

# Open House Programs Offer Something For Everyone

## FEBRUARY 3 *PRESERVING WITH SALT*



How did our colonial ancestors preserve foods without modern day refrigeration? Come find out as **Susan McLellan Plaisted** MS RD CSP LDN demonstrates the methods and significance of using salt in the eighteenth century foodways processes. Plaisted will use the open hearth to show how salt could be reclaimed or made from sea water, as well as discuss the role of the salt works in New Jersey.

Plaisted is the Proprietress of Heart to Hearth Cookery, a food history business based in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. She offers demonstrations of 17th century through 19th century methods and Native American foodways.

Location: Bouman-Stickney Farmstead 1 PM - 4 PM

## MARCH 3 *A STICH IN TIME: 17TH AND 18TH C. TEXTILES AND QUILTS*



Dana Bala will present 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century quilts, textiles, and embroidery. She will discuss how legislation influenced the price and production of cloth and how fabric related to domestic life. Bala will include the evolution of quilting and embroidery throughout textile history. She combines her love of history and fabric by researching historic quilts, patterns, techniques and the textile industry.

Bala has presented at other historic sites such as the Abraham Staats House, the Miller-Corey Museum, and volunteers at Washington Crossing Park. Her other areas of interest/expertise include embroidery, cooking and genealogy.

Location: Bouman-Stickney Farmstead 1 PM - 4 PM

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## APRIL 7 COLONIAL TOYS AND GAMES



People through the ages have enjoyed games and played with toys for recreational and educational purposes. Come visit colonial interpreters, Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong, as they present *Colonial Toys and Games*. There will be some toys on display as well as games on hand for both adults and children to play. Come roll hoops, toss rings, and play games such as skittles, draughts, graces, and more.

Domestic historians and, Altrath and Soong, have presented at the Shippen Manor, Miller Cory House, Washington Crossings, and other historic properties.



Location: Bouman-Stickney Farmstead 1 PM - 4 PM

## MAY 5 18TH CENTURY SHOE MAKING



Visit and watch Shaun Pekar, Professional cordwainer and accoutrement maker, as he demonstrates the trade and skills of *Historic Shoemaking*. Pekar is known for his detail oriented, top quality reproductions of 18th-Century shoes and military accoutrements for living historians and museums. His work can be seen at multiple National Park Service sites, Michilimackinac State Historic Site, Fort Ticonderoga, The Old Barracks Museum, and The Museum of the American Revolution. He is currently the proprietor of "S. Pekar, Shoe and Accoutrement Maker".

Location: TBD 1 PM - 4 PM

Call or Check site location on website prior to visiting [www.readingtontwpnj.gov/departments/museums](http://www.readingtontwpnj.gov/departments/museums). This will be announced in the next newsletter.

# CALENDAR 2019

<p><b>Sunday, February 3</b></p> <p><i>Salt use in 18th c.</i></p> <p>Susan McLellan Plaisted</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 3</b></p> <p><i>17th and 18th century textiles and quilts</i></p> <p>Dana Bala</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sunday, April 7</b></p> <p><i>Colonial Toys and Games</i></p> <p>Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 5</b></p> <p><i>Shoe and Accoutrement Maker</i></p> <p>Shaun Pekar</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Location TBD</p>	<p><b>Saturday, May 11</b></p> <p><i>Barn Dance*</i></p> <p>Betsy Gotta</p> <p>7:00 - 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 28</b></p> <p><i>Lecture: 18th c. Tea*</i></p> <p>Susan McLellan Plaisted</p> <p>7:00 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Friday, July 19</b></p> <p><i>18th c. Ice Cream -on the Farmstead*</i></p> <p>Susan McLellan Plaisted</p> <p>7:00 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Friday, August 23</b></p> <p><i>Midwifery -on the Farmstead*</i></p> <p>Janine Quimby</p> <p>7:00 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 8</b></p> <p><i>18th c. Beer Making</i></p> <p>Rich Wagner</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 6</b></p> <p><i>19th c. Readington Schoolhouse Visit</i></p> <p>Cold Brook School**</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Saturday, October 12</b></p> <p><i>Barn Dance*</i></p> <p>Betsy Gotta</p> <p>7:00 - 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sunday, November 3</b></p> <p><i>Buckwheat -from grinding to cakes</i></p> <p>Susan McLellan Plaisted</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, December 8</b></p> <p><i>Dutch Christmas on the Farmstead</i></p> <p>Cooking, Musicians, Sinterklaas</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>		

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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