



Partners in History

Christmas with Jane Austen Sunday, December 2, 2012

When one hears the name Jane Austen, visions of ladies in long white gowns and caps, balls and dances, carriage rides and husband hunting are usually the first things that pop into one's head. Come spend the afternoon in Ms. Austen's world as the Readington Museums proudly hosts *Christmas with Jane Austen* on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. The program will run continuously between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

The Farmstead will be filled with the aromas of a Christmas meal being prepared on the open hearth, as historic cook Connie Unangst prepares foods that would have graced the Austen's table during the



holidays.

A must for any true gentele Regency person, guests will have the chance to try their hand, or more accurately their foot, at some simple country dances popular in the early 19th century. These joyful county dances are easy and fun for all ages, no experience required.

Noted New Jersey artist, Deborah Mores will be on hand to help visitors create 19th century stenciled ornaments to take home with them.

Guests can also indulge in Regency parlor games such as *Hunt the Slipper* or *The Minister's Cat*.

The program is free, but donations are gladly accepted and refreshments will be served.

The Bouman-Stickney Farmstead is located at 114 Dreahook Road in Stanton section of the Readington Township. Visitors using a GPS or on-line map program are asked to please use Lebanon, NJ 08833. Due to the size of the Farmstead groups of six or more are asked to make a reservation which can be made by calling Program Director Kimberly Costa at 908-236-2327 or by email readingtonmuseums@gmail.com.



Calendar of Events for 2013 Coming Soon

Staff is currently working hard to come up with a fun and eclectic mix of programs for 2013. The schedule of events should be finalized and published in our Winter 2013 newsletter. Programs for this year will include beer brewing, lace making, an open house at the Eversole-Hall House, open hearth cooking, a photography walk and more.

The Bouman-Stickney Farmstead is located at 114 Dreahook Road, in the Stanton section of the Township. \$5.00 suggested

donations for all lectures and programs, but donations of any kind are always welcome!

Sunday, February 3, 2013

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Chocolate From Start to Finish. Do you know the difference between a modern and an 18th century chocolate bar? Did our ancestors eat chocolate cake? And how exactly does one turn, what looks like hard coffee beans, into the rich, decadent confection we all love? Come watch as we make chocolate, from start to

finish, the 18th century way.

Sunday, March 3, 2012

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Lace Making with the Lost Arts Lacers. Lace textiles are some of the most beloved in the world. Come watch members of the Lost Arts Lacers demonstrate how hand-made lace is created.



Hurricane Sandy Impacts Museums



This large tree downed phone lines and blocked our parking lot.

We are happy to report the buildings that make up the Readington Museums received little damage during the recent bout with Hurricane Sandy.

For several days it was impossible to reach Cold Brook School, which is located on Potterstown Road. The building lost power

and several roof tiles, as well as several trees in the wooded area.

The Eversole-Hall House suffered little damage other than the telephone junction box coming loose on the side of the house.

The Bouman-Stickney Farmstead suffered the most damage. Power was lost for several days.

Several trees were lost on the grounds, including a very old apple tree located close to the garden, as well as a large oak which damaged the telephone lines. There was also slight damage to some of the gutters on the guest house.

In light of the difficulties most of our neighbors were facing, in addition to the loss of power at the Farmstead, it was decided to

Sadly we lost our biggest and oldest apple tree.

cancel the program, Civil War Clothing, scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 2012. There are no plans at this time to present the program next year. We apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment the cancellation may have caused.

Due to power outages at the township's schools staff cancelled the remainder of the 4th grade programs, held at Cold Brook School. We are happy to report that all the remaining programs have been rescheduled for May, 2013. In this living history program the students spend a morning going to school the 19th century way.