

Summer 2023



## SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

The Readington Museums' popular lecture series returns this summer. Each lecture is held inside the historic Wade-Wyckoff Barn located at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation, reservations are highly recommended, and refreshments will be available. Please register for each lecture using the individual hyperlinks below. You may also register on our website, email, or call the museum by using the contact information on the front page.

### ORGANIC FARMING Friday, June 30, 7:00 - 8:00 PM



Register by clicking: [FARMING](#) or contact the museum by email, phone, or website. (Reservations are highly recommended.)

Joseph Heckman, Ph.D., Professor of Soil Science, Rutgers University will speak about organic farming. If you are concerned about how traditional food is produced, come listen to Dr. Heckman discuss the history and methods of organic farming.

Organic agriculture evolved from a mix of scientific inquiry and spiritual connection with nature. Before there was a USDA National Organic Program, organic farming was more than mechanically following rules for certification. It was deeply rooted in a philosophy of ecology

as articulated in the pioneering works of Albert Howard, Lord Northbourne, Eve Balfour, and Weston Price. They and others ignited a remarkable agrarian social movement. Organic farming methods, modeled after nature, may seem antiquated in the face of modern science, yet they succeed in producing traditional foods for people who care deeply about how their food is produced.

Joseph Heckman, Ph.D. teaches Soil Fertility, Organic Crop Production, and Graduate Seminars at Rutgers University. He conducts research on optimizing nutrition for plant, animal, and human health, and authored numerous publications on soil fertility and organic farming.

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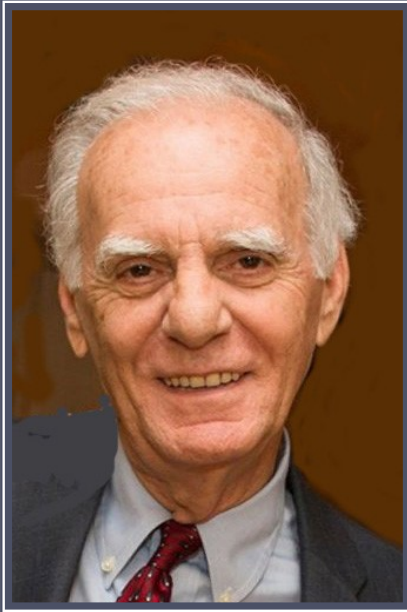
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## EVOLUTION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



Register by clicking: [FLAGS](#) or contact the museum by email, phone, or website. (Reservations are highly recommended.)

J. Richard Pierce will speak on the topic, *The Evolution of the American Flag*. He traces the history of the Stars and Stripes, from its beginning in 1777 to the present day, bringing to light historical accounts that speak of the timeless appeal that the flag holds for many generations of Americans.

Pierce is the author of the book, *The Stars and Stripes: Fabric of the American Spirit*, which brings together and recounts many stories that characterize the spirit of America and honor the flag that represents the principles on which our nation was founded. It is this sense of history, this reverence for the Stars and Stripes that embodies the feeling of Americans toward their national symbol of freedom and their hopes and dreams for the future.

Pierce is a retired senior banking executive whose lifelong love of the stars and stripes parallels his strong interest in politics and U.S. history. J. Richard Pierce has been collecting historic American parade flags since 1991.

## WITCHCRAFT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



Witches in New Jersey? Oh my! Come hear Janine Quimby speak about early modern witches! Learn about the difference between “white” and “black” witches, the connections between witches and midwives (including information about the woman who inspired Hester Prynne from *The Scarlet Letter*), and the evolution of witches in our modern society.

Janine 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 and Letters Program, and has earned 30 post-master credits in Education. Much of her graduate work focused on the role of midwives and witches in literature.

Register by clicking: [WITCHCRAFT](#) or contact the museum by email, phone, or website. (Reservations are highly recommended.)

## FRIDAY MORNINGS AT THE MUSEUM

The Readington Museum is pleased to announce *Friday Mornings at the Museum*, a hands-on summer program for children ages 8 to 12, on the following consecutive Fridays – August 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. During each session, the children will make history-inspired crafts, learn a historic trade, play historic games, or learn an English country dance.

### Sessions Planned

August 4: Candle Making and English Dance  
August 11: Tin Punch Design and Historic Games  
August 18: Pomander Making and English Dance  
August 25: Quill Pen Writing and Historic Games



The cost of each program is \$10.00 per child, for each session registered. Preregistration and payment before each session are required.

Please register online [Here](#) or through the link on our homepage:

<http://www.ReadingtonMuseums.org>, contact the Readington Museums at 908-236-2327, or [readingtonmuseums@gmail.com](mailto:readingtonmuseums@gmail.com). Checks made payable to **Readington Township** can be mailed to Readington Museums, PO Box, 216, Stanton, NJ 08885.

## SPRING EVENTS PROVIDED FUN FOR ALL



### MEET NED HECTOR



### BUTTER MAKING



### HISTORY OF SONG



### BARN DANCE





# 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Friday, June 30</b>	<b>Friday, August 4</b>	<b>Friday, August 25</b>
<i>Organic Farming*</i>	<i>Evolution of the American Flag*</i>	<i>Witchcraft -Early Modern Period*</i>
Joseph Heckman, Ph.D.	Richard Pierce	Janine Quimby
7:00 - 8:00 PM	7:00 - 8:00 PM	7:00 - 8:00 PM
<b>Saturday, September 9</b>	<b>Sunday, October 8</b>	<b>Saturday, October 14</b>
<i>History of American Song</i>	<i>Treasure Hunt Metal Detecting</i>	<i>Barn Dance*</i>
Eddie J. & Holland Brook Hillbillies	Deep Search Metal Detecting Club	Betsy and Roy Gotta
1:00 - 4:00 PM	1:00 - 4:00 PM	7:00 - 9:00 PM
<b>Sunday, November 5</b>	<b>Sunday, December 3</b>	
<i>TBD</i>	<i>Dutch Christmas on the Farmstead</i>	
	Musicians, Sinterklaas, Craft for kids	
	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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