



## **The Tewksbury Historical Society**

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**Historian W. Barry Thomson to present  
"Mansions in May: A History" Lecture**

**Sunday, March 18, 2018 @ 1:30 pm**

**Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building 18 Miller Avenue, Oldwick**

The Tewksbury Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Sunday, March 18, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building 18 Miller Avenue in Oldwick. Refreshments will be served. A large crowd is expected; seating is first come, first served.



Barry Thomson, noted local historian, will give a slide presentation entitled "Mansions in May: A History" at the Tewksbury Historical Society's next meeting on Sunday, March 18, at the Zion Lutheran Church Christian Education Building, 18 Miller Ave., Oldwick, at 1:30 PM. The meeting is open to the public, with seating is on a first come first served basis. Refreshments will be served.

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. For two years he was a David Rockefeller Fellow, a program sponsored by the New York City Partnership. He co-authored with the late Jack Turpin the two volume work, "New Jersey Country Houses: The Somerset Hills". He has written and co-written several articles on many aspects of Somerset Hills history that have appeared in "The Black River Journal" and other publications. He has prepared nominations of historic sites for the National Public Register of Historic Places. He is a noted lecturer on various aspects of architectural and local New Jersey History.

Thomson's presentation will describe the 18 Mansions used for the Mansion in May Fund Raising events organized and run by the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center volunteers from 1974 through 2017. This signature program has netted more than \$11 million for the hospital, significantly enhancing the quality of medical care available to the area's residents. They have provided valuable public exposure and benefits for hundreds of interior designers, artists, skilled artisans, and landscape designers, plus substantial indirect benefits for many other area businesses.

Thomson's presentation will also look back to the nearly simultaneous founding of Morristown Memorial and All Souls' hospitals in the early 1890s and the founding of the Women's Association in March 1893. He will tell how the fascinating histories of both hospitals are steeped in connections of people and places going back to the American Revolution.

In the event of inclement weather the meeting will be rescheduled. Check the society's website at [www.tewksburyhistory.net](http://www.tewksburyhistory.net) or call 908-832-6734 for a message.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Membership dues were due by January 31. You will be receiving a dues statement in the mail. Thank you for your continued support!

### **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 this Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9 am to 1 pm at the County Hall of Records, 71 Main Street, Flemington. It's FREE but advance registration is required. Email [countyclerk@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.hunterdon.nj.us) or call 908-788-1214.

### **OLDWICK TAG SALE**

Do you have quality items that you think are too good to just throw away? If so then consider donating them to the Society's booth at the upcoming Oldwick Tag Sale and take a tax donation. What better way to get rid of stuff and donate at the same time?

We will be having a space at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Oldwick Tag Sale, which is being sponsored by the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldwick, on Saturday, April 28 8 am to 3 pm. Rain date is Sat., May 5. We'll be in our Oldwick Carriage House at 5 James Street.

We're looking for clean, quality items, including antiques, furniture, china, dishes, records, toys and more. No books, clothes and electronics over 3 years old can be accepted. Items can be brought to the Oldwick Carriage House on any of the following dates:

Saturday, March 31 from 9 am to 12 pm  
Saturday, April 7 from 9 am to 12 pm  
Saturday, April 21 from 9 am to 12 pm

If you'd like to volunteer to help at the Society's booth please call 908-832-6734 or email to [tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net](mailto:tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net).

### **TEWKSBURY BARN TOUR TO RETURN IN 2018**

The Tewksbury Barn Tour 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. THS Members Martha Wrede, Stephanie Koven and Shaun Van Doren are excited to report that a total of six barns have been secured for what will be an exciting tour for 2018. All six barns are unique in their own way and have **never** been on the tour before. Advance ticket purchase via PayPal will be coming in the spring. We'll be having an ad journal as part of the program so if you'd like to place an advertisement let one of the Committee members know.

Volunteers are needed to be docents at each location so if you are interested please email [tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net](mailto:tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net) or call 908-832-6734 and leave your name and number. Volunteers will receive a free ticket to go on the tour.

### **2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

DATE	TIME	LOC.	EVENT
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	<b>1:30 pm</b>	Z	Meeting & Program by Barry Thomson Mansions in May: A History
Sat. Mar 31	9 am - 12 pm	C	Collecting Items for Tag Sale
Sat. Apr. 7	9 am - 12 pm	C	Collecting Items for Tag Sale
Sat. Apr. 21	9 am - 12 pm		Collecting Items for Tag Sale
Sat. Apr. 28	8 am - 3 pm	C	4 <sup>th</sup> annual Oldwick Tag Sale
Sat. May 5	8 am - 3 pm	C	Tag Sale Rain Date
Sun. May 20	1 pm	M	Meeting & Program by Doug Kiovsy on the History of the Hunterdon County Park System
Sun, Jul. 22	10 am - 4 pm	V	Tewksbury Barn Tour
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	Z	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
- Flem Hunterdon County Hall of Records, Main Street, Flemington
- Z Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building 18 Miller Avenue, Oldwick
- O Old Turnpike School 173 Old Turnpike Road, Califon