Summer 2025

Summer Lecture Series

Our popular *Friday Night Lecture Series* returns this summer during the months of June, July and August. This year's lectures offer a great mix of subjects, offering something for everyone. Lectures are held inside the Wade-Wyckoff Barn at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. (See page 4 for location.) There is a $5.00 suggested donation, refreshments served. Reservations are recommended. To register, see links below, visit https:www.readingtontwpnj.gov/departments/museums, email readingtonmuseums@gmail.com, or call 908-236-2327.

Readington Museums

Partners in History

The Life and Times of the Continental Soldier

Friday, June 27, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, $5.00 donation
Register Here

John Dwyer, a retired Colonel in the United States Army of over 37 years and military historian, will portray a soldier from the Continental Army stationed in New Jersey during the winter of 1780. He will discuss a soldier's life and experiences, focusing on the uniform, weapons, tools, and gear used and carried by American soldiers during the Revolutionary War.

As a military historian, Dwyer has exhibited his Revolutionary and WWII collection of soldier gear and equipment at the North Branch Library in Clinton for the past ten years. Recently, Dwyer has presented his program to the Hunterdon 300 Association, Clinton Library, Morristown National Historical Park, Denville Library, Warren County Library, Hunterdon Senior Center, and more.

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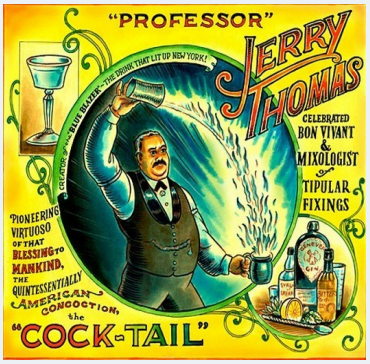
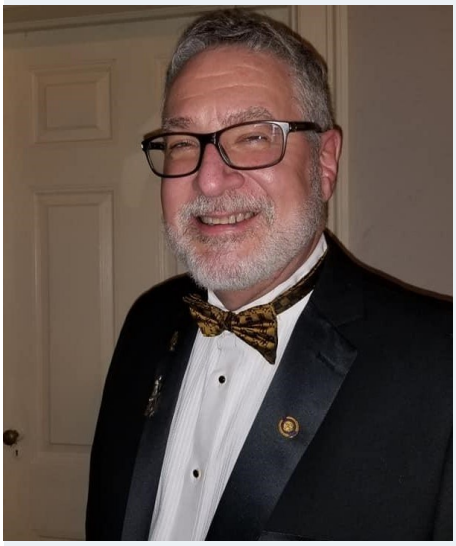
The History of Cocktails

Friday, July 25, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, $5.00 donation
Register Here





Have you ever considered the origins of the "Old Fashioned" cocktail? The earliest mention of "the cocktail" dates back to the early 19th century. Mac McParland will provide an analysis of the alcoholic beverages consumed before the invention of cocktails, as well as their evolution over time.

The talk will include information about various individuals who contributed to cocktail culture, such as the person who first shipped ice to the Caribbean, the bartender who invented flaming cocktails, the woman who organized the first cocktail party, the speakeasy owner who established the first Tiki Bar, and the rock star who popularized the Tequila Sunrise. There will also be a demonstration of cocktail preparation with an element of magic.

McParland is a board member of the Northern New Jersey chapter of the Victorian Society in America, a member of the Glen Ridge Homebrewers Association, and a member of the "Order of Merlin" in the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

The History of Stanton

Friday, August 15, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, $5.00 donation
Register Here

Charles Scammell will discuss Stanton's development, including local homes, the Stanton Store, the church, and notable residents. He will also cover the area's role in the Revolutionary War and invite others to share their stories.

A long-time resident whose family has lived in Stanton since 1959, Scammell has resided in two of the oldest homes in the community. He produced the acclaimed ***Stanton Stories*** video in 2009, featuring interviews with lifelong Stanton residents who lived there before 1940.

Active in the community, Scammell is a member of the Historical Society, Stanton Church, and the American Legion. Furthermore, he recently held the position of President for the Sons of the Revolution in the United States.

Professionally he has worked in health care for 50 years working in economics, administration, strategy and marketing. He has also been on the Board of the Hunterdon Medical Center for over 25 years.

Mornings at the Museum

Hands-on History Programs

Fridays, July 11, 18, Aug. 1, 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, $10.00 Per session
Register Here

The Readington Museums is pleased to announce ***Mornings at the Museum***, a hands-on summer program for children ages 7 to 12, on the dates listed above, at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead.

Each session includes making history-inspired crafts such as candles, tin designs, pomanders, and ink. Additionally, children will learn quill pen writing, play historic games, and learn an English country dance. The cost for each program is $10.00 per child per session.

Please pre-register and make the payment before each session. You can complete the registration online via the link above or at: https://www.readingtontwpnj.gov/departments/museums. Alternatively, you may contact the Readington Museums at 908-236-2327 or via email at readingtonmuseums@gmail.com. Checks made payable to Readington Township can be mailed to Readington Museums, P.O. Box 216, Stanton, NJ 08885.

Sessions Planned

July 11: Candle Making and English Dance
July 18: Tin Punch Design and Historic Games
August 1: Quill Pen Writing and English Dance
August 8: Pomander Making and Historic Games

Eversole Descendants Connect with Their Past

Savacool, Smith, Bzdek

As former Hunterdon County resident Christopher Savacool was researching his genealogy recently, he began digging into the Eversole branch of his family tree. It didn't take long to find a tangible connection to his family's past right here in Readington Township: the Eversole-Hall House. On Friday, February 21, Savacool, who now lives in upstate New York, and his cousin Richard Bzdek, who lives in Wayne, visited the Eversole-Hall House and toured the home with Museum Director, Margaret Smith.

The Eversole-Hall House was originally owned by Charles (Carl) Eversole, who immigrated to America in 1753. Eversole is Savacool's sixth great-grandfather and Bzdek's fifth great-grandfather. A few generations of Eversoles lived in the

Readington area after that, including Charles Eversole's second great-granddaughter Mary Emma Eversole, who married Isaiah Dennis Savacool, a farmer and miller who also made his home in the Readington area for many years. Many of the Eversoles and Isaiah Savacool are buried in Rural Hill Cemetery in Whitehouse.

During the tour Savacool and Bzdek learned of the rich history of the Eversole-Hall House and the many efforts over the years that have been made at preservation and education regarding the home.

"It is so rare to have something tangible that is that old and connects you to your past like that," said Savacool. "I never thought I would see something like this, and I am extremely appreciative of the efforts that have been made by the Township of Readington and its museums to preserve history in this way."

"Obviously, the public can learn so much about the history of this area by touring and learning about the house. For me, however, this is extra special, because it's actually a piece of my family," said Savacool.

2025
Calendar of Events

Friday, June 27	**Friday, July 25**	**Friday, August 15**
Continental Soldier	*History of Cocktails*	*History of Stanton*
John Dwyer	James McParland	Charles Scammell
7:00 - 8:00 PM	7:00 - 8:00 PM	7:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday, September 21	**Sunday, October 5**	**Saturday, October 11**
Blue Grass Music and Its History	*Witches. Herbs. Women.*	*Barn Dance*
Holland Brook Hillbillies	Janine Quimby & Jennifer Kaltenbach	Betsy and Roy Gotta
1:00 - 3:00 PM	2:00 - 4:00 PM	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Sunday, November 2	**Sunday, December 7**	
Open House	*Sinterklaasfeest (Dutch Christmas)*	
TBD	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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