

Spring 2022

HAND-CRAFTED HOOKED RUG EXHIBIT

MAY 1ST
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: WADE BARN AT THE BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD



PRIMITIVE HORSE BY SHARON BALLARD



WELCOME HOME BY LUCY WALSH

Come see the exquisite creations of fiber artists, **Lucy Walsh and Sharon Ballard!** These and more hand-crafted hooked rugs will be on display, and both artists will be on site to share the history and the inspirations for designing their rugs.



Lucy Walsh is a fiber artist living in Clinton, New Jersey, and a Readington Township native. She has been creating hand-crafted hooked rugs since 1990. Her recent collections of original rugs include ‘story rugs’ which tell of real-life or imaginary events, and quaint primitive designs. Her rugs have been featured on websites, fairs, rug hooking publications and have appeared in the Rug Hooking Magazine’s Celebrations® book.

Sharon Ballard started traditional rug hooking in 1985 after moving to New Jersey. She now resides in Stanton. “I first noticed these rugs in the magazine Country Living and with a little investigation I found a wonderful local teacher, took several classes and have been rug hooking ever since. My style is to create a rug that has a folk-art look. Most of my rugs were inspired from antique rugs. Simple designs with bright and bold colors”.



Registration recommended, click: [HOOKED RUG EXHIBIT REGISTRATION](#). You may also register on our website, email, or call using the information below.

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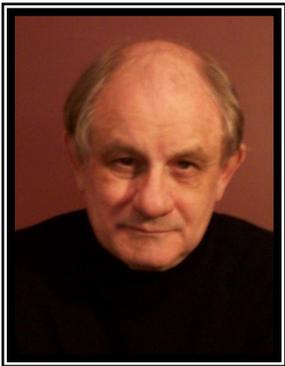
SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

The Readington Museums' popular lecture series returns this summer. The programs take place the following Friday evenings: **June 24, July 29 and August 26 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.** Each lecture is held inside the historic Wade-Wyckoff Barn located at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Please register for each lecture using the individual hyperlinks.

You may also register on our website, email, or call using the contact information on the front page.



JUNE 24 SAVING HUNTERDON'S ABANDONED CEMETERIES



David Reading will lecture on the process, methods and legal aspects required to preserve abandoned at-risk cemeteries in Hunterdon County. He will share examples of the preservations completed since founding the Mount Amwell Project in 2005, a Hunterdon County historical preservation charity dedicated to protecting and preserving the many at-risk cemeteries in Hunterdon County. In fact, the Mount Amwell Project was recently awarded the 2021 Historic Preservation award by the Readington Preservation Commission.

Reading will illustrate his talk with examples of the preservations completed over the last fifteen years, including the Reading Burial Ground near Rosemont, the Historic Haypress Cemetery, the Woodschurch Cemetery, and many more.

Reading is the Chairman and Executive Director of the Mount Amwell Project, Inc., a retired software engineering consultant, 9th generation Hunterdon resident, and editor and publisher of John Reading's **Diary**. **Please register** by clicking: [REGISTER FOR CEMETERIES](#), or contact the museum by email or phone.



PICTURED FROM LEFT ARE READINGTON TOWNSHIP MAYOR JOHN ALBANESE HANDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD CERTIFICATE TO MT. AMWELL PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES, DAVID READING, DAVID VOORHEES, AND BEVERLY KIRBY-McDONOUGH.

JULY 29

THE KITCHEN HISTORIAN ON COOKBOOKS AND RECIPES



Cookbooks and recipes have been overlooked as resources for historical research. They provide information about a myriad of issues such as the role of women, politics, cultural issues, ingredients available, kitchen tools and utensils, fuel sources, literacy, and economic issues. **Dana Bala** will discuss how cookbooks, recipes, Grandma's recipe box, and the treasured community cookbook affected family life, the community, and American culture from the 1870's-1960's. Dana will have vintage cookbooks, utensils, and aprons to display, and if anyone has a favorite vintage recipe or cookbook, bring to share!

Dana Bala has been volunteering at historic sites for several years. She combines her love of history and baking through researching historic cooking related issues, particularly vintage cookbooks and recipes. Currently, a volunteer at the Red Mill Museum, she has also given presentations at historic sites

such as the Abraham Staats House, Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, Washington Crossing Park, Kingsland Manor, the Miller-Corey Museum, and East Jersey Olde Towne; as well as libraries, senior citizen groups, and other interest groups. Her other areas of interest/expertise include quilting, embroidery, baking, and genealogy.

Please register by clicking: [KITCHEN HISTORIAN REGISTRATION](#), or contact the museum by email or phone.

AUGUST 26

SUSPECTED ANCIENT BURIAL GROUNDS OF CUSHETUNK MOUNTAIN



Dr. Gregory C. Herman will give a talk about his research on suspected Native American burial grounds atop Cushetunk Mountain including aspects of the local geology and archeology.

Dr. Gregory C. Herman has a PhD in structural geology from Rutgers, and worked for the New Jersey Geological Survey in the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) for over 30 years. He specialized in mapping bedrock and helped define the state's aquifer systems. Having retired from the NJGS in 2016, Greg now teaches Earth Science at local colleges and conducts independent geological and archeological research. He maintains a website at www.impacttectonics.org.

Please register by clicking: [REGISTER BURIAL GROUNDS](#), or contact the museum by email or phone.

