



# The Tewksbury Historical Society

Post Office Box 457  
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January 10, 2015

## JANUARY MEETING

DATE: Sunday, January 18, 2015, No SNOW Date  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville

MEETING TOPIC: The Evolution from Horses to Automobiles by Tricia Haertlein.

Join us on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm for our annual meeting and program. We will first hold our annual business meeting to elect nominees for the offices of Vice-President and Treasurer. Our Nominating Committee Chair, Guy Wilson, will present a slate of officers and conduct the election. Following this we will hear from our Treasurer on the financial health of the Society and Committee reports from our chairs on our 2014 activities events. Last, but certainly not least, we will hear our special guest Tricia Haertlein present.

This informative talk will look at the transition from horse to mechanized power. For much of our history horses were our partners in building our farms and cities. Haertlein asks and answers questions like: What was it like in the late 1800s and early 1900s as we switched from horsepower to horse-powered engines? What did horses do for us in the city and on the farm? Why did switching seem like a good idea? If engines were better, why were horses still delivering milk through World War II?

A resident of Hunterdon County since 1985, Haertlein has worked for Janssen Pharmaceutical for more than 20 years. She is a history buff and developed her talk for a local museum's transportation day and has been expanding it as her research reveals to cover more information. She is a member of local, regional, state and national horse and driving organizations and has served on the board of many of these groups. Currently, she is the President of both the Hunterdon County Horse & Pony Association and the Gladstone Equestrian Association. She also is a member of the N.J. Horse Council, Carriage Association of America, and American Driving Society (ADS). For the ADS, she edited a book, Carriage Driving Games, a collection of games from around the country.

Call our Hospitality Chair, Martha Wrede, at 439-3557 to let her know if you can bring something to share.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Your membership dues are due by January 31. Individual membership is \$ 15 or Family membership is \$ 25.** Honorary members do not pay dues. Use the enclosed form.

## **ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The By-laws of the Society indicate that there will be an annual election of officers. The nominating committee was chosen at the November covered dish supper. Guy Wilson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present the slate of nominees for Vice-President and Treasurer to serve from January 2015 till January 2017. Nominations may be made from the floor with the permission of the nominee. A vote will be taken with a majority of those present at the January meeting electing those nominated. The members of the Nominating Committee consist of: Kurt Rahenkamp, Fred Katnack, Alice Walters and Harold Wrede.

## **THANK YOU**

A big, heartfelt THANK YOU to J. Miller Craig. Miller stepped down from the Executive Board of the Society on December 31, 2014 after 25 years of service. The Board recently held a luncheon to honor him, gave him a gift certificate to his favorite restaurant and had a birthday cake to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Miller and his wife Doris thanked the Society Board and members and appreciated the kindness everyone has shown to them over the many years.

## **TAVERN TOUR**

The Society is hosting a Tavern Tour of the Tewksbury Inn on Saturday, February 28 at 12 Noon. The cost is \$ 45 per person (tip and tax included) and includes a 3 course lunch of salad, choice of fish n chips or chicken pot pie, dessert. A cash bar will be available. Society President and Township Historian Shaun C. Van Doren will give an informative talk and slide show on the history of Smithfield, New Germantown, Oldwick and the role the Tewksbury Inn played over the course of almost 300 years. The lecture was sold out in November when it was given for the County's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary so get your paid reservation in early. It is limited to a maximum of 40 attendees and will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor dining room. Use the enclosed form to make your reservation.

## **HEADQUARTERS WORK DAYS**

Saturday, January 24 9 am to 12 Noon  
Saturday, January 31 9 am to 12 Noon  
Saturday, February 14 9 am to 12 Noon

If you can lend a couple of hours we need you so stop by.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

George Apgar, North Brunswick  
David & Marg Peterson, Oldwick

Don't forget to check out our website at [www.tewksburyhistory.net](http://www.tewksburyhistory.net) for more information on the Society and our upcoming events.

**2015 PROGRAMS**

**Sunday, March 15** – 1 pm – Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street. Come hear Stephanie Stevens, former County Historian and Cultural & Heritage Commission chair talk about her latest book *Tillers of the Soil*, which is a compilation of profiles of 40 Hunterdon families who have farmed their land from two to ten generations.

**Sunday, May 18** – 1 pm – Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street. Program to be announced.

**Sunday, November 8** – 5 pm – Our ever popular covered dish supper and program at the Fairmount Presbyterian Church Community House.

**2015 SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Saturday, February 28 – Tavern Tour** – 12 Noon – Tewksbury Inn. Ticket cost is \$ 45 per person for lunch, tip and tax included.

**Saturday, June 13 – Tewksbury Garden Tour** – 12 Noon to 4 pm , Rain or Shine. Tour 4 gardens plus visit a 5<sup>th</sup> location with refreshments served.

**Saturday, September 5 – Tewksbury Flea Market** – 8 am - 3 pm, Rain Date – Sun. Sept. 6.

**26<sup>th</sup> annual Art Show & Sale - Dates are still being finalized**

**Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6** – Christmas Antique Show at the Old Turnpike School

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**TAVERN TOUR TICKET ORDER FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# reservations @ \$ 45 each \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Tewksbury Historical Society.

Mail to Tewksbury Tavern Tour PO Box 132 Oldwick, NJ 08858-0132.

Ticket Limit of 40 people.

NO Reservations without payment. Reservations MUST be made by Wed. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check membership category:

- Individual                      \$ 15.00
- Family                              \$ 25.00
- Honorary                          No Dues (Family settled in Tewksbury prior to 1900).

We welcome donations in any amount. **Contributions above the amount given for membership are tax deductible as the law allows.**

Donation                          Amount \_\_\_\_\_

If you would be interested in volunteering your time by helping with an event, please check the appropriate box or boxes below.

- Antique Show (December, annual)
- Art Show (October, annual)
- Archives (on-going)
- Barn Tour (July)
- Covered Dish Supper (November, annual)
- Flea Market [Labor Day Weekend (Saturday), annual]
- Garden Tour (June, every even year)
- Office Work (on-going)
- Oral/Video History Program (on-going)
- Refreshments for Regular Meetings (January, March & May)

**Please mail this completed form along with your check to the PO Box above.**  
Contact us at [tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net](mailto:tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net) or at [www.tewksburyhistory.net](http://www.tewksburyhistory.net)