



Barn Dance May 13



Put on your dancing shoes for a night of family fun as the Readington Museums hosts its bi-annual Barn Dance on **Saturday, May 13, 2017** from **7:00-9:30 p.m.** The dance will be held inside the eighteenth century Wade-Wyckoff Barn at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. This family friendly event is a wonderful way to have fun with the entire family. 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. Groups of six or more please call for a reservation, 908-236-2327.

Monday Mornings at the Museum: A Summer Program for Kids

The Readington Museums is pleased to announce the return of *Monday Mornings at the Museum*, a hands-on summer program for kids ages 5-12. The sessions will be held on three consecutive Mondays – July 10, 17, and 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, 114 Dreahook Road in the Stanton section of Readington Township. At each session, the children will have a short history lesson followed by a hands on project, with a new theme offered each Monday. Programs include candle making, tin punch designs, butter making, and learning an English country dance.



The cost of each session is \$5.00. Preregistration and payment prior to each session is required. Visit registration online through the link on our homepage: www.ReadingtonMuseums.org, or contact the Readington Museums at 908-236-2327 or readingtonmuseums@gmail.com. Please mail checks payable to **Readington Township** to the Readington Museums, PO Box 216 Stanton, NJ 08885.



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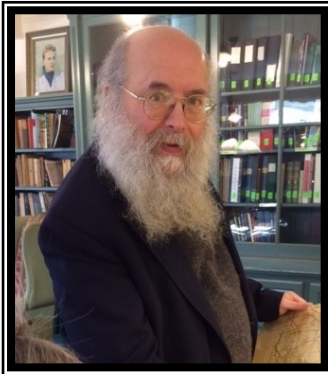
Summer Lecture Series

The Readington Museums' popular lecture series returns this summer. All programs take place the following Friday evenings: **June 30, July 21, and August 18 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Each lecture is held inside the historic Wade-Wyckoff Barn located at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead with a \$5.00 suggested donation for adults. Refreshments will be served and reservations are not needed.

June 30, Friday

“The Forgotten Village: Stories and Genealogy of Stanton NJ”, Mike Alfano



Mike Alfano will discuss his research about the genealogy and history of the Dutch and German settlers of Stanton and Pleasant Run, as well as the history of their surnames, and their land records. In addition to this research, Alfano has found a passion in researching Hunterdon Militia in the Revolutionary War - in particular, the 4th Regiment which was comprised of Readington, Lebanon and Tewksbury. A recent discovery, from the pension papers of local soldiers, was the fact that there was a skirmish near the Readington Meeting House in Dec. of 1776.

Alfano is a retired software developer and has lived in Stanton for almost 25 years. He is the State Registrar, Sons of the Revolution State Librarian, Sons of the American Revolution Board Member, Somerset County Historical Society Volunteer, Hunterdon County

Historical Society Past Board Member, New Jersey Society of Mayflower Descendants Interim President, Daniel Bray (Hunterdon) Chapter, Sons of the Revolution Vice President, and Westfield Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

July 21, Friday



“Art in Food and Food in Art”, Peter Rose

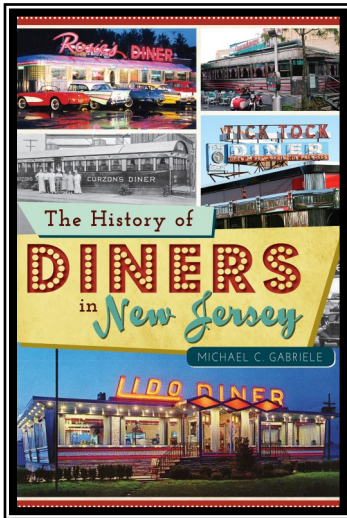
A lusciously illustrated PowerPoint talk on food and drink seen in the seventeenth century Dutch Masters and their relevance to the American kitchen today: it explores the food ways brought to America by the Dutch more than three centuries ago and how these foods were changed and adapted under the new circumstances. Using slides of some 40 paintings by Jan Steen, Adriaen van Ostade, Jan Davidsz. De Heem, Pieter Claesz, Harmen van Steenwijck and many others, the lecture will demonstrate how these art works give an insight in 17th-century food practices and shed new light on the colonial diet.

