

2024 TEWKSBURY BARN TOUR



Hart Farm in Tewksbury by Jack Quinn

SUNDAY, JUNE 22
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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TEWKSBURY TRAIL ASSOCIATION
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Old Cold Brook Farm

(31 Cold Brook Road)

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One shared vision...

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About The Barn Tour

Welcome to the 2024 Tewksbury Barn Tour. We are fortunate to live in the most beautiful part of Hunterdon County and to have access to five barns in Tewksbury today. Being in the middle of horse country, it is no surprise that most of the properties showcased are horse barns. Barns used for agricultural purposes and for entertainment add to the diversity. Some buildings date back to the 1800s and some were built in recent years. This booklet provides historical and other information about each site and shares tidbits about some of the barn owners you will meet. The barns showcased are:

OLD COLD BROOK / COLD BROOK /

KHIIMORI / WINTER WOOD FARM / HART FARM

Driving distances between barns are short. Please use the day to stop at our local restaurants for a late breakfast, a leisurely lunch or afternoon snack, or visit one of the shops along the way.

The Barn Tour helps the sponsoring organizations, the Tewksbury Historical Society and Tewksbury Trail Association to achieve their individual goals as outlined on the following pages. We would like to thank all ticketholders for visiting, the barn owners for their participation, the committee for making this event possible and our many volunteers for guiding you through each property. Your support is very much appreciated.



DIRECTIONS FOR TOUR

You will separately receive a map of the barns on the tour with a suggested route to follow. We are distributing two versions of the map to avoid all attendees arriving at the same barn at the same time to make your viewing more enjoyable. You do not have to visit the barns in this order however the mapped route suggests maximum scenic views. You will know you are at the correct location because there will be a "Barn Tour" sign at the driveway entrance.

There is no time limit on your stay at each barn, but keep in mind the tour ends at 3:00 p.m.

Wrist bands are your admission to the barns and must be visible on each member of your party. As you travel from site to site, keep an eye out for special interest items like other farms and barns, antique cars, and tractors/farm equipment moving along the roads.

TIPS FOR BARN ETIQUETTE

While we want you to explore and have a good time, please keep in mind the following:

- Obey speed limits on our country roads (20 mph on Cold Brook Rd., etc.).
- Drive slowly entering and leaving all property driveways.
- Park only in designated areas as directed by attendants.
- No pets allowed on the tour.
- No smoking at or on the properties or barn areas.
- Keep a watchful eye on children. Do not let them climb, wander off, scream, open gates, etc.
- Look but do not touch.
- Do NOT pet or feed the animals.
- Restrooms are available at the Tewksbury Historical Society headquarters.



**THANK YOU
TO OUR
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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The Tewksbury Historical Society was founded in 1989 for the purposes of preserving and disseminating the history of the Township of Tewksbury. The Society is incorporated as an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit and a registered New Jersey charity.

The Society has a membership of over 180 families, several of whom are descendants from the original settlers of Tewksbury. The Society is governed by an 11-member Executive Board and holds 4 general membership meetings per year on Sunday afternoon/evening on topics of local history. The Society's Headquarters are located at 60 Water Street in Mountainville in the original one-room Mountainville schoolhouse.

The Society owns the Oldwick Carriage House at 5 James Street in Oldwick, the former Township Garage. Originally a carriage house, it has been transformed into an artifact storage building as well as a host site for the Society's tag and holiday sales as well as internal Society meetings. In 2019 the Society purchased the property at 49 Old Turnpike Road in Oldwick, which has both a residential/commercial use building and a carriage barn on it. The first floor of the main building will be the future home of the Society in 2026 with displays, a library, and the ability to perform research. The carriage barn will be transformed into an archive's storage building.

The Society is focused on collecting documents, records, photos, artifacts and the like that document Tewksbury's rich history, including items like 1800s store ledgers and 1900s

scrapbooks, tax records, and band instruments. An Oral History program captures longtime residents on video to record their thoughts and memories of Tewksbury of yesteryear. Society Headquarters in Mountainville is open on select Saturdays from November to May and by appointment to conduct research.

