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Join Us For These Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 22 - The Colonial Kitchen Garden with Food Historian Dr. Clarissa Dillon

On Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m., The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House invite visitors to learn more about Colonial kitchen gardens. Food historian Dr. Clarissa Dillon will discuss how Colonial kitchen gardens were ahead of their time, planted with a purpose, and incorporated weeds that are delicious, nutritious and have medicinal benefits.



Participants will learn that the pesky weed Purslane is high in Omega-3 fatty acids, that peach blossoms have detoxifying properties, and that the common apothecary rose has medicinal qualities. Dr. Dillon will change perceptions about how our gardens grow.

Admission to the program is \$10 (free to members of the Jacobus Vanderveer House and children 12 and under). Pre-registration is encouraged. Register at www.jvanderveerhouse.org or phone (908) 396-6053.

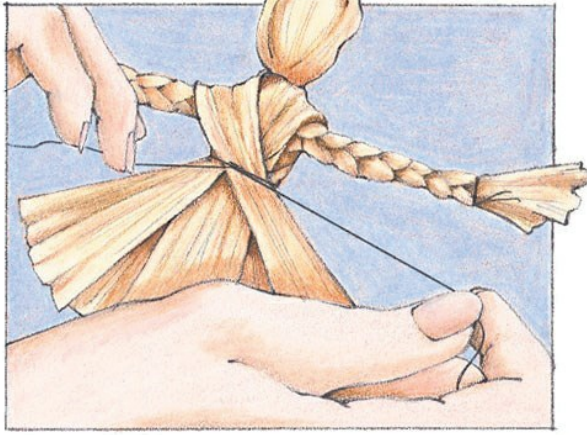
The Jacobus Vanderveer House will also be open for tours to the general public from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 (free to members of The Jacobus Vanderveer House and children 12 and under).

Sunday, June 12 - Make Your Own Corn Husk Doll Perfect for Scouting Groups!

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. Join us Sunday, June 12 as Holly Doyle teaches participants how to make their own corn husk dolls.

Workshops are at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and each are limited to 15 children. All participants must be age 8 or older.

Admission to the program is \$10 for adults and \$5 per child 8 and older (free to members of the Jacobus Vanderveer House and children 7 and under). Special rates for school and scouting groups.



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**Bedminster Charities Kicks Off
July 3 Field of Honor® Tribute
During Bedminster-Far Hills Memorial Day Parade, May 30**



**Tribute Flags Available For Purchase At Parade
And Nine Other Locations**

On Monday, May 30 – at the Bedminster-Far Hills Memorial Day Parade – the Bedminster Charities Organization will debut a patriotic float and officially kick off an inaugural Field of Honor® Tribute, planned for Sunday, July 3 at the Jacobus Vanderveer House in River Road Park, Bedminster. The tribute will celebrate our nation's independence and honor loved ones and those who have served our country with a display of over 200 American flags in the north field of River Road Park, beginning Sunday, June 26 through Monday, July 4.

On Sunday, July 3, the community is invited to stroll through the Field of Honor® Tribute and picnic on the grounds from 1 to 4 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by the popular New Jersey band Hoi Polloi, and food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the Field of Honor® Tribute will benefit the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. Investors Bank Foundation is a leading supporter of the initiative.

“The Bedminster Charities member organizations are excited to join together for this patriotic community wide celebration and worthwhile fundraiser,” commented Project Chair Robin Ray, who also serves as President of The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House Board of Trustees. “This is a unique opportunity for everyone to honor a loved one, show their patriotism and support a local charity. The panorama of 200 red, white and blue flags standing in solemn formation will be awe inspiring and memorable.”

Field of Honor® Tribute flags can be purchased, beginning Monday, May 30 at the

Bedminster-Far Hills Memorial Day Parade and nine other locations throughout Bedminster and Far Hills. Flags cost \$40 each, and will be identified with the buyer's personal message. Participants can pick up their personalized flags on Tuesday, July 5 after 4 p.m.