Author/Food Historian **Peter G. Rose** has published nine books and numerous articles on Dutch food ways and the influence of the Dutch on the American kitchen. She lectures extensively on the subject nationally and internationally. Venues for her talks have included the Smithsonian Institute, the National Gallery of Art and the Mauritshuis in The Hague in the Netherlands. She is the recipient of the 2002 Alice P. Kenney Award for research and

writing on the food customs and diet of the Dutch settlers in New Netherland. For more information, please visit her website: www.peterrose.com.

August 18, Friday

“NJ Diners”, Michael Gabriele



“The History of Diners in New Jersey,” written by New Jersey author and historian Michael Gabriele and published in 2013 by The History Press, tells the story of New Jersey’s diner business and the evolution of the American diner phenomenon. New Jersey is universally recognized as the “Diner Capital of the World.” Friendly, familiar beacons on the Garden State’s highways, byways and downtown business districts, diners play an important role in New Jersey’s culture and community life, and serve as the ultimate egalitarian dining experience. Gabriele’s book gathers important pieces of the historical puzzle (people, events, places, dates, facts and figures) and assembles them into a cohesive narrative that traces New Jersey’s diner history. Along with tales of noteworthy diners of the past and present, the book pays tribute to New Jersey as the diner manufacturing capital of the world during the 20th century. This was the period when diners were designed and built in factories as engineered products—much like cars and planes. The Garden State was the production hub that built thousands of diners during the 20th century—the distinctive, streamlined, stainless steel gems that are admired around the world and recognized as iconic examples of American industrial design.

More than just roadside attractions that serve coffee, pie, hamburgers and French fries, diners are a vibrant part of the state’s culture, history, commerce and mythology. Many classic, factory-built, stainless steel diners have survived and continue to operate throughout New Jersey as landmarks and architecturally significant structures in the state’s “built landscape.”

A lifetime Garden State resident, Gabriele has written three books on New Jersey history. The most recent book, “New Jersey Folk Revival Music,” was released in December 2016. The first book, “The Golden Age of Bicycle Racing in New Jersey,” was published in 2011. Gabriele has been a journalist for more than four decades. He is a 1975 graduate of Montclair State University; a member of the executive board of the Nutley Historical Society; and serves on the advisory board of the Clifton Arts Center.

Visitors Get Hooked at the April Rug-Hooking Demo



Katherine John with Presenter, Lucy Walsh



Sheila Paciullo tries her hand at a new hobby.



Lucy Walsh points out the details in her “Orphan Train”, rug.

May Open House: Children Help Make 18th C. Ice Cream



Calendar 2017

<p>Saturday May 13 <i>Barn Dance</i> Betsy Gotta 7:00-9:00</p>	<p>Friday, June 30 <i>Settlers of Hunterdon</i> Mike Alfano 7:00-8:00</p>	<p>Friday, July 21 <i>Art in Food and Food in Art</i> Peter G. Rose 7:00-8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, August 18 <i>The History of Diners in NJ</i> Michael Gabriele 7:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, September, 10 <i>Pickling Demo</i> Susan McLellan Plaisted 1:00-4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, October 8 <i>19th c. Schoolhouse Visit</i> Cold Brook School* 1:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Saturday, October 21 (new date) <i>Barn Dance</i> Betsy Gotta 7:00-9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, November 5 <i>Smokehouse Demonstration</i> Susan McLellan Plaisted 1:00-4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, December 3 <i>Dutch Christmas</i> Open Hearth Cooking, Colonial Musicians, and Sinterklaas 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.

Donations for all programs are gladly accepted.

Prior registration required for groups of six or more.

*Cold Brook School, GPS address: 190 Potterstown Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833