The Society has Tewksbury afghans depicting historic buildings and sites across the Township as well as artist and churches notecards, prints of Pottersville, Mountainville, Califon and Tewksbury, and reprints of Historic Notes on Fairmount, NJ by Freeman Leigh, and Old time Days in Mountainville by Bob Stephenson and Meta Potter, as well as an Auto Tour of Tewksbury.*

Membership in the Society is open to anyone. Categories include individual membership @ \$25 and family membership @ \$40.

For more visit our website www.tewksburyhistory.net or email us at tewksburynjhistory@gmail.com

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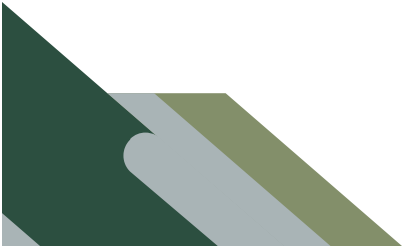


Tewksbury Historical Society

2024 Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 4 Rain or Shine	11 am to 3 pm	Tewksbury Auto Tour Tewksbury Historical Society 60 Water Street, Lebanon
Saturday, August 31 Rain or Shine	8 am to 4 pm	Tag Sale Oldwick Carriage House 5 James Street, Oldwick
Friday, October 4	6 pm to 8 pm	Tewksbury Art Show Opening*
Friday, October 4	7 pm	Preview & Reception Awards Ceremony
Saturday, October 5	10 am to 5 pm	Art Show*
Sunday, October 6	1 pm to 5 pm	Art Show*
Monday, October 7	12 pm to 5 pm	Art Show*
Tuesday, October 8	12 pm to 5 pm	Art Show*
Wednesday, October 9	12 pm to 5 pm	Art Show*
Thursday, October 10	12 pm to 5 pm	Art Show*
Friday, October 11	12 pm to 5 pm	Art Show*
Saturday, October 12	10 am to 3 pm	Art Show*
Sunday, November 10	5 pm	Covered Dish Supper & Program*
Saturday, December 14	10 am to 4 pm	Holiday Sale
Sunday, December 15	12 pm to 4 pm	Oldwick Carriage House 5 James Street, Oldwick

* Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building, 18 Miller Avenue, Oldwick, NJ 08858



Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

____ Individual \$25

____ Family \$40

____ Sustainer* \$100

____ Life** \$500

____ Honorary No Dues
(Family settled in Tewksbury prior to 1900)

* Payment includes Membership & Donation

** One Time Payment



Contributions in excess of membership dues are tax deductible as the law allows.

____ Donation Amount: _____

If you would like to be a volunteer, please check your areas of interest below:

Event	Timing
____ Art Show	October / Annual
____ Archives	Ongoing
____ Barn Tour	June / Every Even Year
____ Covered Dish Supper	November / Annual
____ Garden Tour	June / Every Odd Year
____ Tag Sales	Spring & Fall
____ Office Work	Ongoing
____ Oral / Video History Program	Ongoing
____ Refreshments for Regular Meetings	January / March / May

*Mail application / check payable to:
Tewksbury Historical Society,
P.O. Box 457, Oldwick, NJ 08858
For online registration / payment
Scan the QR code above*



Tewksbury Trail Association

The Tewksbury Trail Association (TTA) is committed to cultivating and maintaining ecologically responsible bridle paths for horseback riding preserving open land and the natural beauty of Tewksbury Township. We are a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, with a volunteer board of directors and over 100 members. The TTA, with a history spanning over 30 years, is one of the oldest established trail associations in New Jersey. We welcome members and supporters who share our passions and dedication, and our membership is open to all, not limited to residents of Tewksbury.

