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JACOBUS VANDERVEER HOUSE & MUSEUM
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A Message From The President

Dear Friend of the Jacobus Vanderveer House:

When I reflect upon the past year of growth and activity at the Jacobus Vanderveer House, I'm reminded of the famous line in the movie *Field of Dreams*: "If you build it, they will come."

In 2015, we welcomed twice the usual number of visitors to our lively and informative presentations, special events and Colonial Christmas. Visitors to our website tripled. A record number of schoolchildren enjoyed hands-on history lessons with re-enactors and materials culture programs. A first-of-its-kind summer archaeology camp was filled in just hours.

Our national reputation has grown as a result of our participation in the Sons of the American Revolution National Congress and the 5th Annual Conference of the American Revolution. Proceeds from the French Alliance Ball launched a major capital campaign, moving us another step closer to fulfilling The Friends' vision of recreating a historically accurate farmstead, complete with outbuildings and walkways to complement the restored c.1772 house.



What we have built – with the help of supporters like you, dedicated trustees and volunteers – is now a national and New Jersey landmark. It attracts visitors of all ages, who want to learn more about the history of our nation and the lives of those who founded it. We couldn't have done it without you; nor can we continue to do it without you. ***That's why The Friends' organization asks for your continued support of The Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum in 2016.***

As we embark on another year of quality educational programming, I'm proud to report that we've strengthened the resources of our Board of Trustees by welcoming 10 dynamic new members. We've hired Taryn Bossert Nie, former marketing director for the J.M. Stringer Gallery of Fine Art, as our museum coordinator; and retained Renée Tesauro to continue the communications program she has capably led for the past six years as a volunteer trustee.

Thanks to the continued generous support of Investors Bank Foundation, we will offer two sessions of our popular summer archaeology camp in collaboration with the Somerset Hills YMCA. Our schedule of 2016 programs includes an Heirloom Discovery Day on March 20, a bus trip and private tour of New York's historic Fraunces Tavern Museum on April 6, an exhibition of paintings by American master John Phillip Osborne in early May, a First Ladies of Liberty Luncheon on May 20, an Independence Day celebration, our ever-popular Colonial Christmas and much more.

What we have built, and what we will build depends upon your support and involvement. Join us in

making history at the Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum!

With Sincere Appreciation for Your Generosity,



Robin Ray, President

P.S. Visit www.jvanderveerhouse.org to read our 2015 Annual Report, register for upcoming programs, or make a secure donation online. Your gifts preserve a valuable piece of our nation's heritage right in your backyard!

New Trustees & Staff Welcomed

The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House Board of Trustees appointed 10 new members to serve three-year terms: Lina Schmitt and Kenneth A. Olsen, of Bedminster; Darrick J. Anderson, of Basking Ridge, Raymond N. Sanderson, of North Branch; Herbert M. Patullo, of Martinsville; John L. Sweeney, of Gladstone; Geoffrey M. Connor, of Pottersville; Patrick H. Bivona, of Lebanon; Jennifer T. Becker, of Morristown; and Patricia Glennon, of Denville.

The Board also voted to approve the hiring of Taryn Bossert Nie, of Somerville, as museum coordinator. Mrs. Nie was formerly a gallery assistant and marketing director for the J.M. Stringer Gallery of Fine Art in Bernardsville, and continues to provide consulting for their Vero Beach location.

Taryn's background and education in collections management and exhibitions, coupled with her skills in program development, fundraising, marketing, and database management, make her an excellent addition to our administrative team.

Renée Tesauo, of Bethlehem Township, NJ, has been retained as communications director to continue the program she has led as a volunteer board member for the past six years. Ms. Tesauo, president of RCB Communications, will promote the museum's exhibitions, events and programs through multi-media platforms and assist with communications to members, donors, volunteers and community partners.

We are delighted to welcome new board members and professional staff to The Friends' organization. Collectively, they bring a wealth of talent and enthusiasm to our ongoing efforts to preserve and enhance an important piece of Revolutionary War history for future generations.

Meet Our New Trustees

Lina Schmitt, JVH Treasurer, is a certified public accountant with more than eight years of accounting and financial analysis experience in private industry and more than 12 years of accounting experience at local CPA firms and her own firm. Prior to establishing Lina Schmitt, CPA in Bedminster, she was a financial analyst for employee benefits at Wyeth and held accounting positions at Exxon and Bert Katz, CPA, LLC. Mrs. Schmitt, a resident of Bedminster, received her undergraduate degree in accounting from Kean University.



Kenneth A. Olsen, a Bedminster Township Committee member since 2014, is the Township's liaison to The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House Board of Trustees. An accomplished legal professional with experience in governance and healthcare law in the consumer, pharmaceutical and medical device sectors, Mr. Olsen served on eight management boards at Johnson & Johnson, creating and managing J&J's Commercial Programs Law Group. In addition to serving on the board of trustees of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, Mr. Olsen is a trustee of the United Way of Northern New Jersey and the Cancer Support Community. Mr. Olsen received his undergraduate degree in physics and mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and earned his law degree at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University.

