A Guide to Heritage and Historic Preservation Organizations in Somerset County

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HERITAGE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS IN SOMERSET COUNTY

BRANCHBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Andrew Ten Eyck House 671 Old York Road Branchburg, NJ 08876

Contact: Susan Winter, President

Phone: (908) 369-2027

Type of Organization: Historic, non-profit

Purpose: To promote and preserve the history of Branchburg Township.

GRIGGSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One Room Schoolhouse 1065 Canal Road Griggstown, NJ **Mailing Address** John Thallemer 1183 Canal Road

Princeton, NJ 08540

Contact: Mr. John Thallemer, President

Phone: (732) 354-5699

e-mail: john.thallemer@gmail.com

Type of Organization: Historic, non-profit

Purpose: To preserve and restore historic buildings; also to promote the history of the area.

Membership Events: Meetings and programs

Public Events: Greens & Goodies Sale, Harvest Home, annual pot luck dinner, annual speaker meeting with historical site visit, and school house tour. Utilizes the historic one-room schoolhouse as a local community center for the public to become informed on local issues. The Schoolhouse is listed on the national Register of Historic Places as part of the Griggstown Historic District.

HERITAGE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The Van Horne House 941 East Main Street Bridgewater, NJ 08807 **Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 698

Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Contact: Cynthia Blumenkrantz, President

Phone: (732) 356-8856 **Fax**: (732) 560-8572

For information: info@heritagetrail.org

Web site: www.heritagetrail.org

Type of Organization: Private, non-profit, historic

Purpose: Dedicated to creatively celebrating and educating the public about New Jersey's role in our nation's history. The Heritage Trail Association (HTA) connects people to history through innovative, creative and engaging history programming.

Public Events: The HTA provides community education through exhibits, presentations, lectures, tours, products, and history programs. It also provides K-12 programming through tours and presentations, in and off school sites and at the Van Horne House. The house is also available by reservation for private and public meetings, receptions and other events. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC BERNARDSVILLE

P.O. Box 693

Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Contact: Daniel W. Lincoln, President

Phone: 908-204-0088

e-mail: friendsofhistoricbernardsville@gmail.com **Web site**: http://www.bernardsville@gmail.com

Purpose: The Friends of Historic Bernardsville is a local, non-profit entity committed to preserving the historic and cultural fabric of the Borough of Bernardsville, NJ, while integrating its rich heritage with the present for future generations to enjoy. An initial focus is to restore the Dunster Squibb House and property, located at 189 Mine Brook Road in the Borough of Bernardsville. This property is historically significant and part of the NJ Register of Historic Places thematic nomination: the Somerset Hills Country Place Era: 1870 to 1940. The buildings will be developed and operated as a local community center and cultural resource.

Public Events: FHB organizes annual historic walking tours, displays, lectures, and has written several brochures for self-guided walking tours for the Bernardsville Historic Downtown and the Olcott Avenue Historic District. Our Friends Group sets up annual information booths at Community Events every summer and fall such as the Farmer's Market located by the Bernardsville Train Station. A variety of additional annual fundraising events provide opportunities for community engagement and fun.

FRIENDS OF THE JACOBUS VANDERVEER HOUSE

3055 River Road Bedminster, NJ 07921 Contact: Kristina Poggi Phone: 908-396-6053

e-mail: kpoggi@jvanderveerhouse.org
Web site: http://www.jvanderveerhouse.org/

Purpose: The mission of The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House is to restore, develop and operate the Jacobus Vanderveer House, significant in United States military history, as a nationally important historic site and an educational and community resource. The House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Public Events: The Friends sponsors frequent house tours, displays, numerous lectures and presentations. Family programs and activities include the two-weekend holiday celebration, A Colonial Christmas which includes the Colonial Christmas School Group Tour Day. The Friends also sponsors the award winning Youth Archaeology Camp and participates in the annual county-wide Weekend Journey Through the Past and the Five Generals Bus Tour.

THE MEADOWS FOUNDATION, INC.

1289 Easton Avenue Somerset, NJ 08873

Contact: Sue Ann Derkach

e-mail: info@the meadowsfoundation.org
Web site: http://themeadowsfoundation.org
Type of Organization: Private, Non-profit

Purpose: The Meadows Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to give the past a future by preserving and restoring historic sites with an emphasis on early Dutch and American heritage. This includes preserving and restoring four historic sites under the supervision of the Meadows Foundation; the Van Wickle House, the Hageman Farm, the Wyckoff-Garretson House and the Van Lieu-Suydam House. We preserve these homes and provide programming so that our entire community, can enjoy, understand and treasure these properties for generations to come. All four sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Public Events: The Meadows Foundation sponsors numerous events including Colonial reenactments and authentic historic demonstrations; Pumpkin Patch and Easter Egg Jamboree; Sinterklass Festival; a Candlelight Concert Series: Professional Performing Art Series; *Fireside Chats* featuring a variety of topics; *Living History Series*; art and craft exhibitions; The Hageman Farm and the Van Lieu Suydam House are available for rental purposes including weddings, special affairs and receptions. The park at the Van Wickle House location is open to the public.

The Wyckoff-Garretson House Open Houses are scheduled on the 2nd Sunday of each month, from 1 to 3 p.m. Guided tours of all historic sites are available during all events open to the public.