In its commitment to the community, the TTA volunteers time and financial resources to local charitable organizations including the Tewksbury Land Trust, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Mane Stream, Raritan Headwaters Association, Tewksbury First Aid and Rescue Squad, Oldwick Fire Company, Oldwick Library, Hunterdon County ASPCA, and Mylestone Equine Rescue, as well as other open space and farmland preservation initiatives. In addition, the TTA is responsible for maintaining and marking our extensive trail network throughout the township.

Each fall, the TTA holds its annual Trail Pace, a timed event where teams of 2 to 3 riders and their horses compete to finish a well-marked 6 to 10 mile course. It is a wonderful opportunity to explore the scenic Tewksbury trails. The winner is the team that gets closest to the ideal

time, which is not necessarily the fastest time! The day is closed off by an official awards ceremony, where the winners receive their ribbons and prizes supported by our generous sponsors. The event is open to members and non-members and is a highlight for many local equestrians. This year's Trail Pace is planned for Sunday, September 15, 2024.

In addition, TTA members are invited to attend group rides and other social activities. These activities include the annual TTA Landowners Appreciation Holiday Party and the annual Membership Meeting, where members socialize and kick off the riding season. Together with the Tewksbury Historical Society, the TTA co-sponsors the biyearly Barn Tour.

In partnership with the Tewksbury Land Trust, the TTA has been working to create a 10 mile trail through the Township. We are very excited to assist the Land Trust as they open and connect new trails for everyone in the township to enjoy.

TTA Annual membership:

Individual: \$50

~~\$75~~ Families:

Supporters: \$25

For more info:

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T.T.A. Annual Trail Pace



Sunday September 15th at
Christie Hoffman Farm Park

SAVE THE DATES!



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PRESERVING TEWKSBURY'S PAST



Tewksbury Historical Society
Scenic Auto Tour
Sunday, August 4th
Rain or Shine

Admission: \$10 per tour booklet

Tickets: www.tewksburyhistory.net

Check in: 10:30 am to 3:00 pm @ Headquarters





An exterior view of the main barn facing north with the bank access to the upper level.

Old Coldbrook Farm

Jennifer Duke

The circa 1850 historical barn is actually not the original barn that stood on this beautiful farm. The barn which stood on this site, with the builder's name painted in script on an interior board, burned to the ground in June 2004 after being struck by lightning as the then owners, Charles and Jean Chapin, looked on in horror. It was replaced by a timber frame of similar vintage, which had stood in Ontario, Canada, and was called the "Cook Barn." The Chapins sought to replicate it as much as possible and thus the current barn was found through a company called Antique Woods. It was originally constructed in the post-and-beam style with mortise-and-tendon joinery. The timbers arrived in the fall of 2004 from Canada, transported on a 50-foot flatbed truck with each timber carefully numbered with small metal plates, still visible.



*An exterior view of the main barn
technique. The builder assured the
owner that all swells and problem, and
enter the upper level.*

They sat in the field under tarps for the winter. A Mennonite crew, headed by Jesse Brubaker, assembled the barn in the spring and summer of 2005.

Due to zoning restrictions involving the former barn's non-conforming setback, the Chapins' were limited to constructing the existing "new" barn on the footprint. They were however, granted a 2-foot width extension, (comparable to a "bay window") leaving the new barn still 5 feet wide. The builder assured the owner that all swells and problem, and 2 1/2 feet could be cut from either end of the lateral beams. Narrowing the overall width also changed the angle of the roof to a slightly steeper and more aesthetically pleasing pitch.

With all the bents (the assembled lateral posts and beams) now refitted and stacked, they had a barn raising, with the help of a crane, instead of 200 Mennonite neighbors! By evening of the first day, the base structure was standing, held together with mortise and tenons, and not a single nail! The rafters, the "purlins," which are the two 54-foot horizontal supports cut from a single tree and the tin roof were all put in place a few days later with the help of a second crane. The whole reconstruction process took almost 6 months and was a fascinating lesson in 19th century barn building. The crew was amazing to watch and talk to, and they hated to see them leave!

