



Dressed to Kill

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1:00-4:00

LOCATION: BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD



Dana Bala will present Dressed to Kill: From Arsenic in Clothing, and Lead in Cosmetics, to Blazing Crinolines.

Throughout history, we have worn deadly clothing and makeup to be the height of fashion even if it kills us!

Bala will discuss some of the most lethal fashion practices during history, focusing on the Victorian period, when people were, "Dressed To Kill".

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.

18th c. Chocolate Making

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1:00-4:00 (RESCHEDULED FROM FEB. 2)

LOCATION: BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD



How did a bitter seed become the chocolate that so many of us love? As the drink of choice in Colonial America, and popular among all social classes, it was not unusual to start one's day with a hot, spicy cup of chocolate. It was perceived to cure common ailments and was even sold in Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia print shop.

Come watch **Susan McLellan Plaisted** MS RD CSP LDN demonstrate the use of a metate by turning the cacao bean into chocolate. Find out what really went into making chocolate from bean to drink, from drink to sweets, and from sweets to the modern candy.

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Colonial Butter and Cheese Making

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1:00-4:00

LOCATION: BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD



Join open hearth cooks Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong on **Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** in the kitchen of the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead as they churn butter and demonstrate its relationship with curds and whey, discuss dairying in the 1700s, and demonstrate how to make cheese. Altrath and Soong are domestic historians and interpretive cooks at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, Shippen Manor, and Miller Cory House. They have been involved in the Domestic Arts of the Colonial Era for over eighteen years, and have provided educational, instructive and entertaining programs to the public throughout NJ.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Readington Museums is looking for volunteers. Are you interested in gardening, carpentry, painting fences, cleaning, and data entry? Volunteers can set up a schedule that fits their needs. These are just some examples of possible tasks:

- Gardening — weeding, watering, mulching
- Carpentry — repairs to window panes, floor boards, or furniture
- Painting — fences, and small structures
- Cleaning — floors, windows, light dusting, porch, or barn
- Data entry — advertise programs through online submission.

Many of these tasks are a great way for scouts to finish badge requirements or for anyone to work on service hours such as honor societies. Please click [here](#) or call for more information at 908-236-2327.

Dutch Christmas Program... Fun For All



Thanks to the Wood Turtle Crossing's Christmas Tree Farm of Whitehouse Station for their generous donation!



Stephanie Stevens (founder of Readington Museums) visits with Sinterklass (Klaus Tum.)



Children make ornaments and pomanders.



From Left: Sharon Rider (volunteer greeter), Ridley and Anne Enslow (musicians), Arlene Soong and Joan Lindenau (domestic historians), Klaus Tum (Sinterklass), and Margaret Smith (Program Director). It is a tradition to get together and pose with Sinterklass after the event.



Volunteers worked together to decorate, prepare, and run the event. From left: Joyce Lykes, Klaus Tum (Sinterklass), Nancy O'Malley, Sarah John, Rene Rao, Sheila Paciullo, Sharon Rider, and Margaret Smith (Program Director). Not pictured, Helen Farrant, Mario Orlandi, and Christine Delessio.



Musicians, Ridley and Anne Enslow, entertained over 100 visitors throughout the day.



Visitors sample home made Dutch cookies, sip cider, and listen to colonial musicians.



Volunteers assist with crafts and Sinterklass activities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 2 –canceled	Sunday, March 1	Sunday, April 5
<i>Chocolate Program Canceled</i>	<i>Dressed to Kill - Toxins of the Past</i>	<i>Chocolate Making in the 18th c.</i>
Rescheduled for April 5	Dana Bala	Susan McLellan Plaisted
Museum Closed	1:00 - 4:00 PM	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, May 3	Saturday, May 16	Friday, June 26
<i>Butter/Cheese Making</i>	<i>Barn Dance*</i>	<i>Historic Flags</i>
Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong	Betsy Gotta	Richard Pierce
1:00 - 4:00 PM	7:00 - 9:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Friday, July 31	Friday, August 28	Sunday, September 13
<i>A History of Organic Farming</i>	<i>Witchcraft of the Early Modern Period</i>	<i>Wild Flower Workshop</i>
Dr. Joseph Heckman	Janine Quimby	Dr. Jay Kelly
7:00 - 8:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, October 4	Saturday, October 10	Sunday, November 8
<i>19th c. Readington Schoolhouse Visit</i>	<i>Barn Dance*</i>	<i>Rug Hooking</i>
Cold Brook School**	Betsy Gotta	Lucy Walsh
1:00 - 4:00 PM	7:00 - 9:30 PM	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 6		
<i>Dutch Christmas on the Farmstead</i>		
Musicians, Sinterklaas, Craft		
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.

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