Darrick J. Anderson, of Basking Ridge, has owned Camelot Custom Building in Basking Ridge for the

past 25 years. Earlier, he served in the United States Marine Corps. In addition to serving on the board of The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, Mr. Anderson actively volunteers on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America and the Wounded Warrior Project®.

Raymond N. Sanderson, of North Branch, is an avid historian, who has served on historic preservation commissions for 16 years. He is chairman of the Branchburg Historical Commission, a representative for Branchburg Township on the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee, and a past member of the Washington Campground Association. A Revolutionary War re-enactor who has made numerous presentations to visitors and schoolgroups at the Jacobus Vanderveer House and other historic sites, Mr. Sanderson is a member of John Lamb's Artillery Company and the Brigade of the American Revolution.

Herbert M. Patullo, a historian and avid collector, is owner and operator of the Eagle's Nest Museum at Middlebrook Heights in Martinsville, part of George Washington's Middlebrook Encampment. He has been a member of the Washington Campground Association for over 50 years and served as its president from 1990-1994. Over the years, Mr. Patullo, who owned and operated Patullo's Restaurant in Bound Brook for 43 years, has donated American flags to numerous organizations, including the 13-star, 13-stripe flag recently raised at the Jacobus Vanderveer House.

John L. Sweeney, of Gladstone, is a private practice attorney in Morristown, who has held a number of civic and volunteer service positions. He has served as a councilman for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone and as vice chairman of the Natirar County Park Master Plan Advisory Committee. He has chaired the Peapack & Gladstone Open Space Committee since 2013 and has served as financial secretary for the Knights of Columbus Council 11386 for more than 15 years. Mr. Sweeney received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and earned his law degree at Seton Hall University School of Law. He is a past president and current trustee of the Yale Club of Central New Jersey.

Geoffrey M. Connor, of Pottersville, is a retired partner at Reed Smith., L.L.P., a former North Hunterdon Municipal Court Judge, Chair of the Banking Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking. An active education and community service volunteer, Mr. Connor is a trustee of the Provident Bank Foundation; a member of the Tewksbury Environmental Commission; and a trustee of Bloomfield College, where he was an adjunct professor of American History. A graduate of Williams College and Harvard Law School, Mr. Connor is a former U.S. Navy lieutenant (j.g.) and former trustee of the Community Foundation of New Jersey, the Washington Association of New Jersey, Tewksbury Land Trust, Garden State Cancer Center Foundation, Proprietary House, Newark Museum, Raritan Valley Community College Foundation, and Newark Boys Chorus School.



Patrick H. Bivona, of Lebanon Borough, is an information technology manager at United Parcel Service. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and archaeology, and participated in the Pluckemin Archaeology Project under the direction of John Siedel, Ph.D. A licensed social worker, Mr. Bivona also earned an MBA from Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations, as well as a master's degree in social work from Fordham University. He is a former member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hunterdon/Somerset Counties and was named Big Brother of the Year in 2005. Passionate about providing parenting skills support for homeless families, Mr. Bivona is a volunteer and counselor with Family Promise of Hunterdon County.



Jennifer T. Becker, of Morristown, is a business development officer with Glenmede Trust Company. She has extensive experience in marketing and client services at wealth management firms serving foundations, institutions, endowments, individuals and families. A graduate of Hamilton College, Mrs. Becker is a member of the Estate Planning Council of Northern New Jersey, the Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center, and the Development Committee for The Discovery Orchestra.



Patricia Glennon, of Denville, has worked as a production manager at Bernardsville Print Center since 2001. Since then, she has guided businesses and non-profit organizations in the development of collateral materials for fundraising, event planning and marketing for many years. A graduate of Ramapo College with a bachelor's degree in graphic design, Ms. Glennon is president of Patricia Lynn Events.



What Are Your Family Heirlooms Worth?

Join Us Sunday, March 20 - Heirloom Discovery Day



Ever wonder what some of your family heirlooms are worth? On Sunday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m., **Martine White, ASA, of Bernards Appraisal Associates, LLC**, will be speak about current market conditions for antiques and collectibles 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.

Admission to the program is \$20 (\$10 for members of the Jacobus Vanderveer House) and includes a house tour and verbal appraisals for up to three items.

Ms. White, a Senior Certified Appraiser of Antiques & Decorative Arts with the American Society of Appraisers and the Appraisers Association of America, has been appraising personal property in the metropolitan area since 1988. As principal of Bernards Appraisal Associates, in Gladstone, New Jersey, she and her associates provide comprehensive certified appraisal documents for insurance scheduling, relocation, estate tax, charitable donation, damage/loss claims, estate planning, prenuptial agreements and marital dissolution. Her clients include not only prominent families of the Somerset Hills, but major banks and trust companies, law firms and insurance providers.

Pre-registration is required and registration is limited. Register [HERE](#), visit www.jvanderveerhouse.org or phone (908) 396-6053.