An interior view of the main barn showing the ladder which would have been used to reach hay if it were stacked inside the barn.

While the main part of the barn is the Canadian barn, there are a few additions. The owners chose to build this barn as a bank barn, so some alterations were required. They needed some heavy beams, which you can see in the ceiling of the stable below, to hold up the floor of the main room upstairs.

These came from a different barn of the same vintage, as did the interior siding and floorboards.



Note the small Lutheran cross in the siding, high up under the window on the east end of the main barn. It came from an old Pennsylvania barn where, in Lutheran tradition, it was thought to keep evil spirits out. Also installed were thin pieces of glass between the inside and outside layers of the siding to keep bats out.

When you walk in the stable downstairs you enter into a very old world. The exposed stone in the walls keeps things cool and very quiet. On either side are the grain room and the tack room.

The main room upstairs is entered by going up the bank and through a very large set of sliding doors. Once again you are entering a world of craftsmanship that is stunning.

There is no ridge pole, so the two purlins have buttressed supports to hold up the roof. The roof rafters are made from small trees. There is also a very large swing beam which allows an animal to be attached in a moving circle to crush grain.

There is a stairway up to a loft on the west end which has benches made from the extra two feet of the beams that had to be shortened. Off this is a storage room over the garage portion of the barn. At the east end is a small door which leads down into a wonderful room that is used as an office. It has its own loft with a beautiful old library ladder leading up to it.

The current owner, Jennifer Duke, has embarked on a restoration project on the small barn to the west of the main barn, having turned it 90 degrees and is turning it into a caretakers' cottage for the farm. Additional small barns further west offer equipment and material storage. Rows of future grapes cross the landscape, to be used for winemaking by a local vintner.



An interior view of the main barn looking at the west end loft.



Cold Brook Farm 6 months after completion (June 2022). Permaculture within the deer fence and Grain Field beyond.

Coldbrook Farm

Jason & Deborah DeSalvo

Jason and Deborah DeSalvo, owners of Cold Brook Farm, purchased this 43-acre property in 2019 from the Chapins and immediately began working to improve the health of the land. They started using regenerative organic methods in January 2020, converting from a conventional/GMO corn, soybean, and wheat rotation to heirloom cereal grains. They removed an extensive amount of invasive plants and replaced them with over 2,500 native trees, shrubs, and plants. They installed a 2-acre Permaculture Food Forest with 100 different plants, trees, shrubs, bushes, and grasses. Around the farmhouse over 50 perennial food crops are grown, which include vegetables, fruits, berries, nuts, and herbs. A Net Positive Energy Home was built where a 72-panel solar array was placed on the farmhouse and the barn. This array generates more power than is actually used for everything – house, barn, farm, and electric cars.



Glenn Wheat in Spring. Solar panels generate 5 megawatts more than we use each year.

The Barn was constructed in 2020 by J&N Structures, LLC. Its construction is known as High Country with Lean-to and Pole Barn. Equipment is stored here for the farming methods used - regenerative, organic growing, perennial permaculture, including the growing of mixed vegetables and fruits. The property was historically under common ownership with Old Cold Brook Farm at #31 Cold Brook Road, located across the street from the present site. In 2017 the Chapins sold that 40-acre parcel to Frank and Elena Schwab, who subsequently sold it to Jennifer Duke in 2022.



Agriculture and Nature in Balance.

This 43-acre property never had any buildings located on it. However, it is an important part of Tewksbury's history. The "Peach Train", fondly named and part of the Rockaway Valley Railroad, ran from West to East and crossed the Cold Brook here. Peaches were an important commodity of the area and were transported via the railroad when it was operational from the late 1800's until World War I. The stone abutments for the historic railroad bridge spanning the Cold Brook are still visible.



Our Little Blue Barn gets used to process 20,000+ pounds of grain at harvest.

