



The Tewksbury Historical Society

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2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WITH A LECTURE BY BRIAN ARMSTRONG ON PROHIBITION & NEW JERSEY: 1919-1933

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 @ 1 pm – Society Headquarters
60 Water Street - Mountainville**

The Society will hold its annual meeting and program, rescheduled from January 19th due to inclement weather, on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 1 pm at Society Headquarters. Refreshments will be served. The Society will hold its **annual business 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 2019 financial report and Standing Committee Chairs will present reports on 2019 activities and proposed 2020 plans.

Prohibition and New Jersey, 1919-1933.

Come hear Brian Armstrong lecture about how Prohibition came to be passed, the problems with enforcement, and how it ultimately was repealed. The unforeseen consequences of the "noble experiment" such as increasing the size of government and the development of organized crime will also be discussed. The repeal of Prohibition in 1933 was the only time in US history when an amendment to the US Constitution (18th) was removed by another amendment (21st).



Brian Armstrong is an independent historian, researcher and author who frequently lectures throughout the state on local history. He was born in Flemington New Jersey and grew up in Stanton, New Jersey. Armstrong received a bachelor's degree in History and Political Science from American University in Washington, D.C. He was President of the

South River Historical & Preservation Society for ten years and is now the Vice-President, Central Region, for the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.

In 2015, Armstrong co-wrote the Arcadia Book, South River, with Stephanie Bartz and Nan Whitehead. On August 19, 2019, his book, "The Franklin Park Tragedy. A Forgotten Story of Racial Injustice in New Jersey," was published by The History Press. Armstrong frequently writes articles for the Bar Harbor Historical Society in Bar Harbor, Maine where his mother's family lived for several hundred years. He is currently working on a book about the resort town for release in 2021.

Mr. Armstrong lectures throughout the state on historical topics such as Women's Suffrage and the 19th Amendment, Prohibition, World War I, the Spanish Influenza, and political history. He is a collector of US Presidential election memorabilia and is a member of American Political Items Collectors (APIC).

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

We're delayed in sending dues notices for 2020 as we're revamping our process. You will be receiving a membership card shortly in the mail to renew your membership. Last year the Board voted to increase membership dues and add new categories; dues had NEVER increased from 1989. An individual membership is now \$ 25, and a family membership is \$ 40. We've added a PayPal button on our website at <http://www.tewksburyhistory.net/> for those who would like to pay on-line via a credit card. Note: You do NOT need a PayPal account to pay.

SEARCHING THE SEARCH ROOM – COUNTY HALL OF RECORDS – MARCH 21st

The Hunterdon County Clerk is hosting her popular "[Searching the Search Room](#)" workshop on Saturday, March 21st from 9 am to 1 pm. This Saturday workshop will satisfy the curiosity of any individual who has an interest in tracing their property ownership or has an interest in Common Pleas and old marriage records to help with their genealogy. Under the direction of County Clerk Mary H. Melfi, her talented and knowledgeable staff will offer an in-depth tour of the Search Room and personalized instruction and guidance on what resources are available and how YOU can find them. The course will take place on-site in the Hall of Records located at 71 Main Street in historic Flemington. **There is no fee, but registration is required.** Email her direct at countyclerk@co.hunterdon.nj.us or call 908-788-1214. Registration is limited to first 30 registrants.

SPRING TAG SALES – APRIL 25th & MAY 2nd

We're having two Tag Sales this Spring – the first is on **Saturday, April 25th**. This 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. The second Tag Sale will be on **Saturday, May 2nd**. Both will be held rain or shine.

We're 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, March 28 9 am to 1 pm

Saturday, April 4 9 am to 1 pm

DATE, TIME & VENUE CHANGES FOR MAY MEETING

Our May program will be held on **SUNDAY, MAY 3rd** beginning at 1:30 pm at the **Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building at 18 Miller Avenue in Oldwick**. Our special guest speaker will be renown historian W. Barry Thomson who will present the Mansion in May lecture on this year's Mansion – Tyvan Hill. The event is free and seating is first come, first serve and is open to the general public. Refreshments will be served.

HISTORIC HOMES WANTED FOR FILM SHOOTS

The Hunterdon County Office of Economic Development launched the Hunterdon County Film Commission last year to incentivize movie and television shoots in the County. These allow the ability to promote our beautiful area, as well as support local businesses when the film crews are filming here. The Office is asking to see if people who own historic properties would be interested in adding their homes to the County's list to be used for film shoots. If you are interested please contact Ross Traphagen in the Hunterdon County Economic Development Office at (908) 782-7115 x 232 or rtraphagen@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	LOC.	EVENT
Sun. Mar. 15	1 pm	M	Annual Meeting of the Society & Program Prohibition & New Jersey: 1919-1933
Sat. Mar. 21	9 am - 1 pm	Flem	Searching the Search Room at County Hall of Records
Sat. Mar. 28	9 am - 1 pm	C	Collection of donated items for the Tag Sale
Sat. Apr. 4	9 am - 1 pm	C	Collection of donated items for the Tag Sale
Sat. Apr. 25	8 am - 4 pm	C	6 th annual Oldwick Tag Sale sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church
Sat. May 2	8 am - 4 pm	C	THS Tag Sale
Sun. May 3	1:30 pm	Z	Mansion in May Program - Tyvan Hill by W. Barry Thomson
Sun. Jul. 26	10 am - 4 pm	V	Tewksbury Barn Tour
Fri. Oct. 9	6 to 8 pm	Z	Tewksbury Art Show Preview & Reception
Oct. 10 - 17	Various	Z	Tewksbury Art Exhibition & Sale
Sun. Nov. 8	5 pm	F	Covered Dish Supper & Program on The Mount Amwell Project by David Reading
Sat. Dec. 5 & Sun. Dec. 6	10 am to 4 pm 11 am to 3pm	O	Tewksbury Christmas Antique Show
Sat. Dec. 12	9 am to 1 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
- Flem County Hall of Records, 71 Main Street, Flemington
- F Fairmount Presbyterian Church Community House 247 Old Turnpike Road
- Z Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building 18 Miller Avenue, Oldwick
- O Old Turnpike School 173 Old Turnpike Road, Califon
- V Various Locations - Available once you purchase a ticket