



Barn Dance

Put on your dancing shoes for a night of family fun as the Readington Museums hosts its bi-annual Barn Dance on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. The dance will be held inside the pre-Revolutionary War Wade-Wyckoff Barn at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead located at 114 Dreahook Road in the Stanton section of Readington Township. If using a GPS, use Lebanon, NJ 08833. This family friendly event is a wonderful way to have fun with the entire family as no experience is necessary. Caller Betsy Gotta will give easy to follow instructions before each dance so even a beginner will be able to dance the night away.



There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Groups of six or more please call for a reservation. For more information, call Program Director Margaret Smith at 908-236-2327.

Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration

On Sunday, November 2, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Readington Museums' welcomes the return of Open Hearth Cook, Connie Unangst, who has been involved in the Domestic Arts of the Colonial Era for over eighteen years. Ms. Unangst will be demonstrating the skills and methods of cooking a basic 18th century meal using the home's original open hearth. She plans to

cook a traditional Dutch menu while celebrating the bounties of the fall season. Ms. Unangst has provided educational, instructive and entertaining programs to the public throughout the East Coast.

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Lebanon, NJ 08833. This is a free family friendly event, although donations will be gratefully accepted. In case of inclement weather please call the Museums to find out the status of the program. For more information please visit www.readingtontwp.org/ReadingtonMuseums.html or call Program Director Margaret Smith at 908-236-2327.



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Durling Farms Memorabilia

Showcased in Exhibit



Bill Stevens with his Durling Collection at the Readington Township Municipal Building.

the year.

Durling Farms was founded in 1888 by Augustus C. Durling in Pottersville, and soon moved to Whitehouse Station, NJ. Over the following 75 years, the Durling Farms brand grew to become known for its quality dairy products, and for fresh delivery to the customer's door. The motto written on the early milk bottles even stated, *Quality Chekd*. In 1967, Grandson, Carlton C. Durling founded *Quick Chek* as a way for Durling Farms customers to conveniently purchase their fresh dairy products.



Durling Farms wooden milk box



Durling milk bottle with *QUALITY CHEKD* seal

An exhibit, featuring the Durling Farms memorabilia, was mounted in the glass display case in the front lobby of the Readington Township Municipal building. The collection, consisting of milk bottles, promotional items such as an ash tray and toy milk truck, pictures of the original buildings and milk trucks, and an employee pension contract, is on loan from lifelong Readington Township resident, Bill Stevens. The exhibit demonstrates a cultural representation of Readington's past, and can be viewed weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. until the end of

Mr. Stevens has been collecting milk bottles for over 40 years. His interest in milk bottles began after he found a milk bottle in a hedgerow during a hunting trip. Since then, he has accumulated a number of milk bottles, which hold the Durling name. Mr. Stevens' passion for Durling memorabilia stems from his childhood as his father worked for the dairy company in the early 1940s for 30 years as well as growing up with Durling products on his kitchen table. For any questions about the collection, Mr. Stevens can be reached at 908-797-7197.



Monday Mornings for Kids Returned Successfully This August



In its third Summer, *Monday Mornings at the Museum* returned successfully with over 25 children registered. After a brief history lesson, the children created historical or nature themed projects during each of the four consecutive Mondays in August. Throughout the program, the children made lemonade, corn



Katherine showing her corn husk doll

husk dolls, candles, butter, tin punch designs, and critter key chains. The children were also given a tour of the 1741 Dutch bank house at the end of each program day. Many families even stayed for a picnic lunch and hike throughout the farmstead's 68 acres.



Children show their tin punch designs



Children with their handmade candles and critter key chains



Proudly showing corn husk dolls



Lemonade making with Cheyenne



Tin punch craft using mallets and nails

Donation of Hunterdon County Map

The Readington Museums thanks neighbors, Michael Stepanavage and Judy Harrison for their generous donation of a 1901 framed map of Hunterdon County. This was their way of demonstrating their appreciation for the many years of hiking, walking and sharing the Bouman-Stickney property line with their own.



Michael Stepanavage & Judy E. Harrison with early 20th century Hunterdon County map

Bee Program Attracts Large Crowd



Beatrice Tassot showcases a drone frame before demonstrating how to scrape beeswax off.

Tassot Apiaries, Inc. of Buzzing Acres Farm of Milford were on hand to share knowledge and expertise on bees, hives, and honey with over 60 visitors. During the September 7, 2014 open house, Beatrice Tassot

discussed and shared advice on local beekeeping. Bea brought a hive to showcase, as well as equipment and fashions for beekeeping. Bea Tassot also had honey, soaps, and candles available for purchase at the event.

Calendar 2014

The Bouman-Stickney Farmstead is located at 114 Dreahook Road, in the Stanton section of the township. Donation for all lectures and programs are gladly accepted.

Saturday, October 18

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Barn Dance with Betsy Gotta
\$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Refreshments served.

Sunday, November 2

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Open Hearth Cooking
Connie Unangst

Sunday, December 7

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Dutch Christmas