Fall 2025

Readington Museums

Partners in History

Bluegrass Music: Song and History

Sunday, September 21, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, donations appreciated
Register Here, on website, or see contact info below.

Join Ed Jankiewicz and the Holland Brook Hillbillies at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead for a *Bluegrass Music* performance inside the Wade-Wyckoff Barn on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The genre of music called *bluegrass* is a rich tapestry woven from many threads of American music. While strongly influenced by early American string band music derived from the fiddle dance tradition of Britain and Ireland, known as *old time*, several innovators incorporated elements of blues, jazz, and various pop styles to create the Bluegrass we recognize today.

Jankiewicz will explore these roots through a series of topics about the music and its influential players, illustrated with songs performed by the group. After the formal program, the musicians will continue jamming, exploring traditional and modern tunes from bluegrass, old-time, country, blues, rock, and beyond.

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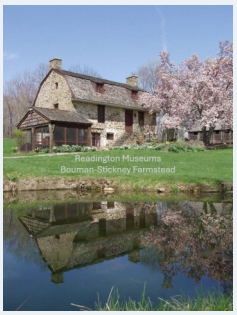
Open House

Sunday, October 5, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead
Donations Welcome



The Readington Museums' Bouman-Stickney Farmstead will be open for guided tours. Visitors can see the 1741 home, learn about the histories of the Bouman and Stickney families, enter the 18th-century Wade-Wyckoff Barn, or walk the Bouman-Stickney Trail that passes through the farmstead.

Barn Dance

Saturday, October 11, 7:00– 9:00pm
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead
Suggested donation $5.00 per adult, $2.00 per child.
Refreshments, $1.00

Put on your dancing shoes for a night of family fun at the Readington Museums' biannual barn dance. This family-friendly event is a wonderful way to enjoy time together with family. Caller Betsy Gotta will provide simple instructions before each dance, allowing even beginners to dance the night away.
There is a suggested donation of $5.00 per adult and $2.00 per child. Refreshments will also be available for an additional $1.00 donation. For groups of six or more, please call for a reservation.

Sinterklaasfeest

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead
Donations welcome

As a way to honor the Dutch heritage of the 1741 Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, the Readington Museums will be hosting Dutch Sint-Nicolaas Day. Sinterklaas will be available for pictures and Colonial musicians, Anne and Ridley Enslow, will perform historic holiday pieces that showcase a hammered dulcimer and a historic violin.

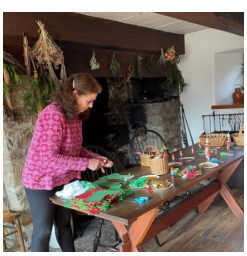
Visitors may also make an ornament to take home, as well as enjoy cider and cookies. The program is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

Mornings at the Museum
Summer 2025

Museum Intern Katherine John played a key role in facilitating this year's camp, which featured history-inspired activities including candle-making, tin design, yarn doll creation, and ink making. The children practiced writing with quills, engaged in traditional games, and learned an English country dance. Committee Chair Rene Rao instructed campers in herbal remedies, historical myths, and practices, incorporating pomander making into her session. On the final day, Katherine organized and led a history-themed bingo hunt, giving handcrafted prizes to each camper.

Thank You Volunteers!

Readington Museums expresses sincere appreciation to our committed and skilled volunteers for their valuable contributions to our educational programs. Anyone interested in joining our volunteer team, please contact the museums for more information.



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Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 21	Sunday, October 5	Saturday, October 11
Bluegrass Music and Its History	*Open House*	*Barn Dance* *
Holland Brook Hillbillies	Bouman-Stickney Farmstead	Betsy and Roy Gotta
1:00 - 3:00 pm	1:00 - 4:00 pm	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Sunday, November 2	**Sunday, December 7**	
Open House	*Sinterklaasfeest (Dutch Christmas)*	
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead	Sinterklaas, Musicians, Craft	
1:00 - 4:00 pm	1:00 - 4:00 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 suggested donations.

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