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COLONIAL MIDWIFERY
AUGUST 23, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM



LOCATION: BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD



Think women were passive bystanders in the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century medical world? Think again! Come and find out as Janine Quimby tells how midwives carved out their own space in a profession (and world!) dominated by men, succumbed to and escaped persecution, appealed to writers, and ultimately paved the way for contemporary midwifery practices.

Quimby is an 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 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.

This final lecture of the season is held inside the historic Wade-Wyckoff Barn located at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation and refreshments will be available.

Registration is recommended by clicking on:

[REGISTER FOR MIDWIFERY](#), or by contacting the museum.

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COLONIAL TEAS, TODDIES, AND ALE...HUZZAH!



SEPTEMBER 8, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Bouman-Stickney Farmstead



Rich Wagner

From teas to toddies and tankards to teacups, domestic historians, Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong, will discuss typical colonial drinks and display their collection of fine teacups, glasses, and stoneware mugs inside the Dutch colonial kitchen. Altrath and Soong specialize in eighteenth-century open hearth cooking, clothing, and textiles. They each have over 20 years of research and experience.

In addition, historic brewer, Rich Wagner, will show the step-by-step process of turning water and grain into beer. For hundreds of years, folks in Europe knew better than to drink the water, as it could make them deathly ill. Instead, people, including children, drank beer. Naturally immigrants arriving in the New World brought their tradition of brewing and drinking beer with them. Much of the beer was brewed at home, until breweries could be established in larger towns and cities. In recent times, there has been a resurgence

of interest in home brewing. Though today, you will find exotic flavors or seasonal brews, but the basic method of beer production has not changed.

Rich Wagner has been researching Pennsylvania brewing history since 1980, and has done extensive research into Colonial breweries. In 1990, he started to interpret seventeenth-century brewing techniques at William Penn's Bake and Brew House at Pennsbury Manor and soon afterward worked with a cooper to construct his own reproduction of a seventeenth-century brewing system.



Photo Credit: BelleWood Gardens

COLD BROOK SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 6, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Cold Brook School



The Readington Museums' Cold Brook School, originally built in 1828, will be open for visitors to see what it was like to attend school in the early nineteenth-century.

Visitors will have the opportunity to become abecedarians, try their hand at orthography using a quill pen and ink, cipher mathematical problems, and learn a sample of New Jersey history. For recess, visitors can play a variety of nineteenth-century games, such as rolling hoops in the meadow.

Apple cider and homemade bread with apple butter will be available.



Readington Township acquired the property in 1993, and volunteers worked together to rebuild the school house and furnish it as it would have been in the 1830s, with slab benches and board desks around the outside walls and a schoolmaster's desk in the center. A wood stove provided the only heat, and the families were responsible for providing the firewood. The School Master or Mistress would start the fire early in the morning, and the school boys would be responsible for keeping

it going throughout the day. A typical school day went from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon. It was not uncommon for children to attend school for a half day on Saturdays as well. Parents paid for their children's schooling—usually about \$1.50 per child per term.





BARN DANCE

OCTOBER 12, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

LOCATION: BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD



Put on your dancing shoes for a night of family fun as the Readington Museums will host its bi-annual Barn Dance. The dance will be held inside the eighteenth-century Wade-Wyckoff Barn on the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead property. This family friendly event is a wonderful way to have fun with the entire family as no experience is necessary. Caller, Betsy Gotta, will give easy to follow instructions before each dance so even a beginner will be able to dance the night away. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Refreshments will be available.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 COLONIAL MIDWIFERY* JANINE QUIMBY 7:00 - 8:30 PM	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 18TH-C. BEER MAKING - RICH WAGNER COLONIAL DRINKS - BEV ALTRATH AND ARLENE SOONG 1:00 - 4:00 PM	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 19TH-C. SCHOOLHOUSE VISIT COLD BROOK SCHOOL 1:00 - 4:00 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 BARN DANCE* BETSY GOTTA 7:00 - 9:30 PM	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 BUCKWHEAT - FROM GRINDING TO CAKES SUSAN McLELLAN PLAISTED 1:00 - 4:00 PM	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 DUTCH CHRISTMAS ON THE FARMSTEAD CANDY MAKING, MUSICIANS, SINTERKLAAS 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 a suggested donations.

**Cold Brook School, 190 Potterstown Road, Readington, NJ. For GPS use Lebanon.