Historic sites under the auspices of the Meadows Foundation:

Hageman Farm House

209 South Middlebush Road Somerset, NJ 08873 Contact: Nat Clymer

e-mail: info@themeadowsfoundation.org

Hageman Horse Barn

209 South Middlebush Road Somerset, NJ 08873 Contact: Nat Clymer

e-mail: info@themeadowsfoundation.org

Symen Van Wickle House (currently not available)

1289 Easton Avenue Somerset, NJ 08873 **Contact:** Carol Sas

e-mail: cjsas@verizon.net

The Van Liew Suydam House

280 South Middlebush Road

Somerset, NJ 08873 Contact: Nat Clymer

e-mail: info@themeadowsfoundation.org

Wyckoff-Garretson House

215 South Middlebush Road

Somerset, NJ 08873 Contact: Janet Steinhauer

e-mail: info@themeadowsfoundation.org

Wyckoff-Garretson Wagon Barn

215 South Middlebush Road

Somerset, NJ 08873 Contact: Janet Steinhauer

e-mail: info@themeadowsfoundation.org

MILLSTONE VALLEY PRESERVATION COALITION

492 River Road

Belle Mead, NJ 08502

Contact: Barbara Ten Broeke, President **e-mail**: barbaratenbroeke@gmail.com

Phone: (732) 873-2999

Type of Organization: Public, non-profit; historic and environmental

Purpose: To preserve the history, environment and quality of life in the Millstone Valley. The

Coalition is the sponsor of the Millstone Valley National Scenic By-way.

Membership Events: Meets bi-monthly, and as necessary. New members are always welcome.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION PIS-CAT-A-QUA SOCIETY

446 Wheeler Road

North Brunswick, NJ 08902-2710 **Contact**: Barbara Pollison-Beck

Phone: (732) 422-1973

Type of Organization: Genealogical, historical, non-profit, service organization for children and

voung adults.

Purpose: To promote the study of American history and build leadership skills.

Membership Events: Local, State and National meetings and events.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BASKING RIDGE CHAPTER

Basking Ridge, NJ

Contact: ginp@verizon.net

e-mail: baskingridgedar@gmail.com

Web site: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njdar/baskingridge/

Type of Organization: Genealogical, historical, non-profit service organization

Purpose: To promote American history, education, patriotism, historic preservation and to

honor the patriots of the Revolutionary War.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CAMP MIDDLEBROOK CHAPTER

Bound Brook, NJ

Contact: Cynthia Vorhees vbuena636@aol.com

e-mail: campmiddlebrook@gmail.com

Web site: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njcmcdar/cm true/cm index.html

Type of Organization: non-profit, patriotic, genealogical and historical

Purpose: To promote American history, education, patriotism, historic preservation and to

honor the patriots of the Revolutionary War.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OLD WHITEHOUSE-GENERAL FRELINGHUYSEN-COLONEL LOWREY CHAPTER

Whitehouse, NJ

Contact: Ms. Janice Cerra

e-mail: janteac@embargmail.com

Web site: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nidar/OldWhitehouse-GenFrelinghuysen-

ColLowrev/

Type of Organization: Genealogical, historical, non-profit service organization

Purpose: To promote American history, education, patriotism, historic preservation, and to

honor the patriots of the Revolutionary War.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION **BASKING RIDGE CHAPTER 9**

Fairmount Road, West Califon, NJ 07830

Contact: Mary Elizabeth Young, Regent

Web site: www.dar.org

Type of Organization: Private, non-profit; Membership requirement: ancestor who assisted the

Revolutionary War effort.

Purpose: A national society founded by women for historical, educational and patriotic purposes. Membership Events: Monthly meetings most months from September to June; programs for children; participation in various community events.

Public Events: Participation in the annual Festival of Trees and Lord Stirling 1770s

Festival; occasional displays at the Basking Ridge and Bernardsville Libraries.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION **ELIZABETH SNYDER-CONTINENTAL CHAPTER**

77 Willow Avenue

North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Contact: Beth Scheiderman, Regent

Phone: (908) 448-7278 Web site: www.dar.org

Type of Organization: Genealogical, historical, Non-profit service organization

Purpose: History, education and patriotism; historic preservation; promoting education and the

study of American history; patriotic endeavors.

Membership Events: Monthly meetings (weekday evenings) featuring historical programs;

participation in state and national events.

Public Events: Constitution Week exhibits; sponsorship of state and national DAR scholarships and contests; American History Month Essay Contest; DAR Good Citizens; Young Homemakers Sewing Contest; presentation of Community Service Awards; sponsorship of the Junior American Citizens Division at the Somerset County 4-H Fair (open to all children pre-K through high school).

NORTH PLAINFIELD EXEMPTS FIREMEN'S MUSEUM

300 Somerset Street North Plainfield, NJ 07060 **Contact**: Richard Sloyaiv **Phone**: (908) 217-2481

e-mail: RichardT1056@gmail.com

Type of Organization: Firemen's Museum, Non-profit

Purpose: To preserve the history of firefighting and its apparatus; to display several pieces of

antique fire equipment c.1800, including silver hose cart from New York City, built in 1850.

OLD MILLSTONE FORGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

North River Street Millstone, NJ Mailing Address: 611 Canal Road Somerset, NJ 08873 Contact: R.J. Robinson Phone: (908) 722-6717

Type of Organization: Historical, Educational, non-profit

Purpose: To maintain a restored 18th century blacksmith's shop, available to the public as a museum. The blacksmith shop is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the

Millstone Historic District.

Public Events: Demonstration of blacksmithing on Sundays, April through June and mid-

September through November.

