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READINGTON MUSEUMS

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Dutch Sint-Nicolaas Day

As a way to honor the Dutch heritage of the 1741 Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, the Readington Museums will be hosting Dutch Sint-Nicolaas Day on **Sunday, December 2, 2018** between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Sinterklaas will be available for pictures and Colonial musicians, Anne and Ridley Enslow, will perform historic holiday pieces through the ages that showcase instruments authentic to the period, (violin and hammered dulcimer.)

In addition, Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong will demonstrate 18th century Dutch cooking using the Farmstead's original open hearth. They plan to make waffles and gingerbread over the open flame. Visitors may also make a pomander ornament to take home, as well as enjoy cider and homemade Dutch cookies. The program is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

Arlene Soong and Bev Altrath cooking waffles.

Sinterklaas (Klaus Tum) with Colonial musicians, Anne and Ridley Enslow

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Children Learn Trades From the Past

This past summer at our *Monday Morning at the Museum* program, children dressed in period clothes, experienced life on an 18th century farm, and made a project to take home. For three consecutive Mondays in July, the participants made candles, yarn dolls, butter, tin punch designs, danced, and played 18th c. games. Stay tuned for the summer 2019 dates in the next newsletter or on line at https://www.readingtontwpnj.gov/community/readington-museum

Garden Club of Hunterdon Returns to the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead After 71 Years

In 1947, the Community Garden Club of Hunterdon County held a meeting and toured the gardens of the estate of renowned actress Dorothy Stickney. Today, the property is known as the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. Stickney was not in attendance that day, but the caretaker of her gardens, Mrs. J Albert Petersen, was there to represent Stickey. During that time, Dorothy Stickney and her playwright husband, Howard Lindsay, starred in the Broadway play, *Life with Father*. Incidentally, this play holds the record of the longest-running non-musical play on Broadway, and ran for more than seven years. The Garden Club continues to promote community service, but over the years it has changed names, faces, and meeting places. They are now known as the Community Garden Club of Hunterdon County. To celebrate their 85th year of service, they returned to the former Stickney Estate to recreate the picture at the front of the house with the magnolia tree in the background. The original picture to the right, was printed in the August 21, 1947 edition of the Hunterdon Democrat.

AUGUST 21, 1947 HUNTERDON COUNT

arden Club At Stickney Home

urther Plans Made For Annual Flower Show On September 11

In spite of the heat, about 60 persons attended the August meeting of the Community Garden Club of Hunterdon County, held last Thursday at the country home of Miss Dorothy Stickney of Stanton Ridge Road.

Miss Helen Case spoke of taking flowers to Fort Dix every week and requested volunteers to accompany her to help arrange the blooms at the hospital.

Further plans, which call for every member taking part, were outlined by Mrs. J. Henry Staub, Jr., chairman of the 14th annual flower show to be given by the club at Flemington Grandview Grange Hall on Sept. 11. A supper will be served that evening at the grange hall in charge of Mrs. William Bohren and her committee, with Mrs. B. H. Pedrick in charge of the dining tables.

Mrs. Harry Lawson and Mrs. R. S. Chatfield were reported in Somerset Hospital. It was reported that Mrs. R. S. Walsh had badly sprained her ankle.

Mrs. Harvey Stothoff presided.

Miss Stickney, equally famous with her husband, Howard Lindsay, co-producer of the longest running play on Broadway, "Life with Father" was not present at the gathering, as she and Mr. Lindsay were in Skowhegan, Me., to witness the premiere showing of the motion picture of the same name.

Miss Stickney was represented by Mrs. J. Albert Peterson of the Stanton Nurseries, who is in charge of maintenance of grounds and shrubbery on the estate. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Richard S. Schomp, Mrs. O. J. Force, Mrs. George Dilts, Mrs. Tunis V. Cox, Mrs. George Kuehn, Mrs. R. C. Walsh, Mrs. J. E. Wilton and Mrs. E. O. Merkle.

It is planned to hold the next meeting during the afternoon of the flower show at 3 p. m. in Grandview Grange Hall.

Garden Club Members At Readington Township Estate

Left: Community Garden Club of Hunterdon County, October 2018

Front row, left to right: Judy Schoenherr, Esther Merrell, Marg Peterson, Pat Hee, Myque Molotzak (in chair), Barbara Stawicki, Betty Calhoun, Michele Jaunarajs.

Middle row: Beverly Fusco (in green hat), Nanette Chardoussin (pink hat), Karen Chardoussin.

Back row: Linda Williams, Margit Gyantar, Carol Johnson, Shirley Rovinski.

Calendar 2019

Sunday, February 3 *Salt use in 18th c. Readington, NJ* Susan McLellan Plaisted 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	**Sunday, March 3** *TBD* 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	**Sunday, April 7** *TBD* 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 5 *Shoe and Accoutrement Maker* Shaun Pekar 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	**Saturday, May 11** *Barn Dance** Betsy Gotta 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	**Friday, June 28** *Lecture: 18th c. Tea** Susan McLellan Plaisted 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, July 19 *18th c. Ice Cream -on the Farmstead** Susan McLellan Plaisted 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	**Friday, August 23** *Midwifery -on the Farmstead** Janine Quimby 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	**Sunday, September 8** *18th c. Beer Making* Rich Wagner 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 6 *19th c. Readington Schoolhouse Visit* Cold Brook School** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	**Saturday, October 12** *Barn Dance** Betsy Gotta 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	**Sunday, November 3** *Buckwheat -from grinding to cakes* Susan McLellan Plaisted 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 8 *Dutch Christmas on the Farmstead* Cooking, Musicians, Sinterklaas 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 donations.
**Cold Brook School, GPS address: 190 Potterstown Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833

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