

## The Tewksbury Historical Society

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# Covered Dish Supper & Equestrian Heritage of the Somerset Hills Lecture By Historian W. Barry Thomson

## Sunday, November 11, 2018 @ 5 pm Fairmount Presbyterian Church Community House 247 Old Turnpike Rd

Join us on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm for our annual covered dish supper. We ask that you bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share. The Society will provide the main course of ham and all the refreshments. Call our Hospitality Chair, Martha Wrede, at 439-3557 to indicate the number attending and what you are bringing.

Since the late 19th century, when families of wealthy and socially prominent industrialists and financiers first began to establish lavish country estates in the area, the history and culture of the Somerset Hills has been inextricably linked to various equestrian pursuits, including trail riding, fox hunting, polo, steeplechase



racing, gymkhana events, carriage driving and international competition under the auspices of the United States Equestrian Team (USET).

Thomson will discuss the development of the "Mountain Colony" as well as the "Farmer's Day" races, which evolved into the local Far Hills Race Meeting Steeplechase held each October. He will also talk about the four-in-hand English road coaches, including the one originally scheduled between Bernardsville and Morristown.

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 is a noted lecturer on various aspects of architectural and local New Jersey History.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We'll choose 5 Society members to serve on the Nominating Committee at the November meeting. The person with the highest number of votes will serve as Chair. The Nominating Committee will select candidates for Vice-President and Treasurer for 2019-2020 to stand at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2019.

#### 15th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ANTIQUE SHOW

Our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Antique Show will be held at the Old Turnpike School, Route 517, Fairmount, on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show is managed by professional show manager Bob Lutz. This year's show will have 53 quality dealers. The admission is \$8.00 per person or \$7.00 with card available from the Society or ad from the local paper.

We need volunteers to help set-up the Society's Booth on Friday, November  $30^{th}$  at 5 pm and to dismantle it on Sunday, Dec.  $2^{nd}$  at 3 pm. We also need help with parking on Sat. Dec.  $1^{st}$  from 8:30 am to 12 Noon. If you can help please call Shaun at 908-439-3054.

The Society will again be having its own booth to sell antiques and is looking for donations of antiques. If you have any that you would like to donate please call Headquarters at 908-832-6734 and leave a message. We'll reply, can pick them up from you and we'll also provide a letter acknowledging receipt.

#### **HEADQUARTERS OPEN - HOLIDAY HOURS**

Headquarters will be open to visit our displays and purchase that special item for gift giving:

Saturday December 15 9 am to 12 pm

#### **2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, January 20	1 pm	Annual Meeting & Program: New Jersey State Parks by Kevin Woyce 60 Water Street, Mountainville
Sunday, February 17	12 pm – 4 pm	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Open House Refreshments & Historical Displays 60 Water Street, Mountainville
Sunday, March 17	1 pm	Meeting & Program: "New Jersey Originals" by Linda Barth 60 Water Street, Mountainville
Saturday, April 27	8 am – 3 pm	Oldwick Tag Sale Oldwick Carriage House, 5 James Street
Sunday, April 28	1 pm	Walking Tour Of Mountainville Led by Tewksbury Historian Shaun C. Van Doren 60 Water Street, Mountainville

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Sunday, May 19	1pm	Meeting & Program: "Revolutionary New Jersey- Forgotten Towns & Crossroads of the American Revolution" by Bob Mayer 60 Water Street, Mountainville
Saturday, June 8	10 am - 4 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tewksbury House & Garden Tour*
Saturday, June 15	1 pm	Walking Tour Of Pottersville* Led by Tewksbury Historian Shaun C. Van Doren Meet at the Pottersville Fire House
Saturday, August 31	8 am – 3 pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tewksbury Flea Market *
Sunday, September 15	1 pm	Walking Tour Of Cokesbury* Led by Tewksbury Historian Shaun C. Van Doren Meet at the Cokesbury Methodist Church
Saturday, October 5	10 am & 2 pm	Walking Tour of Oldwick * Led by Tewksbury Historian Shaun C. Van Doren Meet at the Cold Brook Preserve
October Dates TBD		28 <sup>th</sup> Tewksbury Juried Art Exhibition*
Sunday, November 10	5 pm to 8 pm	Covered Dish Supper & Program Fairmount Presbyterian Church Community House – Free
Saturday, December 7	10 am to 4 pm	Tewksbury Christmas Antique Show Old Turnpike School - \$ 8 per person
Sunday, December 8	11 am to 3 pm	Tewksbury Christmas Antique Show Old Turnpike School - \$ 8 per person