RARITAN-MILLSTONE HERITAGE ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 5583

Somerset, NJ 08873-5583

Contact: Fred Mueller, President

Phone: (908) 616-2791 **Fax**: (732) 247-2888 **e-mail**: <u>muel21@aol.com</u>

Type of Organization: Private, Non-profit

Purpose: To preserve and promote the rich and eventful heritage and culture of Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset County sites along the Raritan and Millstone Rivers, from Perth Amboy on the Raritan to Princeton on the Millstone; to focus on educational and interpretive activities and materials; promote, publicize and develop programs showcasing historic resources along the river trails.

Membership Events: Meetings held monthly on the 3rd Thursday at alternating sites, except July and August; publication and distribution of *The Link* newsletter three times a year, highlighting area history, activities and often unknown fun facts and legends.

Public Events: Self-guided theme tours; a detailed guide to the most interesting small and large cemeteries within two miles of either river and *The Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance Guide to Historic Sites in Central Jersey* are available upon request.

HISTORIC ROCKINGHAM / ROCKINGHAM ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 496

Kingston, NJ 08528 Phone: (609)-683-7132 Fax: (609) 683-7136 Contact: Rose Maguire

e-mail: rmhistory1783@aol.com Web site: www.rockingham.net

Type of Organization: Association, private, non-profit

Purpose: To work in partnership with the state of New Jersey, to help restore, furnish and interpret Rockingham; to promote quality programming by supporting and working with the Stony Brook Garden Club and the Montgomery High School's "Live Historians" Club.

Membership Events: Spring Invitational, usually held in June; subscription to the site's newsletter, *The Sundial*; 10% discount in museum store; notices of upcoming events and special programs.

Public Events: Candlelight holiday event held in December, features music, interpreters in 18 century period dress, a spinning demonstration and light refreshments; Children's Day, in May, offers an Open House Tour of the Children's Museum, with games, dress-up and activities for children. Rockingham site tours open to the public: Wed.-Sat. at 10 a.m.,11 a.m.,1 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.; Sun. at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. (please call ahead); closed Mon. & Tues., all state holidays and Wednesdays following a state holiday that falls on a Monday or Tuesday.

ROCKY HILL COMMUNITY GROUP

Amy Garrett House 62 Washington Street Rocky Hill, NJ

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 5

Rocky Hill, NJ 08553

Contact: Courtney White, President **e-mail**: RHCG08553@gmail.com

Type of Organization: Private, non-profit

Purpose: To provide recreational, educational, cultural and social activities for our village and

neighboring communities.

Membership Events: Meetings held monthly are open to the public; call for dates and places. **Public Events**: Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting, walking tours, Independence Day

Community Parade and Picnic

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE SOMERSET HILLS

15 West Oak Street Basking

Ridge, NJ 07920 **Mailing Address**: P.O. Box 136

Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Contact: Sue Zibelli, Chairman

Phone: (908) 221-1770 e-mail: sue.zibelli@thssh.org

Type of Organization: Historical society, non-profit

Purpose: Education concerning local history, as well as preservation and restoration of historic structures in the Somerset Hills encompassing Bedminster, Bernardsville, Bernards Township (Basking Ridge), Peapack-Gladstone and Far Hills.

Membership Events: Annual Kickoff & Achievement Awards Ceremony; Quarterly Socials; End of Year Holiday Party

Public Events: Holiday House Tour; Historic Area Walking Tours; Field Trips to Historic Locations; Speaker Programs; Kids Craft Programs; Museum Open House 1st Sunday each month 2-4 p.m. The library at the Brick Academy is also available by appointment for genealogical, and historic and preservation research.

SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Somerset County Administration Building 20 Grove Street P.O. Box 3000

Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

Contact: Patricia McGarry, Manager

Phone: 908-203-6020

e-mail: mcgarry@co.somerset.nj.us

Contact: Kaitlin Bundy, Program Coordinator

Phone: 908-231-7110

e-mail: bundy@co.somerset.nj.us

Contact: Thomas R. D'Amico, AICP/PP, Historic Sites Coordinator

Phone: 908-231-7106

e-mail: damico@co.somerset.nj.us

Contact: Natalie Zaman, Local History Grants Coordinator

Phone: 908-231-7110

e-mail: zaman@co.somerset.nj.us

Type of Organization: Government, heritage, historic preservation and the arts

Purpose: The nine member Commission, appointed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, are charged with the responsibility to develop County programs to "promote public interest in local and county history, in the arts and in cultural values, goals and traditions of the community, State and Nation".

Heritage Public Events and Activities: Sponsors the annual *Weekend Journey through the Past* and the biennial *Historic Preservation and History Awards Program*.

Administers the County Historic Preservation Grant Program and the NJ Historical Commission County History Partnership Program Grant. Maintains a comprehensive survey of all historic sites in Somerset County and coordinates the County Historic Marker Program. Coordinates County projects that effect historic sites with appropriate federal and state agencies. Plans and presents professionally-led workshops, periodic conferences and roundtable sessions to provide technical assistance, professional development and networking opportunities to benefit cultural organizations' staff and board members.

SOMERSET COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Van Veghten House 9 Van Veghten Drive Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Contact: Susan Fogg Eisdorfer, MLIS, PLCGS (Corresponding Secretary)

Phone: (908) 218-1281 e-mail: schs@schsnj.net

e-mail: info@somersethistory.org
Website: https://somersethistory.org

Type of Organization: Private, non-profit, historical

Purpose: To collect, preserve and make available to the public the historical heritage of Somerset County. To preserve and interpret the Van Veghten House which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Membership Events: Guest speakers on historically relevant topics at least twice a year; a library of Somerset County historical and genealogical books/materials, plus archives including a significant collection of genealogy manuscripts and records.

