



Partners in History

Programs for 2011 Offers View of 18th Century and New Jersey Life

The Readington Museums proudly presents their schedule for 2011 with the first Open House Sunday program, from 1-4 pm,

Cooking with Mother Goose on Sunday, February, 6th. Guests can watch a variety of

foods from the nursery rhymes being made and can make their own Queen of Hearts tart to bring home.

On Sunday, March 6th, 18th Century Clothing expert Suelen Tatrai will be on hand. Ms. Tatrai will

have several displays of period garments and give instruction on the proper wearing of each, from the inside out.



On Sunday, April 3rd, Richard Aldorasi of the The Philadelphia Paper Company will demonstrate how

to make paper the old fashioned way. You may even want to try your hand at it yourself. Next up on Sunday, May 1st we welcome Ron Carnegie, of the Colonial Williamsburg Foun-

ation. Mr. Carnegie will be speaking about the Department of Geographers deployed under Washington's Army, and teaching the art of 18th century surveying.

Guests will have a hands-on opportunity to run chains and survey the farmstead for themselves.

Back by popular demand is Betsy Gotta as she calls our first **Barn Dance** of the season, **Saturday May 21st, from 7:00-9:30 p.m.** This family friendly event is great for all ages, no prior experience or partner needed.

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Position for Museum Assistant Now Open

The Readington Museums has a current part time opening for a Museum Assistant, 12-20 hours per week with flexible hours. Duties include: assisting the Program Director with

the daily running of the museum which includes all administrative work, house-keeping, archiving, programming and school tours (which may require the wear-

ing of period correct costuming if required). Candidates should be aware that

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2011 Programs and Lectures Continue

June brings the start of our ever popular **Summer Lecture Series**. **June 24th** is not quite set at this time, but you can be sure it will be fun and interesting. Keep an eye out for more information. On **July 29th** two NJ shore natives, **Dick Handschuch and Sal Marino**, will present a lecture based on their book about the history of the **NJ Boardwalk**. Last in the series, on **August 26th** will be **Jim Walker** as he presents a talk based on his book **Post Offices of Hunterdon County**.

Open House Sundays return with the art of **Gunsmithing** presented

by **Harry A. Greenberger** on **Sunday, September 11th**. Mr. Greenberger has over 30 years of hands-on gun making experience.

A spooky, but family friendly, afternoon is in store for you on **Sunday, October 2nd** as we present **Tales of a Weary Traveler: Ghost Stories of New Jersey**. Visitors will have a chance to meet a traveler from the past.

Our 2nd **Barn Dance returns on Saturday, October 15th**. On **November 6th** we offer our **second Open Hearth Cooking program**, but instead of pies and

tarts, come watch legs of mutton being roasted before the fire.

To end the year on a high note we will once again offer our **Christmas Event on Sunday, December 4th**.

All Sunday Open House programs are held from 1-4 pm. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation for dances and lectures, children are FREE! For updates and additional information please watch for future newsletters.

Museum Assistant Continued

some heavy lifting, housekeeping and climbing of narrow stairs is required. Hours are flexible and may change during school tour season.

The Museum Assistant may be required to work the first Sunday of the months of February-May, and September-December, as well as five Friday or Saturday evenings per year. Must be computer liter-

ate. Experience with Past Perfect and Publisher helpful but not necessary. Two years of administrative or museum experience required. Salary based on experience. Please send a cover letter and resume to the Program Director at readingtonmuseums@netcarrier.com

We've Moved

Visitors to the web site will note the new "We've Moved" notice on the front page. The museum's information pages can now be accessed at

www.readingtontwp.org/ReadingtonMuseums/index.html.



Dramatic Positions Now Open for 2011 School Programs



Do you have a flair for the dramatic? The Readington Museums are seeking both men and women over the age of 21 to help portray persons of the past for our 2011 school program season. Roles include a Revolutionary War housewife, 18th century Surveyor General Robert Erskine Vrouw Bouman, and Hunterdon County soldier Colonel Taylor. Training and costumes will be provided and a stipend is paid for each program. Those interested should note the tours are in the mornings, usually between

8:30 am and Noon. Some prior acting experience is preferred but will train the right persons. Program dates start in February and run intermittently through the end of May. You may choose to do one or several dates. Please contact Kimberly Costa ASAP at 908-236-2327.

