

The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House
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Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum



2016 Calendar of Events

Register On-Line at
www.jvanderveerhouse.org

River Road Park
3055 River Road
Bedminster, New Jersey
(908) 396-6053

Place
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March 13, Sunday

Open House - Museum Open 1 to 4 pm
\$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free



March 20, Sunday

**Heirloom Discovery
with Martine White**
Presentation at 1 pm
Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

Martine White, ASA, of Bernards Appraisal Associates, LLC, will be speaking about current market conditions and invite attendees to present items for group discussion and estimated valuation. Objects for appraisal can include paintings, prints, antiques, china, clocks, crystal, sculpture, figurines, Oriental rugs, silver, and jewelry (anything that can be carried). No coins, stamps, or books. Each participant is limited to three items for appraisal. Pre-registration is required and registration is limited. Admission \$20 per person, Members \$10 per person, Children 12 and Under Free.



FRAUNCES TAVERN*

April 6, Wednesday

**Bus Trip to Fraunces Tavern
Museum Tour & Lunch**
Bus Departs 9:30 am and
Returns to JVH at 3 pm (approx)

Visit New York City's historic Fraunces Tavern Museum, site of General George Washington's farewell to his officers at the end of the Revolution. Includes a private tour of the museum, the Lafayette Exhibit, Defining Lines (maps from the 1700s and early 1800s), the John Ward Dunsmore Exhibit, followed by lunch in the Colonial American Fraunces Tavern in operation since 1762. \$75 per person and includes luxury bus transportation, admission to the museum and lunch.

April 10, Sunday

Open House - Museum Open 1 to 4 pm
\$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free



April 17, Sunday

**Oney Judge on
"Taking Liberty"**
Presentation at 2 pm
Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

Oney Judge, portrayed by Cathy Simpson, was a dower slave owned by the estate of Martha Washington's first husband, and worked for President and Lady Washington. Oney will share stories about her life with the Washingtons, life as a slave, and her escape to the north where she lived as a fugitive until her death. Admission \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free.



**May 7 - 8* &
May 14 - 15**
John Phillip Osborne:
An American Master
Special Exhibition with
J.M. Stringer Gallery

*** **May 8th - Mothers and Mimosas Tour!** ***

Join us for a special exhibition featuring the work of American master painter John Phillip Osborne. Mr. Osborne is a preeminent painter of revolutionary subjects, and part of the Jacobus Vanderveer House's permanent collection. Admission \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free. Visit our website for more information about the exhibition.



May 20, Friday
First Ladies of Liberty Luncheon
Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, 11 am

Join the Friends for fabulous boutique shopping, a deliciously prepared lunch, and a lively, interactive program featuring first ladies Martha Washington and Abigail Adams, portrayed by Carol Spacht and Kim Hanley. Together they bring to life the extraordinary accomplishments of the women that helped shape our nation. \$150 per person. Visit our website for more info.



May 22, Sunday
The Colonial Kitchen Garden with
Food Historian Dr. Clarissa Dillon
Presentation at 2pm
Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

Dr. Dillon will change your perception about common weeds and ornamental plants found in your own yard. You will discover that many weeds are edible, delicious and nutritious, such as the pesky weed Purslane, high in Omega-3 fatty acids and vitamins, peach blossoms used to detox the body, and the medicinal qualities of the common apothecary rose. Colonial gardens were ahead of their time and planted with a purpose, even incorporating weeds into the mix! Admission \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free.



June 12, Sunday
Make Your Own Corn
Husk Doll
with Holly Doyle
Workshops at 1 & 3 pm
Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

*** Great Activity for Scouting Groups ***

For centuries, corn was the staple grain of the Americas, and sustained generations of indigenous people. Every part of the ear of corn was used--from making rope, fill for pillows, to children's toys and rituals. During Colonial times, when mothers and daughters husked corn for the family meal, they saved the husks and made their own dolls, often adorned with remnants of clothing. Learn how to create your own corn husk doll. Perfect activity for scouting troops! Pre-registration required. Limited to 15 children per workshop. Age 8 and older. Admission Adults \$10 per person. Children 8 years of age or older \$5 per person, Children 7 and Under Free.

