



The Tewksbury Historical Society

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Happy Halloween! Remember to “fall back” as we change our clocks on November 6th, gaining an hour.

Covered Dish Supper & Program – Sunday November 13th

Our Covered Dish Supper will be held on Sunday, November 13th from 5 to 8 pm at a **NEW LOCATION – the Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building 18 Miller Avenue in Oldwick.**

Join us for what is always a fun evening - getting together for dinner, followed by an informative program. Just want to attend the program? Come at 6:15 pm.

We ask that you bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share. The Society will be providing the main course of ham along with all the refreshments.

Please call our Hospitality Chair Martha Wrede at 908-439-3557 by November 10th to let her know what you will be bringing and how many are in your party.

Following dinner, we will hear from **Guest Speaker: Joel Farkas on The Military Career of George Washington in New Jersey**

George Washington was certainly central to The Revolutionary War. In many ways, so was New Jersey. For example, the 2 iconic paintings: Washington Crossing The Delaware and The Battle of Princeton are both New Jersey events. So what brought about George Washington spending more time in New Jersey than any other colony or state? This lecture looks at both George Washington’s military career starting in 1754 as a 21-year-old major in the Virginia militia, and a history of the Revolutionary War including the military battles and winter encampments in New Jersey

Our experience surrounding George Washington, New Jersey, and The Revolutionary War will include:

- George Washington's early military career including The French and Indian War
- Early events of The Revolutionary War including The Boston Massacre, Bunker Hill, Lexington and Concord, and Paul Revere's Ride
- George Washington in New Jersey including Washington Crossing the Delaware, some of the New Jersey battles including Trenton and Princeton, and the 2 winter encampments in Morristown
- Individuals who played a big part in the fight for independence including Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, Benedict Arnold, Paul Revere, Thomas Paine, and Baron Von Steuben

Nominating Committee To Be Chosen

A Nominating Committee will be chosen during the Covered Dish Supper per the Society's bylaws. Five members (you don't have to be present to be named) will be chosen to serve on the Nominating Committee by those in attendance. The person with the most votes will serve as Chair. The Nominating Committee's job will be to propose candidates for the position of Vice-President and Treasurer at the January 15, 2023, Annual Meeting of the Society.

Society Merchandise Available for Purchase For the Holidays

We've got that special local item for gift giving. We have Tewksbury afghans in 3 colors, artist and churches notecards, local history books on Fairmount and Mountainville, the Tewksbury Auto Tour booklet, prints on Tewksbury, Pottersville, Mountainville and Califon and more!

Two shopping dates in December:

Saturday, December 10 10 am to 4 pm – Oldwick Carriage House 5 James Street in Oldwick

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Plus, we have holiday items as well as silver and silver plate items available for purchase we carried over from the September Tag Sale.

We accept cash, check or credit card for payment.

Future Society Headquarters Undergoing Exterior Restoration

Have you noticed our future Headquarters at 49 Old Turnpike Road in Oldwick undergoing a major restoration? If not, then stop and take a look. Under the leadership of Property Committee Chair Harold Wrede, the building is undergoing a top to bottom exterior restoration including repointed chimneys, new siding, an entirely new front porch, with all the detail and trim having been researched via old photos with Harold performing a lot of the wood work carving, saving the Society a lot of money, new shutters, and exterior painting in period colors. And there's more to come as we anticipate window replacement in 2023 and we hope to embark on developing a plan to renovate/restore the Carriage Barn into an archive.

Society Workdays at Mountainville Headquarters in 2023

We anticipate getting back to our Saturday workdays at Society HQ in Mountainville so if you have time and can help with sorting, clipping, and copying we need you. The dates are:

Saturdays, January 14 & 28, 2023 9 am to 1 pm

Presentation by The Historical Society of the Somerset Hills

How the Somerset Hills Became the Somerset Hills

The Historical Society of the Somerset Hills is pleased to announce that on **Sunday, November 6, from 2 to 5 pm**, we will be sponsoring a fund-raising presentation and reception in the historic stone carriage barn and stable on the [Upton Pyne estate](#) in Bernardsville. One of our trustees, local and architectural historian **W. Barry Thomson**, who was the co-author of the two-volume work, *New Jersey Country Houses: The Somerset Hills*, will give an illustrated talk titled, *How the Somerset Hills Became the Somerset Hills*.

Following the presentation, refreshments will be served, and attendees can examine a number of historical exhibits on display. There are few better venues for a presentation on this topic than the historic Upton Pyne estate that was developed in the late 1890s by Percy Rivington Pyne and his wife, Maud Howland Pyne, who were prominent members of the so-called Mountain Colony of the Somerset Hills.

Attendees will also receive a commemorative booklet about the history of the Upton Pyne estate and the Pyne family to take home. The

November 6 event is being held courtesy of the estate's present owners, Carol and Ron Davi. More information is available on the Historical Society's website—THSSH.org—where tickets to this special event can be purchased.