St. Nikkolas Day A Success

Visitors to the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead were treated to the sights and smells of a real Dutch Christmas as we celebrated our fifth St. Nikolaas Day Celebration. This year's event was held on the eve of St. Nikolaas Day, Sunday, December 5. In Holland, children set out their wooden shoes to be filled by Sinterclause, or St. Nikolaas, on the evening of December 5th. If the children have been good the good saint will fill their shoes with toys, gifts and candies the next morning.

Over forty five visitors attended the event. They watched Open Hearth Cook, Connie Unangst, as she prepared a variety of Dutch foods including a delectable venison pie, crullers and an apple tart. Upstairs, children had the chance to make a traditional pomander for their tree using tangerines and cloves. Program Director Kimberly Costa was teaching guests how to play Chuck A Luck and Whist in the front parlor, very popular games during the 18th and 19th centuries. Next year's event will be on Dec. 4th.



Open Hearth Cook Connie Unangst, from Wrightstown PA, shows off her Dutch cooking during this year's Christmas Program.

Photo Credit: John Costa



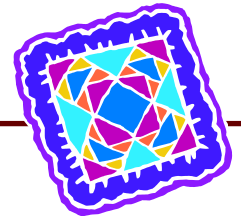
The Readington Museum would like to thank **Scott Scammell** for his recent donation of firewood. Not only did Scott donate the wood, but delivered it in a trailer as well. The firewood will enable the museum to continue to offer Open Hearth Cooking programs, as well as heat the Cold Brook

BIG Thank YOU!

School during our 4th grade school programs. Many Thanks!

We would also like to thank **Meg Slutter, Suellen Tatrai, Judy Grow, The Hunterdon Historical Society** and the **Lambertville Historical Society**, for the loans of their quilts and quilted 18th century clothing, for the our 2010 exhibit "Stitches In Time: Quilts of Our

Past." The exhibit was well attended by well over 220 people and showcased quilts from every major period and design. There was simply no way we could have done the exhibit without the generous and kind loan of over 40 quilts and quilted items for the exhibit. Many thanks!



New Mini Stickney -Lindsay Exhibit Planned For 2011

Over the past several months the Readington Museums has begun to acquire items relating to Dorothy Stickney and her husband Howard Lindsay. As you may know, Mr. Lindsay bought the Bouman-Stickney farmstead as a country retreat for his famous Broadway actress wife. She vis-

ited the house until she sold it to the township in 1997.

Items such as playbills, movie posters, hand written letters, and autographs will be on display in the case in the lobby of the Readington Township Municipal Building, near the courtroom

doors. The exhibit should be on display by the end of January. Stop by and take a look. And if anyone has anything about or owned by the couple that they are willing to donate or lend to the museum, please call the Program Director at 236-2327.



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Calendar 2011 All programs held at the Bouman-Stickney unless noted.

Sunday, February 6 1-4 pm

Baking with Mother Goose

Sunday, March 6 1-4 pm

18th Century Clothing

Sunday, April 3 1-4 pm

The Philadelphia Paper

Company

Sunday, May 1 1-4 pm

18th Century Surveying with
 Ron Carnegie, Colonial
 Williamsburg Foundation

**Saturday, May 21 7-9:30
 pm**

Barn Dance with Betsy
 Gotta

Friday, June 24 7:00 pm

Lecture: TBA

Friday, July 29 7:00 pm

Lecture: History of the NJ
 Boardwalks

Friday, August 26 7:00 pm

Lecture: Post Offices of
 Hunterdon County

**Sunday, September 11 1-4
 pm**

Gunsmithing

Sunday, October 2 1-4 pm

Ghost Stories of New Jersey

**Saturday, October 15 7:00-
 9:30**

Barn Dance with Betsy Gotta

**Sunday, November 6 1-4
 pm**

Open Hearth Cooking

Sunday, December 4 1-4 pm

Christmas Event