

October 24, 2011

NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE: Sunday, November 13, 2011

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fairmount Presbyterian Community House
247 Old Turnpike Road, Fairmount

MEETING TOPIC: *Stranger Stop and Cast an Eye*

Join us on Sunday, November 13 from 5 to 8 pm for our annual covered dish supper at the Fairmount Presbyterian Community House 247 Old Turnpike Road, Fairmount. We ask that you bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share. The Society will provide the main course of ham, turkey and lasagna and all the refreshments. Call Lyn Rahenkamp (908-236-2892) to indicate your choice of covered dish (salad, casserole or dessert) which you will bring.

November's program *Stranger Stop and Cast an Eye* is a presentation about the cultural history of New Jersey's historic cemeteries and burial grounds. It begins in the 17th century and concludes at the dawn of the 21st century. The presentation provides an understanding of the state's historic burial places and the grave markers they contain. A sampling of topics include the types of burial grounds and their designs, the sweeping changes of 19th century burial reform and its impact on the New Jersey cemetery landscape, Victorian Valhalla's and the markers and monuments they contain, cultural traditions, cremation history, the memorial park movement and modern marvels.

Richard Veit and Mark Nonestied are the authors of *New Jersey Cemeteries and Tombstones: History in the Landscape* published by Rutgers University Press in 2008. The book received the 2010 Authors Award from the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We will choose 5 members from the Society to serve on the Nominating Committee at the November covered dish supper. The person with the highest number of votes will serve as Chair. The Nominating Committee must select candidates for the offices of President and Secretary for the 2012-2013 term.

BULDING COMMITTEE

There has been some misinformation regarding our pursuit of a building following an article which appeared in the *Hunterdon Democrat*. Several members have thought that we have ended our endeavor to purchase the old fire house on James Street in Oldwick.

We were simultaneously in discussion with the Township about leasing an unused garage also on James Street. Zoning limits the use of the garage to storage only and we contemplated using it for that purpose. However, when the Township advised that the long term lease would require the Society to replace the roof and perform all future maintenance, we advised the Township that we could not justify spending an estimated \$7,500 of Society funds for a new roof on a building that merely provided additional storage. Thus, the newspaper reported that the consideration of the garage lease was withdrawn by the Township.

Endeavors continue to purchase the old James Street fire house. A leaking underground oil tank has delayed progress. The fire company is dealing with the matter responsibly and the Society has no binding agreement or exposure at this time. We will proceed when a clean bill of health can be rendered on the site.

WORK DAYS

Saturday, November 12
Saturday, November 19
Saturday, December 10

All from 9 am to Noon. If you can lend a couple of hours we need you. Please call ahead to Headquarters to let us know if you can help.

8th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ANTIQUE SHOW

The Christmas Antique Show will be held at the Old Turnpike School, Route 517, Fairmount, on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The management of this show consists of Ellen Katona and Bob Lutz. They are now enjoying their 8th year of successful shows for the Tewksbury Historical Society and will showcase 55 quality dealers. The chair of the show is Lyn Rahenkamp.

The admission is \$7.00 per person or \$6.00 with card available from the Society.

We need volunteers to help the dealers transport their antiques into the school on Friday evening, December 2nd beginning at 5 pm and with parking on Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. If you can lend a couple of hours please call Lyn at 908-236-2892.

HEADQUARTERS OPEN

Headquarters will be open to visit our displays or purchase that special item for holiday giving on:

Sunday December 11	9 am to 12 pm
Saturday December 17	10 am to 1 pm
Sunday December 18	10 am to 1 pm

See the enclosed list of merchandise for items you might like to purchase.
Shipping of items can be arranged for an additional fee.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

Dr. Vinay & Donna Desai	Lebanon
Paul & Diane Napolitan	Pottersville

2011/2012 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sat. November 12	9 am to 12 pm	M	Work Day
Sun. November 13	5 pm to 8 pm	F	Covered Dish Supper & Program
Sat. November 19	9 am to 12 pm	M	Work Day
Sat. December 3	10 am – 5 pm	O	7 th annual Antique Show
Sun. December 4	11 am – 4 pm	O	7 th annual Antique Show
Sun. December 11	9 am – 12 pm	M	Headquarters Open
Sat. December 17	10 am – 1 pm	M	Headquarters Open
Sun. December 18	10 am – 1 pm	M	Headquarters Open
Sun. January 15, 2012	1 pm	M	Annual Meeting, Officer Elections & Program – Mapping New Jersey by Dr. Maxine Laurie
Sun. March 18, 2012	1 pm	M	Meeting & Program
Sun. May 20, 2012	1 pm	M	General Meeting & Program: Farms of Tewksbury, Part II

Location Codes:

F	Fairmount Presbyterian Community House, Route 517
M	Society Headquarters 60 Water Street, Mountainville
O	Old Turnpike School, Route 517, Fairmount