The Jacobus Vanderveer House will also be open for tours to the general public from 1-4 pm. \$10 Admission (free to members of The Jacobus Vanderveer House and children 12 and under).

Bus Trip to Fraunces Tavern Museum - April 6

Visit New York City's historic Fraunces Tavern Museum, site of General George Washington's farewell to his officers at the conclusion of the American Revolution.

A luxury bus departs from the Jacobus Vanderveer House at 9:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 3:00 p.m.

The day features a private tour of the museum -- including the Lafayette Exhibit, Defining Lines (maps from the 1700s and early 1800s), the John Ward Dunsmore Exhibit, the Flag Gallery, the Long Room

and the Clinton Room -- followed by lunch in the Colonial American Fraunces Tavern in operation since 1762.

\$75 per person (includes luxury bus transportation, admission to the museum and lunch)

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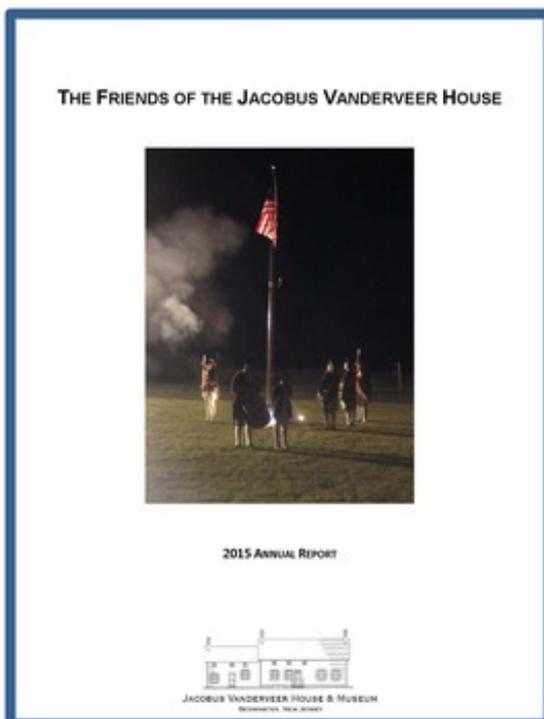
Save The Date - First Ladies of Liberty Luncheon Friday, May 20 - Fiddler's Elbow Country Club



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 actresses Carol Spacht and Kim Hanley. Together, they bring to life the extraordinary personalities and accomplishments of the women that helped shape our nation. \$150 per person.

More information to come. Proudly sponsored by Glenmede.

Read Our 2015 Annual Report



Learn more about The Friends' organization, our programs and our many supporters.

Visit www.jvanderveerhouse.org and download a copy of our 2015 Annual Report.

Volunteer: *If you love history as much as we do, why not help out at our upcoming events? We'll provide all the training you need. Contact us today!*

Help Us Grow!

Capital Campaign To Develop Jacobus Vanderveer House Farmstead



An

acrylic on canvas interpretation of the kitchen garden, historic walkways, and outbuildings of the Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum by artist Kate Kelly.



Using Computer Aided Design technology, Summit resident Robert Weeks, developed renderings (above) of the hay barrack, kitchen garden and a bird's-eye view of the proposed Jacobus Vanderveer House Farmstead.

The Jacobus Vanderveer House was part of a 500-acre working farm. In the coming years, the Friends hope to recreate the late 18th Century/early-19th Century farmstead, a critical next step in fulfilling the Friends' mission to establish a small, but important museum complex with outbuildings and walkways to complement the restored c. 1772 house. The goal is to provide visitors with a more meaningful experience and further interpret the contributions of General Knox, the Vanderveers, Colonial life and the Jacobus Vanderveer House as a key site in the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area.

The proposed project would include several 18th Century-style structures, such as a large Dutch Colonial barn (to provide much-needed space for our rapidly growing education and leadership programs), wagon house, hay barrack, smoke house, privy, and well house along with traditional landscape features, such as a kitchen garden, historic walkways and an orchard.



The plan builds upon earlier research commissioned by the Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, including the 2006-2008 Historic Landscape Report and Site Master Plan, headed by historian Dennis Bertland and generously supported by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

In 2015, The Friends made strides toward the realization of the Master Plan. A generous lead gift from the Peter R. and Cynthia K. Kellogg Foundation in late 2014, made possible the installation of the historic walkways during the summer of 2015. Proceeds from the May 2015 French Alliance Ball also supported the future development of the Jacobus Vanderveer Farmstead.

To learn how you can support the Friends' plans to develop the

Jacobus Vanderveer House Farmstead, contact President Robin Ray at r.ray@verizon.net.

Join Us in Making History!

Become a Member of The Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum

Enjoy free unlimited visits to our open houses and lively educational programs.

Your support helps restore, develop and operate The Jacobus Vanderveer House, significant in United States military history, as a nationally important historic site, museum and community resource.

Visit www.jvanderveerhouse.org for membership levels and benefits.

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