Flags can be purchased online at <http://www.healingfield.org/bedminster16/> or at any of the following Bedminster Charities member organizations and presell locations:

Far Hills-Bedminster Fire Department -- 100 Miller Lane, Bedminster
Far Hills-Bedminster First Aid Squad -- 500 US 202, Far Hills
Center for Contemporary Art -- 2020 Burnt Mills Road, Bedminster
Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House -- 3055 River Road, Bedminster
Friends of the Clarence Dillon Library -- 2336 Lamington Road, Bedminster
Pottersville Volunteer Fire Company -- 8 Hacklebarney Road, Pottersville
Bedminster School PTO -- 234 Somerville Road, Bedminster
Township of Bedminster -- One Miller Lane, Bedminster
Borough of Far Hills -- 6 Prospect Street, Far Hills

Bedminster Charities is a non-profit organization established in 2005 to raise funds for the seven local organizations that provide critical services to the Bedminster and Far Hills communities. Starting out as a golf event, and now Fall Fest, the Bedminster Charities Organization has raised close to \$500,000 to support the following member organizations: Clarence Dillon Public Library, Far Hills-Bedminster Fire Department, Far Hills-Bedminster First Aid Squad, Center for Contemporary Art, Bedminster School Parent-Teacher Organization, the Jacobus Vanderveer House and Museum, and Pottersville Volunteer Fire Company

The not-for-profit **Food Bank Network of Somerset County** operates weekly food pantries in Somerville, Bound Brook and North Plainfield, distributing approximately 33,000 bags of food per year. The Food Bank meets emergency food needs on a daily basis for people referred by social service agencies and responds to family needs during natural emergencies. It distributes U.S.D.A. government surplus food when available, purchases special dietary foods for needy residents with health problems, and delivers weekend meals to shut-in senior citizens. The Food Bank also supports the purchase of eyeglasses for uninsured school children and provides diapers, wipes and other baby supplies to needy families.

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ARCHAEOLOGY CAMP EARNS HISTORY AWARD FROM SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

A first-of-its-kind summer archaeology camp held last summer at the Jacobus Vanderveer House was selected to receive a Historic Preservation and History Award by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission (SCCHC).

"We are honored to be recognized for our efforts to bring quality educational programming to school children, and truly grateful for the support of Investors Bank Foundation and our partnerships with the Somerset Hills YMCA and Monmouth University – all of whom are critical to the camp's success," commented Robin Ray, president of The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Ray will accept the award on behalf of The Friends at the SCCHC's 2016 Historic Preservation and History Awards Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25 at the Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St., Bound Brook.



Last summer, 22 elementary and middle school students attended the week-long archaeology camp, offered by the Somerset Hills YMCA, a branch of Somerset County YMCA, in collaboration with The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House. The children got a hands-on lesson in archaeology and how it relates to local history dating back to the American Revolution by learning to measure, plot, dig, sift, sort, wash, and categorize the artifacts they found on the Vanderveer House property.

Campers also took field trips to Jockey Hollow and Washington's Headquarters at Morristown National Historic Park. They made clay pinch pots and reconstructed a timber frame log hut, similar to those occupied by the soldiers at the Pluckemin cantonment. On the final day, they sampled homemade ice cream, practiced musket drilling with a re-enactor portraying George Washington, and celebrated General Henry Knox's birthday with a cake in his honor.

The summer archaeology camp was made possible through a grant from Investors Bank Foundation and was directed by Richard Veit, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the History and Anthropology Department at Monmouth University. Dr. Veit has worked with The Friends organization for more than a decade to excavate and study the Jacobus Vanderveer House property and Pluckemin archaeological site.

This summer, the camp is back by popular demand and already fully subscribed for two one-week sessions at the Jacobus Vanderveer House. Once again, it is being supported by a grant from Investors Bank Foundation.

"Educational research has shown that children learn best through active experimentation and interaction with their immediate environment," observed Mrs. Ray. "The camp curriculum incorporates archaeological excavation, historic site exploration, hands-on activities and interaction with re-enactors portraying historic figures such as General Knox and George Washington. Combine that with a fun-filled social atmosphere, and it's easy to see why children 'dig' our archaeology camp."

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Directions: The Jacobus Vanderveer House is conveniently located near Routes 78, 287 and 22 at the River Road exit on Routes 202/206 in Bedminster, New Jersey. Enter through River Road Park. Parking and restroom facilities are available onsite.

Google Maps Users Enter: Jacobus Vanderveer House
GPS Users Enter: 3055 River Road, Bedminster, NJ
(Enter through River Road Park)
GPS Coordinates: 40.666816,-74.644819

Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum



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