READINGTON RAMBLES

STORIES FROM THE HISTORY OF READINGTON TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 7 AND 14
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: WADE BARN AT THE BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD



In partnership with the www.Hunterdon300th.org, County Historian Emerita and Readington Township Historian Extraordinaire, **Stephanie Stevens**, will share some of her fascinating research about the history of Hunterdon's oldest municipality, Readington Township. In an interesting "back to back" series, returning the following week, Stevens will talk on another part of Readington's history. Free refreshments and cold water will be provided by the Hunterdon300th committee. The talks are free, but reservations are required. **Please register** by clicking on:

[READINGTON HISTORY AUGUST 7 REGISTRATION](#), and/or

[READINGTON HISTORY AUGUST 14 REGISTRATION](#), or contact the museum by email or phone.

Stephanie Stevens is a retired special education teacher. In 1979, she was appointed to the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission and, as Commission Chair, has initiated many projects. She has recently retired as the official Historian for the County of Hunterdon, as well as the Township of Readington.

She is a published author of numerous books about the history of Readington Township, local slaves, mills, the Polish settlement in Whitehouse Station, the History of Round Valley and more!

Stevens served as a member of the New Jersey Historic Trust and is a trustee of the Advocates for New Jersey History. She founded the Readington Township Museums, and served as mayor of Readington Township. She is a former member of the Governor's Task Force on New Jersey History. In 1999 the NJ Legislature recognized her as a "NJ Woman of Distinction," and most recently, she was inducted to the 2022 Hunterdon County Business Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Leader.

IF THE TILES COULD TALK...

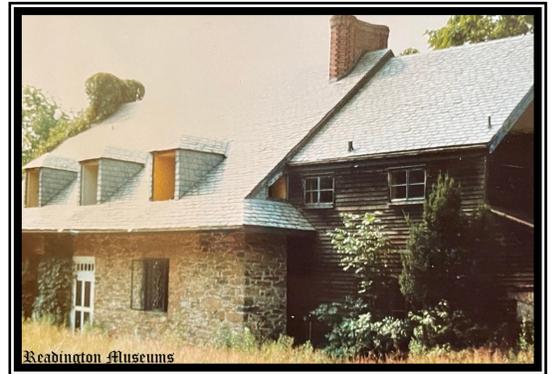


EACH 18TH C. TILE IS MADE WITH TIN
GAZED EARTHENWARE.

Readington Museums shares a glimpse of Readington's Dutch heritage with our historic Dutch tile collection. A new exhibit, now on display in the lobby of the Readington Township Municipal Building, showcases the museums' collection of 18th c. Dutch Delft Tiles. The tiles were recovered from the former Van Horne House ruins, located off Van Horne Drive in Readington. Included in the exhibit are the recovered tiles, a picture of the tiles surrounding the fireplace, as well as pictures of the Van Horne house before and after the fire. The exhibit is free and open to the public between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The history of the house has ties to the Van Horne Family of the eighteenth century in the village of *White House* in Readington. Brothers Abraham and Captain Cornelius Van Horne came to Readington from Monmouth County in 1733. Both brothers settled in what is now the Whitehouse Station section of the Township. Abraham and his family established a tavern that has been described as a large, white, two story plastered building originally known as the white house. The Village of Whitehouse took its name from this early building.

Captain Cornelius purchased 228 acres and settled in the area now known as Lake Cushetunk Woods (known then as Coshetunck Hill). He was a miller by trade-and by all accounts a successful businessman. Although Captain Cornelius died in 1744, one of his descendants built a stone house on the site circa 1760.



THE VAN HORNE HOUSE PRIOR TO THE 1988 FIRE.



THE VAN HORNE HOUSE AS IT STANDS TODAY
(CLOSE TO THE LAKE CUSHETUNK CLUBHOUSE).

The house had a center hall, with four rooms on the ground floor. Three of the rooms had corner fireplaces. The surround of one of these fireplaces was adorned with beautiful Dutch Delft tiles.

In 1988, a fire set by vandals destroyed the house. What remains standing are some walls that define the perimeter of the house and a few interior fireboxes. Fortunately, the Delft tiles displayed here were salvaged from the ruin and are part of the Museums' collection of artifacts.



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 1	Friday, June 24	Friday, July 29
<i>Hand-Crafted Hooked Rug Exhibit</i>	<i>Abandoned Cemeteries *</i>	<i>Historic Cookbooks and Recipes*</i>
Lucy Walsh and Sharon Ballard	David R. Reading	Dana Bala
1:00 - 4:00 PM	7:00 - 8:00 PM	7:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday, August 7	Sunday, August 14	Friday, August 26
<i>Readington Rambles</i>	<i>Readington Rambles</i>	<i>Suspected Ancient Burial Grounds*</i>
Stephanie Stevens	Stephanie Stevens	Dr. Gregory C. Herman
3:00 - 4:00 PM	3:00 - 4:00 PM	7:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday, October 2	Sunday, October 16	
<i>All Hallow's Eve: Music and Song</i>	<i>All Hallow's Eve: Music and Song</i>	
Ann and Ridley Enslow	Ann and Ridley Enslow	
2:00 - 3:00 PM	2:00 - 3:00 PM	

Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held at the **Bouman-Stickney Farmstead**, 114 Dreahook Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ. For GPS use Lebanon.

Groups of six or more please call (908)-236-2327 for a reservation.

Donations for all programs are gladly accepted.

*These programs have a suggested donation.

**Cold Brook School, 190 Potterstown Road, Readington, NJ. For GPS use Lebanon.

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