



The Tewksbury Historical Society

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Happy New Year to you! Here's to good health and happiness in 2023. We look forward to seeing you at one or more events this coming year.

ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM – JANUARY 15th

Fred T. Rossi to Speak at the Society's Annual Meeting on January 15th

Fred T. Rossi will be the guest speaker at the Society's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 15, at 1 PM at the **Zion Lutheran Church Christian Education Building, 18 Miller Avenue in Oldwick.** The election of officers for Vice-President and Treasurer will take place and the 2022 Year End Financial Report will be presented. The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Rossi, a thirty-year veteran journalist and writer, will discuss interesting stories that reflect much of New Jersey's little-known history: How did the teenage Bruce Springsteen get his band into a recording studio?; How did Garret Hobart of Paterson almost become President of the USA?; How did Charles Adams of Westfield imagine his ghoulish cartoon creations?

These are just a few of the anecdotes found in his book, "Jersey Stories: Stories you may not have heard about people and events in New Jersey History", which is in its third printing. According to Rossi, the book is a "kind of Jersey-centric history book". The talk will be entertaining for everyone and will include history, politics, entertainment, lots of trivia and plenty of interesting characters and events.

Rossi has his own interesting connection to Jersey Trivia. His great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather, Gen. Nathan Head, was a colonel in the rebel militia when he arrested William Franklin, Royal Governor of NJ and son of Benjamin Franklin, for treason at the Proprietary House in Perth Amboy on June 17, 1776., just before the Constitutional Convention was to convene in Philadelphia.

Rossi is a resident of Scotch Plains.

In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. Check www.tewksburyhistory.net for details.

We're looking for refreshments for the meeting so if you can bring a snack – the Society will provide coffee, tea and water – please call Martha Wrede at 908-439-3557.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Renewal cards will be in the mail or if you prefer you can pay on-line at www.tewksburyhistory.net and use any major credit card. Thank you for your continued support!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please remember to update our email address in your address book as we have a new email - tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com.

SPRING TAG SALES

Do you have items you would like to donate for our Tag Sales? We will be collecting by appointment only in late March and April. Watch the March newsletter for donation instructions.

Visit our Spring Tag Sales at the Oldwick Carriage House at 5 James Street in Oldwick, rain or shine. The sales are on the following dates:

Saturday, April 29	8 am to 4 pm
Saturday, May 6	8 am to 4 pm

Want to volunteer to help at one or both of the sales? We have 2-hour time slots available for you. Please send an email to tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com and put Tag Sale in the subject line of your email.

TEWKSBURY GARDEN TOUR TO RETURN IN JUNE

We have already begun planning the next Tewksbury Garden Tour, which occurs in every odd numbered year. It will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 10 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. The event is being co-chaired by Ellen Dunnder and Wolfgang Meyer.

An advertising journal will be printed so if you're a local business and want to advertise let us know. Advance ticket purchases will be available starting in May. Volunteers are needed to act as docents at each location for a 3-hour shift so if you are interested, please email us at tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com or call 908-832-6734 and leave your name and number.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Mark your calendar for meetings with programs on:

Sunday, March 19th
Sunday, May 21st