MEETING TOPIC: Postal History in Hunterdon County by Jim Walker

Come hear Jim Walker talk about Hunterdon County Postal History from Hunterdon's early days to circa 1970. We'll take a look at how national policy affected the local town post offices of our County. He'll illustrate the program with examples of mail & pictures tailored to the Tewksbury Township area, where possible. The information presented in this program is from the book he wrote at the request of the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission: Hunterdon County, New Jersey Postal History. Did you know that at one time Tewksbury had over 5 post offices within its borders, whereas today there are two!

This work received the Commission's 2009 outstanding achievement award for historical scholarship, a silver medal at the 2009 American Philatelic Society Show at Pittsburgh, PA for Philatelic Literature-Handbooks & Special Studies category, and received a favorable review from The Journal of the Royal Philatelic Society London.

Mr. Walker was born and raised in Lambertville and still lives and work in the county. He is a long time member of the Coryells Ferry Stamp Club of Lambertville and the New Jersey Postal History Society and has been a member of the American Philatelic Society since 1975.

Refreshments will be served. We welcome our new Hospitality Chair Martha Wrede, who will gladly accept donations of food for the afternoon. Her number is (908) 439-3557.

### **NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS**

We extend a warm welcome to new members:

Vicki Alberti            Whitehouse Station  
Andy Schiller & Beth O'Grady    Califon

## **GARDEN TOUR FAST APPROACHES**

Our bi-annual Garden Tour returns on Saturday, June 9, rain or shine, with all gardens in place. There will be 4 gardens on the tour plus a 5<sup>th</sup> location where refreshments will be served. Tickets will be \$ 15 per person and will be available for sale at the May 20 meeting. The ticket order form is included with your newsletter. Get your order in early as there is a limit of 200 tickets for sale.

## **ARCHIVIST ACTIVITIES**

Our Archivist, Phil Kane, reports that over 16 local students were assisted with the local history essay writing for the County Cultural & Heritage Commission contest. This is more than double the number of students who were assisted in 2011 and two families joining as members. Phil would also like to thank all the Society Board members who assisted with manning Headquarters and performing searches.

## **FLEA MARKET**

The first planning meeting was held for the September 1, 2012 flea market with another to be held in late July. The site has been secured, the Oldwick Fire Company will be selling food and the Society will again be having a booth and is thus looking for donation of quality items. If you have items you would like to donate please call Headquarters or email us. We will be accepting them on Friday, August 31 at the flea market field from 9 am to 4 pm, or you can make special arrangements if you need the items picked up before then.

**We need lots of volunteers to help with parking, work at the Society's booth, checking in vendors and field set-up. If you can give 2-3 hours of your time we would greatly appreciate it.** As a thank you for those who help with field set-up, scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 8 am, there will be a picnic supper on Friday evening at the field, graciously donated by the Ehmann's. For all volunteers who help there will be a barbecue on Saturday after the flea market at 6 pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Society; bring a dish to share.

A vendor registration form has been included with this newsletter. Please take advantage of registering for a booth before registration opens to those on the flea market vendor list. We expect to sell out the booths before June 30!

## **23<sup>rd</sup> annual ART SHOW AND SALE**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Art Show and Sale, entitled "Palettes of the World" will be held at the Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building from Wed. October 3 thru Sun. October 7 with the Preview & Artist Reception to be held on Tues. Oct. 2 from 6-8 pm. Co-Chairs Alice Walters and Helen Farrant are actively preparing for all facets of the show. The deadline for juried art work is September 12, 2012.

Anyone wanting a prospectus can log on to the Society's website at [www.tewksburyhistory.net](http://www.tewksburyhistory.net) after May 15 then click on the Art Show page and download it.

### **2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Sun. May 20	1 pm	M	General Meeting – Postal History of Hunterdon County by Jim Walker
Sat. June 9	12 pm – 4 pm	Various	Garden Tour
Sat. Sept. 1	8 am – 3 pm	O	Flea Market
Tues. Oct. 2	6 pm – 8 pm	Z	Art Show Preview & Artist Reception
Wed. Oct. 3	10 am – 6 pm	Z	Art Show Exhibit Open
Thur. Oct. 4	10 am – 8 pm	Z	Art Show Exhibit Open
Fri. Oct 5	10 am – 8 pm	Z	Art Show Exhibit Open
Sat. Oct. 6	10 am – 5 pm	Z	Art Show Exhibit Open
Sun. Oct. 7	12 Noon – 4 pm	Z	Art Show Exhibit Open
Sun. Nov. 11	5 pm	F	Covered Dish Supper & Program
Sat. Dec. 1	10 am – 5 pm	OTS	Antique Show
Sun. Dec. 2	11 am – 4 pm	OTS	Antique Show

**Location Codes:**

- F Fairmount Presbyterian Church Community House, Fairmount
- M Society Headquarters 60 Water Street, Mountainville
- O Farm Field, Route 517, Oldwick
- OTS Old Turnpike School, Fairmount
- Z Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building, Oldwick