Public Events: All of the above are available to the public. We are open all year on each Tuesday from noon until 3:00pm and every second Saturday of the month from noon until 3:00 p.m. Closed during bad weather and holidays.

SOMERSET COUNTY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

360 Grove Street Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Contact: Michael Kerwin, President & CEO

Phone: 908-218-4300 **Fax**: 908-722-7823

e-mail: mkerwin@scbp.org

Type of Organization: non-profit, business chamber of commerce

Purpose: To lead the business community in Somerset County to a prosperous and sustainable future. The SCBP is a Chamber of Commerce serving the businesses and residents of Somerset County which is committed to achieving the goal of economic vitality in Somerset County. It is the official tourism Destination Marketing Organization for Somerset County.

FRIENDS OF THE ABRAHAM STAATS HOUSE

P.O. Box 115

South Bound Brook, NJ 08880 **Contact**: Kathy Ormosi, President

Phone: (732) 356-4789 e-mail: info@staatshouse.org

Type of Organization: Historical, Non-profit

Purpose: The Friends of Abraham Staats House, Inc. supports the ongoing restoration and preservation of properties directly related to the history of South Bound Brook with a primary focus on preservation of the Abraham Staats House, c. 1740 (listed on the National Register of Historic Places).

The organization also works to instill community pride in our local history, is devoted to educating the public and promotes the historical interests of South Bound Brook and surrounding communities through numerous events, partnerships, programs and activities. **Public Events**: For upcoming events and other information, please check our website: www.staatshouse.org. Open tours of the house: 2nd Saturday each month 10 a.m. – noon.

USGA MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

77 Liberty Corner Road Far Hills, NJ 07931 **Mailing Address**: P.O. Box 708

Far Hills, NJ 07931

Contact: Robert Williams, Director

Phone: (908) 234-2300 Fax: (908) 326-0242 e-mail: rwilliams@usga.org Web site: www.usga.org www.usgamuseum.com

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Purpose: The United States Golf Association Museum and Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History is home to the world's premier collection of golf artifacts and memorabilia. The greatest champions and greatest moments in American golf history come alive at the USGA Museum through entertaining and engaging exhibits that feature multi-media and interactive displays.

The USGA conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open, as well as 10 national amateur championships, two state team championships and international matches. Together with The R&A, the USGA governs the game worldwide, jointly administering the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status, Equipment Standards and World Amateur Golf Rankings. The USGA's working jurisdiction comprises the United States, its territories and Mexico.

The USGA is a global leader in the development and support of sustainable golf course management practices. It serves as a primary steward for the game's history and funds an

ongoing "For the Good of the Game" charitable giving program. Additionally, the USGA's Course Rating and Handicap systems are used on six continents in more than 50 countries.

THE VAN HARLINGEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MONTGOMERY, INC.

P.O. Box 23

Belle Mead, NJ 08502

Contact: info@vanharlingen.org **e-mail**: info@vanharlingen.org

Type of Organization: Private, non-profit

Purpose: The Van Harlingen Historical Society was founded in 1965 to preserve the heritage of the Montgomery Township area. We collect local history records, develop educational programs in local /regional history, and preserve local historic sites. Our mission is to educate the community about our history and advocate for the preservation of meaningful sites and settings. We maintain the 1752 Dirck Gulick House (library and headquarters), 1853 One-Room Bedensville Schoolhouse and Montgomery Farm Museum.

Membership: Annual dues – Individual \$25 Family \$35 Senior Individual \$15; Senior Couple \$20; Patron \$100; Family Patron \$150; Corporate Friend: \$200

Membership Events: Meetings, speakers, panel discussions; annual "holiday party for members"; newsletter three times a year; and exhibits.

Public Events: "May in Montgomery" an annual fundraising event that changes yearly including tours, programs and living history events. The restored one-room 1853 Bedensville Schoolhouse is open by appointment and hosts over 400 3rd graders each year. The Montgomery Farm Museum with significant farm implements and artifacts is also open by appointment and often open for an event in the fall. Programs and speakers on diverse topics of historic interest and outings to historically relevant sites are open to the public and published in local print and online newspapers. The Dirck Gulick house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

FRIENDS OF THE VERMEULE MANSION

VanDerventer/Brunson House 614 Greenbrook Road North Plainfield, NJ 07060 Contact: Mary Forbes Address: 374 Newton Street

North Plainfield, NJ 07060 **Phone**: (908) 756-7810

Website: www.vanharlingen.org

Type of Organization: A volunteer, non-profit heritage and historic preservation community

organization.

Purpose: To preserve, renovate, and promote the use of the Vermeule Mansion, and to promote, expand, and supervise its use. The mansion is owned by the Borough of North Plainfield, and is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Events: Monthly meetings, Thursday, 8:00 p.m. at the Mansion, 614 Greenbrook Road, at the corner of Clinton Avenue. Periodic work sessions, including tending a garden on the extensive grounds; annual haunting at Halloween, a fundraiser attended by more than 1,000 people each year.

