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Summer Lecture Series at the Readington Museums

Readington, NJ - The Readington Museums' lecture series returns this summer at the Wade-Wyckoff Barn, Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, located at 114 Dreahook Road, Lebanon, NJ. Suggested donation: \$5. Reservations are recommended. To register, visit <https://www.readingtontwpnj.gov/departments/museums>, email readingtonmuseums@gmail.com, or call 908-236-2327.

The Life and Times of the Continental Soldier

On Friday, June 27, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

John Dwyer, a retired Colonel in the United States Army 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.

The History of Cocktails

On Friday, July 25, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Did you ever wonder how the "Old Fashioned" cocktail got its name? The earliest reference to "the cocktail" dates back to the early 1800s. Mac McParland will speak about the alcoholic beverages consumed before the creation of cocktails and how they have developed 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.

History of Stanton, NJ

Friday, August 15, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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Charles Scammell, a long-time resident of Stanton, will discuss Stanton's development and settlement. He will share stories about local homes, the Stanton Store, the church, and notable residents. Additionally, he will cover the area's role in the Revolutionary War and invite others to share their stories.

Scammell is involved in various community organizations, including the historical society, the Stanton Church, and the American Legion. He recently served as President of the Sons of the Revolution in the US.

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