It is believed that the Lenape Indians lived in this area. Artifacts have been found on the property near the Cold Brook. Rumor also has it that George Washington camped very near, if not on, the property. The DeSalvos were attracted to the varied habitats that comprise the property. There are woodlands, wetlands, and the Cold Brook. The property has been enhanced with the regeneration of 13 acres of prime farmland in the most ecologically and sustainable manner possible.



The long driveway at Khiimori provides a beautiful vista over the hayfields and equestrian training center of the farm.

Khiimori Catherine Haddad Staller & Dr. Gregory Staller

Catherine Haddad Staller and Dr. Gregory Staller were attracted to the property by the beauty of the land and its great pastures and hay fields. They purchased the farm in 2015 from Mike and Andraya Simpson and named it Khiimori, which is Mongolian for Windhorse, a spirit deity in Tibetan Buddhism. The Windhorse represents the soul of sentient beings and is said to bring peace, wealth, and harmony when it appears. Windhorse traditionally carries the Three jewels of Buddhism: the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha. The farm was developed in the late 1980's from land that was originally owned by the Barlow and Jaeger families. Henry Barlow served as the Tewksbury Township Tax Assessor for over 30 years, from the 1950's through the early 1980's.

The Timber Frame/Post and Beam Barn was designed by Tewksbury Architect, Edward Matthew O'Brien, in 1991 for Rob and Jan Collioud and included the tack room and hay loft. In 1998 the Simpsons purchased the property, adding four stalls and an equipment room to the barn in 2000. A small outdoor arena was added at the same time and an addition was completed in 2004. The Simpsons worked with the Tewksbury Township to preserve the farm in perpetuity by selling the development rights on 72.5 acres to the State Agriculture Development Committee in 2008. The farm housed the Simpson's polo ponies and show horses.

Catherine Haddad Staller is a professional trainer of **dressage** horses and an international-level competitor. The original Polo Property was converted to a contemporary Dressage and Sales Stable with renovations



The interior of the stable has been updated with paving stones and inlaid rubber walkways. The stall fronts were imported from Röwer and Rüb, Germany and are finished in bamboo wood with polished steel bars for an elegant, modern look.

by Bock Custom Construction and Mike Ridge Construction made to the barn in 2022 along with the addition of the current outside state-of-the-art dressage arena. The interior of the stable was updated with paving stones and inlaid rubber walkways, and the stall fronts were finished in bamboo wood with polished steel bars for an elegant, modern look.



Everything about the newly re-modeled stable is professional and horse-friendly, including the new LED lighting, automatic waterers, and Dutch doors on the outdoor box stalls.



The stunning new tack room at Khiimori has been enlarged and fully renovated with attention to every detail.

Everything about the re-modeled stable is professional and horse-friendly, including new LED lighting, automatic waterers, and Dutch doors on the outdoor box stalls. The new tack room has been enlarged and fully renovated with attention to detail. The old outdoor arena has been re-purposed for an orchard and blueberry planting. Greg Staller keeps bees at the farm and produces honey. Two acres are deliberately planted with wildflowers for the bees. The farm has about 35 acres of grass/timothy hay which yields several hundred bales annually. A global equestrian investment company currently leases the stable. Some of the best horses in the world are trained here. NorCordia employs three of the best international riders to train the horses.



Originally built in 1991, the stable at Khiimori got a complete facelift in 2022. Renovated by the Amish and local contractors, it has been renovated from a polo barn into a contemporary sport horse stable.



Winter Wood Farm is in the middle of the most beautiful horse country in Hunterdon County. Roofs are covered with little cedar shingles making it look like the original thatched roof.

Winter Wood Farm

Ron & Kathleen Young

Winter Wood Farm is an 11-acre horse farm on Farmersville Road located in Tewksbury Township and is currently owned by Ron and Kathleen Young, operating as Winter Wood Farm, LLC. The farm is run as a private horse boarding facility. There are 6 horses on the property, along with 2 donkeys, chickens, cats and 2 dogs.

The property consists of a farmhouse, with the original part dating back to 1810. Many renovations have been made over the years, but the fireplace, beams, and wide planked floors in the older part of the home are original to the 1800s home.