WALLACE HOUSE AND OLD DUTCH PARSONAGE ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 225

Somerville, NJ 08876

Contact: Carol Kieffer, President

e-mail: wallacehousefriends@gmail.com **Type of Organization**: Private, Non-profit

Purpose: Supplementing the efforts of New Jersey's Division of Parks and Forestry, the Association raises funds for furnishing, restoring, and improving the Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage historic sites as well as preserving and interpreting their place in New Jersey's and the nation's heritage.

Membership Events: Speakers, entertainment and special tours related to the history of the houses and 18th century topics.

WALLACE HOUSE AND OLD DUTCH PARSONAGE STATE HISTORIC SITE

71 Somerset Street Somerville, NJ 08876 Contact: Hillary Murtha Phone: (908) 725-1015 Fax: (908) 526-6187

Type of Organization: State Agency

Purpose: To operate, maintain and restore the historic sites which are both listed on the National

Register of Historic Places.

Public Events: Hours/Days open to the public: Wed.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-Noon & 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.; Sunday. 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.; Closed Monday. & Tuesday, all State & Federal holidays and for occasional special meetings.

Spring/Fall/Winter special events; Spring and Fall concert series; Christmas concerts; Christmas event held the weekend before Christmas; Winter evening tours may be arranged by appointment.

WARREN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

124 Mountain View Road

Warren, NJ 07059 Contact: Nancy Micou Phone: (908)-580-9801

e-mail: nbmicou@earthlink.net

Web site: http://www.warrennj.org/whts/post.htm
Type of Organization: Private, Non-profit

Purpose: To preserve the past record of Warren Township, both oral and written; to conserve historic sites and to promote public awareness of the heritage of this township in Somerset County.

Membership Events: Three meetings per year; semi-annual newsletter.

Public Events: All programs are open to the public. Members serve as docents at local historic sites and provide historical displays.

WASHINGTON CAMPGROUND ASSOCIATION

Middlebrook Road Bridgewater, NJ 08807 **Mailing Address**:

913 W. Meadow Drive Bound

Brook, NJ 08805

Contact: Philip Schuyler, Treasurer

Phone: (732) 469-6453 **Fax**: (732) 469-5253

Type of Organization: Historic Association, Non-profit

Purpose: To preserve twenty-acre site as a memorial to George Washington and his troops in

their battle of the American Revolution.

Membership Events: Annual meeting February 22.

Public Events: Annual July 4th Flag ceremony with the reading of the Declaration of independence.

WASHINGTON PARK ASSOCIATION

40 Willow Avenue

North Plainfield, NJ 07060-4548 **Contact:** Frank N. D'Amore, Sr.

Phone: (908) 757-6353

e-mail: frankdsr@comcast.net

Web site: www.washingtonparknj.org

Type of Organization: Historic preservation, non-profit

Purpose: Protection, preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of the Washington Park Historic

District in North Plainfield which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Membership Events: Spring and fall planting of park areas in the district; maintenance of signs announcing entrance into district; Bluestone Sidewalk Repair Program; biennial Holiday House Tours. Monthly newsletter distributed to residents of the district.

WASHINGTON-ROUCHAMBEAU REVOLUTIONARY ROUTE-NJ (W3R-NJ)

75 Washington Valley Road

CN753 #226

Bedminster, NJ 07921 Contact: Kathy Faulks Phone: (732) 648-1696 Web site: www.W3R-NJ.com

Type of Organization: Historical; non-profit

Purpose: To promote, preserve and commemorate the march of French and allied forces through New Jersey during the American Revolution. The route has been designated a National Historic

Trail.

Membership Events: Monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees, open to the public; special

events.

Public Events: Lectures, re-enactments, seminars. Please call for further information.

SOMERSET COUNTY MUNICIPAL HISTORICAL COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP HISTORIC COMMISSION

2361 Larger Cross Road Gladstone, NJ 07934 **Contact**: Mrs. Dutzie Robbie, Chairperson

Phone: (908) 234- 2459

Membership Events: Meetings at the Bedminster Municipal Building on the 3rd Thursday of

each month at 4 p.m.

BOUND BROOK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Borough Hall 230 Hamilton Street Bound Brook, NJ 08805 **Contact**: Mary Swarbrick

e-mail: mjswarbrick@hotmail.com

Purpose: To protect and promote historic sites in the Borough. Recommends local landmarks for inclusion in the Borough Master Plan. Prepares ordinances to protect historic sites and reviews

development projects which impacts historic sites. Makes recommendation for signage promoting historic sites and the Borough's heritage.

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at the Bound Brook Borough Hall, 7:30 p.m. open to the public

BRANCHBURG HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1077 Rte. 202

Branchburg, NJ 08876

Contact: Ms. Susan Winter, Chairman

Phone: (908)-369-2027

Meetings: 3rd Monday of the month at the Branchburg Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m., open to the

public.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Franklin Township Municipal Building

475 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873

Contact: Bob LaCorte Phone: (732) 873-9708

Fax: (732) 873-5452

e-mail: rlacorte@patmedia.net

GREEN BROOK CULTURAL HERITAGE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Green Brook Town Hall 111 Greenbrook Road Green Brook, NJ 08812

Mailing address: 16 School Street

Green Brook, NJ 08812 Contact: Denise Wolfe Phone: (732) 331-2078

e-mail: denisewolf35@gmail.com

MILLSTONE BOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

1353 Main Street
Millstone, NJ 08844
Contact: Ms. Portia Orton
Phone: (908) 874-5478
e-mail: erorton@aol.com

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Montgomery Township Municipal Building

