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READINGTON MUSEUMS

Partners in History

Summer Lecture Series

The Readington Museums' popular lecture series returns this summer. The programs take place the following Friday evenings: **June 29, July 20 and August 24 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** Each lecture is held inside the historic Wade-Wyckoff Barn located at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead with a $5.00 suggested donation for adults. Refreshments will be served. Reservations suggested.

June 29, Friday

"18th Century Tea Party ", Susan Plaisted

Susan Plaisted, proprietress of Heart to Hearth Cookery, a food history business based in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, will conduct a program using artifacts and slides to explore the experience of taking tea in the Colonies. Tea samples and refreshments will be offered. Plaisted holds a B.S. in food and nutrition and an M.S. in health education. Her specialty is American and Native American food during the Colonial Period. Please register online through the link on our homepage: www.readingtonmuseums.org, or contact the museum by email or phone.

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Monday Mornings at the Museum:
A Summer Program for Kids

The Readington Museums is pleased to announce the return of *Monday Mornings at the Museum*, a hands-on summer program for kids ages 5-12. The sessions will be held on three consecutive Mondays – July 16, 23, and 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, 114 Dreahook Road in the Stanton section of Readington Township. At each session, the children will have a short history lesson followed by a hands-on project, with a new theme offered each Monday.

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July 20, Friday

"Witchcraft", Janine Quimby

Witches in New Jersey? Oh my! **Janine Quimby** is an eleventh and twelfth grade English Language Arts teacher at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge, NJ. She received her BA in English and Secondary Education and her MA in English from The College of New Jersey, matriculated in Drew University's Doctor of Arts and Letters Program, and has earned 30 post-Masters credits in Education. Much of her graduate work focused on the role of midwives and witches in literature. Please register online through the link on our homepage: www.readingtonmuseums.org, or contact the museum by email or phone.

August 24, Friday

"The Dutch Architectural Influence at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead", Christopher Pickell

In 1741 Dutch homesteader Thomas Bouman erected the building now known as the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. But just how typical is the building of Dutch architectural design? Find out from architecture historian **Christopher Pickell**, who will deliver a talk on Dutch design, and lead a tour in and around buildings. Mr. Pickell has been involved in historic preservation and restoration projects in Hunterdon and Mercer counties. He heads up the Flemington firm of Pickell Architecture, lauded for its work in adaptive reuse projects. Please register online through the link on our homepage: www.readingtonmuseums.org, or contact the museum by email or phone.

Continued: Children's Program

Programs include candle making, tin punch designs, butter making, and learning an English country dance. The cost of each session is $5.00. Registration and payment are required prior to each session. Please use the link on our homepage: www.readingtonmuseums.org, or contact the museum by email or phone.

Please mail checks payable to **Readington Township** to the Readington Museums, PO Box 216 Stanton, NJ 08885.

Sewing Class

The Museum will be hosting eighteenth century sewing classes September 8th and 22nd. The students will learn to make a working woman's short gown as well as the basic work clothing for women, the appropriate fabrics, colors/patterns, and period sewing stiches. If interested, please register online through the link on our homepage: www.readingtonmuseums.org, or contact the museum by email or phone.

New Rock Garden

Ben Prewozny and Chris Gould

Next time you visit the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, take a moment to stop and smell the roses while enjoying the newly built garden wall that surrounds the signage on the opening of the driveway. The Readington Museums wish to thank Chris Gould (pictured), Tony Madeano, Ben Prewozny (pictured), and Eric Santo of the Readington Township Buildings and Grounds Department, who built this beautiful natural border. In addition to adding this fine touch to the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, these men work hard to keep each of the Readington Museums' properties in optimal condition.

Rene Rao

Another special thank you goes out to Rene Rao, Garden Chair of the Museum Committee, who keeps the garden planted and maintained. Although there really are no roses to smell, the daffodils, bleeding hearts, columbines, and anemones are most definitely worth taking notice.

Calendar 2018

Friday, June 29 *Lecture: 18th c. Tea** Susan McLellan Plaisted 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	**Friday, July 20** *Lecture: Witchcraft** Janine Quimby 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	**Friday, August 24** *Lecture: Dutch Architecture** Christopher Pickell 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 9 *Open Hearth Cooking* Deborah Peterson 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	**Sunday, October 7** *19th c. Schoolhouse Visit* Cold Brook School** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	**Saturday, October 20** *Barn Dance** Betsy Gotta 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 4 *Smokehouse Demonstration* Susan McLellan Plaisted 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	**Sunday, December 2** *Dutch Christmas* Cooking, Musicians, Sinterklaas 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	**Sunday, February 3** *TBD* TBD 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held at the **Bouman-Stickney Farmstead.**
GPS address: 114 Dreahook Road, Lebanon NJ 08833.
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 fee.
**Cold Brook School, GPS address: 190 Potterstown Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833

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