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July 3, Sunday
Independence Day Celebration
Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

Join the Vandermeer House as we celebrate our nation's independence with a patriotic tribute, music, and family picnic. Please visit our website for more information as our plans continue to evolve.

July 10, Sunday
Open House - Museum Open 1 to 4 pm
 \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free



July 11 - 22 &
July 25 - August 5
Archaeology Camp

In collaboration with the Somerset Hills YMCA, and thanks to a generous grant from Investors Bank Foundation, we are offering two sessions of summer camp focused on Archaeology. This unique program offers campers the opportunity to explore and investigate the world of archaeology as it relates to local history dating back to the American Revolution. The first week of each session will engage children in activities at Bernards High School that will prepare them for their second week at the Jacobus Vandermeer House.

Campers will work alongside professional archaeologists at an actual archaeological site on the property of the Vandermeer House. They will learn to measure, plot, dig, sift, sort, wash and categorize the artifacts found. Campers will also travel to other local historic sites such as the Wick House in Jockey Hollow or Morven Museum and Garden in Princeton. Activities include a colonial cooking experience, assembling a reduced-scale soldier's hut, and more. **Please register directly with the Somerset Hills YMCA at www.somersetcountyyymca.org.**

August 14, Sunday
Open House - Museum Open 1 to 4 pm
 \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free



September 10, Saturday
Bedminster Charities Fall Fest
12 to 5 pm
Hayrides throughout Park

While enjoying the community's annual fall festival in River Road Park, stop by the Jacobus Vandermeer House booth for Colonial games, demonstrations, and fresh pressed apple cider. Be sure to hop on the hay wagon to view the restored 1772 farmhouse. Admission to Fall Fest is \$5 per person, Children 3 and Under Free.

September 11, Sunday
Open House - Museum Open 1 to 4 pm
 \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free



September 25, Sunday
Create a Topiary Workshop
With Ken Selody of Atlock Farm
Workshop at 2 pm
Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

Ken Selody, proprietor of Atlock Farms and former contributing editor to Martha Stewart's *Living* magazine, will teach participants how to create original small scale topiaries into classic shapes such as standards that resemble miniature trees with straight bare trunks topped with a sculpted ball of leaves. Workshop is \$30 and includes starter topiary and materials. Members \$20. Finished plants will be available for purchase and range in price from \$25 - \$55. Not attending the workshop--Admission to the museum is \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free.



October 8 - 9,
Saturday & Sunday
Weekend Journey Through the Past
Sat. 10 to 5 pm, Sun. 12 to 4 pm

Sponsored by Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission, thirty (30) of the County's significant historic sites open their doors for the weekend--many with significant Revolutionary War histories. Local historians will be on hand to share their knowledge and stories about Somerset County's history. Admission to all sites is Free.



October 23, Sunday
Edgar Allen Poe
Presentation at 1:30 pm
Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

Edgar Allen Poe, portrayed by performer Bob Gleason, is best known for his tales of mystery and the macabre. Join us at the Vandermeer House as he shares some of his darkest spine-chilling short stories. Admission \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free.



November 13, Sunday
Peter G. Rose - Author & Food
Historian on the Evolution of the
Dutch Sinterklass
Presentation at 2 pm
Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

*** Best for Adult Audiences ***

Peter G. Rose, author and food historian specializing in Dutch Colonial food, will discuss how the Dutch Saint Nicholas or *Sinterklass* evolved into America's beloved Santa Claus. This program is geared toward adults and will cover literature, religion, fine arts, and Dutch food customs with samples. Admission is \$10 per person, Members Free ([Presentation for Adults](#)).



November 25, 26 & 27
December 2 - 4
14th Annual Colonial Christmas
Tree Lighting Friday, November 25, 6 pm
10 am to 4 pm Daily

Experience A Colonial Christmas at the 1772 homestead beginning with our first ever holiday tree lighting, sponsored by Investors Bank on Friday, November 25 at 6 pm. Our annual two weekend-long celebration of the holidays will follow with festive music, period decorations, re-enactors, holiday shopping, visits from Santa and more! 10 am to 4 pm daily. Admission is \$10 per person, Members Free, Children 12 and Under Free.