There is a cottage on the property, along with a carriage house which also dates back to the 1800s. The smaller of the two barns is also the same vintage as the home and dating back to 1810 and has post and carriage house, beam construction. The larger of the two barns was

constructed in the 1970's and was built as a racehorse layup barn. Injured horses from the racetrack came to the farm to rehabilitate. We understand that at some point in time, there was an original thatched roof on the main house. During one of the major renovations years ago, the owner at the time wanted to replace the thatched roof but was told by the township



The smaller of the two barns dates back to 1810, the larger was constructed in the 1970s.



The carriage house and stone foundation date back to the 1800s.

that it was a fire hazard and could not be done. The owner then commissioned a company to make the roof look like a thatched roof with little cedar shingles.

There is also a building that we refer to as the "icehouse". We understand that this little building had many uses over the years, as an icehouse, root cellar, wine cellar and storage building. Additionally, there is an original stone well on the property which was decommissioned years ago.



The older barn has a post and beam construction.

Since this is an Olympic year, it is noteworthy to mention that a two-time Olympic champion previously lived at this farm in the early 1990s. A big grey horse imported from Germany named Graf George won a team bronze at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and a 1996 team bronze at the Atlanta Olympics.



The newer barn served as a racehorse layup barn for the rehabilitation of horses injured on the racetrack.

This property sits right in the middle of the most beautiful horse country in Hunterdon County with miles of scenic bridle trails, some of which run right through this property.



The Hart Farm property with barns, pastures, and residence.

Hart Farm

Dana & Sean Callanan

Hart Farm, owned by renowned horse trainer Dana Callanan and her husband, Sean, has a long history filled with human interest and equine excellence. The property dates back to the 1740's when it was originally built for the Burrell family. It consists of an 18th century European-style, 10 room home, with later additions and a barn. The original bank design barn has had several additions and iterations over the years. The early barn was used for live-stock, hay, and storage, remaining so for many years. In the 1930's the property was owned by June Platt, the cooking editor of House and Garden Magazine. In the 1940's and 1950's it was owned by Pierre and Alexina Matisse, son and daughter-in-law of Henri Matisse, the impressionist artist. Pierre owned a distinguished art gallery in New York City and the property became a gathering spot for the NYC art world. When Alexina and



The lower barn at Hart Farm is used for retirees and lay ups.

Pierre were divorced, Alexina retained the property. It is believed she and her new husband, Marcel Duchamp, honeymooned on the property which they subsequently considered their "hideaway". In 1965 veterinarian Dr. Daniel Vernon and his wife, Donna, purchased the property and built an addition to the barn creating New Jersey's first equine hospital. In 1979 the Vernons converted part of the barn into the Tewksbury Winery, producing award-winning wines throughout the 1980's. In 1993 the barn came full circle and was again used for horses, hay, and storage. The property was acquired by the township and is permanently preserved as farmland. It was offered at a public auction in 2005. The Callanans purchased the



The inside of the lower old barn with great large stalls and beautiful woodwork.



A view of the large open aisle between stalls and the middle aisle with adjacent rooms and stalls.

property, restored the original barn, and built a new, modern riding facility behind the house and next to the riding facility, which was where the vineyard used to be. The entire property boasts magnificent views.



A view of the main barn at the top of Hart Farm.

Today this equestrian estate consists of 67 acres of land and a state-of-the-art 24-stall main barn built by B&D Builders. A viewing room overlooks the 100' x 200' indoor riding arena. Above the barn are 6 flex rooms, a kitchen, 2 full baths and a lounge area. The main barn has 6 shed row stalls and 11 stalls in the lower area, complete with a



The main barn includes a 100' x 200' indoor riding arena.

groom's apartment. There are a total of 41 stalls on the property. It is a premier hunter jumper training and care facility, specializing in preparing both horse and rider to be top competitors in the hunter, jumper, and equitation divisions.