2261 Van Horne Road

Route 206

Belle Mead, New Jersey 08502

Contact: Candy Willis

email: landmarks@twp.montgomery.nj.us

Contact: Marva Archer, Secretary for Landmarks Commission

email: MArcher@twp.montgomery.nj.us

Telephone: 908-359-8211

NORTH PLAINFIELD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

North Plainfield Municipal Building

263 Somerset Street

North Plainfield, NJ 07060 Contact: Ms. CB Bowman Phone: (908) 256-9525

e-mail: cb-bowman@comcast.net

Meetings: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:45 p.m. at the Vermeule Mansion, open to the

public

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mailing Address:

Mr. Luke Sladicka (Chairman)

4 Church Street Gladstone, NJ 07934

Phone: 908-781-0240 (home)

908-432-1723 (mobile)

e-mail: Isladicka@yahoo.com Lawrence Nagy (Vice Chairman) e-mail: <u>linagy@comcast.net</u> Amy Dietrich (Secretary)

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RARITAN CULTURAL, HERITAGE & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Raritan Municipal Building

22 First Street

Raritan, NJ 08869

SOMERVILLE HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Borough Hall

25 West End Avenue Somerville,

NJ 08876

Contact: Phil Decker, Chairman

e-mail: historicadvisory@somerville.org

Web site: http://www.somervillenj.org/content/4066/4794/default.aspx

Purpose: To advise, support and assist in planning for the promotion of the borough's significant

historical resources; to educate the public about Somerville's historic character.

Public Events: Sponsorship or co-sponsorship of educational programs on state and local

history.

SOUTH BOUND BROOK HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

12 Main Street

South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

Contact: Dennis Quinlan, President Phone: (732) 356-7215

Fax: (732) 356-7262

e-mail: djquinlan@aol.com sbbhistory@aol.com

WARREN TOWNSHIP HISTORIC SITES COMMISSION

46 Mountain Boulevard Warren, NJ 07059

Contact: Mr. Rory Britt, Chairman

Phone: (732) 598-3922 e-mail: rorybritt@gmail.com **Purpose**: To advise the Township Committee on issues pertaining to historical sites and artifacts; provide docents for open houses in historic buildings on occasion; please call for further information.

Public Events: Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.; except July and August. Please consult the Township calendar for location of each meeting (http://warrennj.org/calendar/). Meetings are open to the public.

WATCHUNG HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

59 Rock Avenue Watchung, NJ 07069

Contact: Dorothy Addario, Chair Phone: (908) 757-0862 Home Phone: (908) 313-4940 Cell E-Mail: dtaddario@optonline.net

Purpose: The Watchung Historical Committee's mission is to preserve, protect and promote the history of the Borough of Watchung.

Public Events: Texier House Museum, 15 Mountain Blvd, at the Circle, Watchung, NJ 07069. Open the first and third Sunday of each month from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Guided tours available of a complete museum about the Borough of Watchung. Other programs are conducted throughout the year. For additional information contact Michelle De Rocco, Watchung Borough Hall 908-756-0800.

Meetings: The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Texier House Museum.

NATIONAL, STATE AND REGIONAL HERITAGE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Mailing Address: 1776 D Street NW

Washington D.C. 20006 Website: www.dar.org Phone: (202) 628-1776

Type of Organization: Non-profit, women's genealogical, educational, patriotic and historic

preservation organization

Purpose: To promote American history, patriotism, historic preservation and to honor the patriots

of the Revolutionary War.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Watergate Office Building 2600 Virginia Avenue, N. W. Suite 1100

Washington, DC 20037 **Phone**: (202)-588-6000

e-mail: info@savingplaces.org
Web site: www.savingplaces.org

Type of Organization: Non-profit historic preservation organization chartered by the United

States Congress

Purpose: The only national non-profit membership organization helping communities protect irreplaceable historic and cultural resources across the country; provides legal defense for

landmark cases; public policy department advocates for state and federal laws favorable to historic preservation; publishes Preservation magazine and books about preservation; maintains a collection of 26 historic sites across the country; grants available through the Save America's Treasures project and Preservation Services Fund, among others.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEW YORK CITY FIELD OFFICE

350 5th Avenue Suite 5240

New York, New York 10020 **Phone**: (646) 576-4199 Ext. 4187

Web site: info@savingplaces.org

PRESERVATION ACTION

1307 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Third Floor

Washington, DC 20036 **Phone**: (202) 463-0970 **Fax**: (202) 463-1299

e-mail: mail@preservationaction.org
Web site: www.preservationaction.org

Type of Organization: non-profit, historic preservation

Purpose: Preservation Action was created in 1974 to serve as the national grassroots lobby for historic preservation. Preservation Action seeks to make historic preservation a national priority by advocating to all branches of the federal government for sound preservation policy and programs through a grassroots constituency empowered with information and training and through direct contact with elected representatives.

SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHEOLOGY

Department of Social Services Michigan Technological University 1400 Townsend Drive Houghton, MI 49931

e-mail: sia@siahq.org
Web site: www.sia-web.org

Type of Organization: non-profit history and historic preservation organization

Purpose: Formed in 1971 to encourage the study, interpretation, and preservation of historically significant industrial sites, structures, artifacts, and technology. The Society advances an awareness and appreciation of the value of preserving our industrial heritage including the preservation of historically significant sites, structures, buildings, artifacts, industrial processes, bridges, railroads, canals, landscapes, and communities.

NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

809 W. Main Street,

Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Contact: Donald Shaw, Executive Director

e-mail: dshaw@sar.org Phone: 502-598-1776 Fax: 502-589-1671 Web site: www.sar.org

Type of Organization: non-profit, patriotic, genealogical, and historical

Purpose: To commemorate and provide memorials for the people and events of the American Revolution. To help preserve records relating to the events leading up to and during the

American Revolution and to support research and presentations related to the history and people of the period 1750-1800. To sponsor contests essay and oration for high school students, based on historical and patriotic themes and to distribute history curriculum at no cost to the recipient.

SONS OF UNION VETERNS OF THE CIVIL WAR

1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240 (National Civil War Museum) Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411

Contact: David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director

Phone: (717) 232-7000 **Fax**: (717)412-7492

e-mail: execdir@suvcw.org

Type of Organization: non-profit, patriotic, genealogical, historical

Purpose: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought and worked to save the Union in the American Civil War. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, SUVCW is the legal heir and successor to the Grand Army of the Republic.

STATE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

c/o New Jersey State Museum Bureau of Archaeology & Ethnography 205 West State Street P.O. Box 530 Trenton, NJ 08625-0530

Contact: Gregory D. Lattanzi, President

e-mail: glattanzi@icloud.com **Web site**: www.asnj.org

Purpose: Organized November 12, 1931, to promote and encourage the study of historic and prehistoric archaeology, especially in New Jersey. Its main purposes are to support preservation of important archaeological sites and artifacts, and to assist and encourage their investigation and interpretation by approved professional methods; to promote the establishment of local archaeological organizations; and to record and publish archaeological information.

CANAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

P.O. Box 737

Morristown, NJ 07963-0737 **Phone and Fax**: (973)292-2755 **e-mail**: nj-cnal@googlegroups.com **Web site**: www.canalsocietynj.org

Type of Organization: non-profit history and historic preservation organization

Purpose: The Canal Society was formed in 1969 to foster the study of the history of New Jersey's two towpath canals, preserve and restore canal remains and artifacts, educate the public in the canals' histories and provide enjoyment to its members by visiting canals and other historic sites.

CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

101 Barrack Street Trenton, NJ 08608

Contact: Janice Selinger, Executive Director

Phone 609-633-2060

Fax 609-292-0238

e-mail: jselinger@revolutionarynj.org **Web page:** www.revolutionarynj.org

Purpose: The Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area was established to promote a greater understanding of Revolutionary era historical sites, communities and other organizations in New Jersey. Established by Congress in 2006, the National Heritage Area's programs and activities are guided by its federally approved management plan. The Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area offers an unprecedented opportunity to interpret and celebrate our state's rich history through collaborative partnerships. Historic sites, preservation groups, historical societies, friends organizations, state, county and local governments, schools, libraries and museums will work together to tell the stories of the American Revolution and New Jersey's significant contributions to our nation.

DELAWARE & RARITAN CANAL STATE PARK

145 Mapleton Rd

Princeton, NJ 08540-9642

Contact: Vicki Chirco, Resource Interpretive Specialist

Phone: (609) 924-5705

e-mail: vicki.chirco@dep.nj.gov

Website: www.dandrcanal.com/park_index.html

Type of Organization: Public State Park

Purpose: To provided and maintain the recreational facilities associated with the D & R Canal

and to educate the public about the natural and historic resources of the Canal.

DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISSION

Prallsville Mills Route 29

Stockton, NJ

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 539

Stockton, NJ 08559-0539

Contact: John Hutchison, Executive Director

Phone: (609) 397-2000 **Fax**: (609) 397-1081

e-mail: John.Hutchinson@dep.nj.gov

Web site: www.dandrcanal.com/drcc/index.html

Type of Organization: State agency

Purpose: To plan for the development of the Canal Park and to regulate development in the

vicinity.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

Mailing Address:

The Genealogical Society of New Jersey

P.O. Box 1476

Trenton, NJ 08607-1476

Contact: Chester A. Lawton, President

e-mail: president@gsnj.org website: www.gsnj.org

Type of Organization: Non-profit, genealogical organization

Purpose: Founded in 1921 to collect and disseminate information on New Jersey families.

LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF NEW JERSEY

Contact: Linda Barth, Executive Director 214 North Bridge Street Somerville, NJ 08876

Phone: 908-722-7428 Cell: 908-240-0488 e-mail: barths@att.net Website: www.lhsnj.org

Type of Organization: Private non-profit

Purpose: The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, founded in 1966, is composed of over two hundred twenty organizations. While most of the organizations in the league are local historical societies, it also includes statewide societies and related institutions, county agencies, museums, libraries and archival groups, historic preservation agencies, and a variety of other organizations devoted to and interested in New Jersey history.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY

Contact: Cornelia Ball Isaac Watson House 151 Westcott Avenue Trenton, NJ 08610

Website: www.njdar.org/about.html

Type of Organization: Non-profit, genealogical, historical, historic preservation service

organization

Purpose: To provide structure and support to local chapters to further DAR goals of history, education patriotism and historic preservation including the preservation of the Issac Watson House in Hamilton, NJ. In addition, the NJDAR sponsors and maintains the New Jersey Room in Memorial Continental Hall in Washington, DC, as well as the New Jersey Cottage at the Tamassee DAR School in South Carolina.

NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

New Jersey Department of State

33 West State Street, 4th Floor

Trenton, NJ

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 305

Trenton, NJ 08625-0305

Contact: Sara Cureton, Executive Director

Phone: (609) 292-6062 **Fax**: (609) 633-8168

e-mail: <u>Sara.cureton@sos.nj.gov</u>
Web site: <u>www.newjerseyhistory.org</u>

Type of organization: State of New Jersey

Purpose: The mission of the New Jersey Historical Commission is to enrich the lives of the public by preserving the historical record and advancing interest in and awareness of New Jersey's past. The Commission provides grants to historical organizations for general operating support, and various projects including archival services, educational materials for teachers, and publishes the *Journal of New Jersey History*.

NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

52 Park Place

Newark, NJ 07102-4302 **Phone**: (973) 596-8500

Fax: (973) 596-6957

E-mail: contactNJHS@jerseyhistory.org

Web site: www.jerseyhistory.org

Type of Organization: Non-profit historical society

Purpose: Through the history of New Jersey, promotes exploration of our cultures, past and

present. The library, museum and archives are open to the public.

NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST

101 South Broad Street, Sixth Floor

Trenton, NJ Mailing Address:

Department of Community Affairs

P.O. Box 457

Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

Contact: Dorothy Guzzo, Executive Director

Phone: (609) 984-0473

Fax: (609) 984-7590

e-mail: njht@dca.nj.gov

Web site: www.njht.org

Type of organization: State of New Jersey

Purpose: To advance historic preservation in New Jersey for the benefit of future generations through education, stewardship and financial investment programs that save our heritage and strengthen our communities. It provides grants for capital historic preservation projects, small grants to promote visitor ready sites, a revolving loan fund and an emergency grant and loan fund.

PRESERVATION NEW JERSEY

P.O. Box 7815

West Trenton, NJ 08628

Contact: Courtenay Mercer, Director

Phone: (609) 392-6409

e-mail: info@preservationnj.org

Web site: www.preservationnj.org/site/ExpEng/

Type of Organization: Non-profit, state-wide historic preservation membership organization **Purpose**: To protect New Jersey's historic resources by leading efforts to preserve and promote

the state's diverse heritage and to sustain livable communities

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPRTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

P.O. Box 404

Trenton, NJ 08625-0404 Mailing

Address:

Mail Code 501-04B State of New Jersey

Department of Environmental Protection

Historic Preservation Office

P.O. Box 420

Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

Contact: Katherine Marcopul, Administrator

Phone: (609) 984-0176 **Fax**: (609) 984-0578

Web site: www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo

Type of Organization: State of New Jersey, historic preservation

Purpose: To assist the residents of New Jersey in identifying, preserving, protecting and sustaining, our historic and archaeological resources through the implementation of the state's historic preservation program. Provides staff for the New Jersey Historic Sites Council and the New Jersey State Review Board for Historic Sites.

REGIONAL

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CENTRAL JERSEY

222 Livingston Avenue New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Contacts: Nathan Reiss. President

Deborah Cohn, Librarian & Archivist

Phone: (732) 249-4894 **Fax**: (732) 745-7448

e-mail: info.jhscj@gmail.com Web site: www.jewishgen.org/jhscj

Type of Organization: Private, non-profit

Purpose: To promote and publish, when possible, research into all facets of the local Jewish experience; to maintain an archival collection which is available to bona fide researchers; to promote educational programs and exhibits for both the Jewish and general communities. Also; and to foster a sense of rootedness and a pride in heritage in all of our Jewish constituents.

NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION RARITAN VALLEY CHAPTER

Contact: Frank McGonigle

e-mail: frank.mcgonigle@comcast.net

Phone: 908-561-0669

Type of Organization: Non-profit, patriotic, genealogical, historical

Purpose: To commemorate and provide memorials for the people and events of the American

Revolution.

RARITAN-MILLSTONE HERITAGE ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 5583

Somerset, NJ 08875-5583 Contact: Steve Russell

e-mail: sruss2761@yahoo.com

Web site: http://www.raritanmillstone.org/

Type of Organization: Non-profit, regional historic preservation and history membership organization Purpose: To promote preservation and understanding of the rich eventful and cultural heritage of significant historical, educational, and cultural sites located in the Raritan-Millstone region of New Jersey.

SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHEOLOGY - ROEBLING CHAPTER

(Greater New York and New Jersey) **Contact**: Joe Macasek, President e-mail: macgraphics1@verizon.net

Type of Organization: Regional non-profit history and historic preservation organization

Purpose: to encourage the study, interpretation, and preservation of historically significant

industrial sites, structures, artifacts, and technology.

The Society advances an awareness and appreciation of the value of preserving our industrial heritage including the preservation of historically significant sites, structures, buildings, artifacts, industrial processes, bridges, railroads, canals, landscapes, and communities.

SONS OF THE REVOLUTION

530 Route 523

Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889 **Contact**: Norman A. Stevens **e-mail**:

toad@blast.net

Web site: www.SRNJ.org

Type of Organization: Patriotic, Non-profit

Purpose: To preserve the principles of freedom and good government for which our forefathers

fought on behalf of succeeding generations

SONS OF UNION VETERNS OF THE CIVIL WAR GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT CAMP #73

Contact: Clark D. McCullough, Secretary-Treasurer

Phone: 732-671-1108 e-mail: ClarkCW @aol.com

Type of Organization: non-profit, patriotic, genealogical and historical

Purpose: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought and worked to save the Union in the American Civil War. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, SUVCW is the legal heir and successor to the Grand Army of the Republic. Camp 73 covers central New Jersey.

Meetings: Meetings are held at the American Legion Post 248 in South Plainfield, NJ. Please contact Clark McCullough for dates and times.