



## Your Stories Wanted: Reagan's Visit to Readington

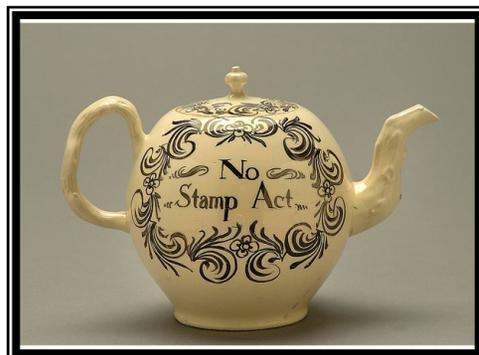
The Readington Museums is creating an exhibit reflecting on President Reagan's 1982 visit to Readington Township. By incorporating the thoughts and memories of residents, this exhibit will explore the diverse perspectives from which residents experienced and recall the occasion. To do this, the Readington Museums needs the help of residents.

Anyone who remembers the event is invited and encouraged to share their story with the Museums. Anything from sending a short sentence-or-two recollection to participating in an interview will help tremendously.

If you remember President Reagan's visit and are willing to contribute to our exhibit, please either:

- email Readington Museums intern Julia Sirota at [ReadingtonMuseums@gmail.com](mailto:ReadingtonMuseums@gmail.com),
- call 908-236-2327,
- or fill out our online form (the link to which can be found at the top of the Readington Museums' website: [ReadingtonMuseums.org](http://ReadingtonMuseums.org)).

Thank you very much for helping the Readington Museums explore what President Reagan's visit meant and means to the people of Readington Township.



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# Meet the Intern: Julia Sirota



Julia Sirota is passionate about history. Whether digging through historical archives, journeying to reenactments of the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington, or analyzing the historical content in musicals (such as *Ragtime*, *1776*, *Assassins*, and, of course, *Hamilton*), Julia loves engaging with the past. She is thrilled for the opportunity to explore history with the Readington Museums.

Over the course of the summer, Julia will work on a number of projects for the Museums and assist with the Museums' programming. She is currently collecting interviews and photos for an exhibit about President Reagan's 1982 visit to Readington, which will be on display in the Municipal Building. She helped with the Museums' 3rd Grade Programs and is looking forward to the summer's youth programming.

Julia grew up in the Readington schools and fondly remembers her own field trips to the Museums. In high school, Julia played the flute in Hunterdon Central's marching band, was involved in the school's Gender Equality club, and worked as a tutor and teacher's assistant at the Flemington Jewish Community School's Hebrew School. A rising junior at Brandeis University, Julia intends to double-major in History and Economics with a minor in German Studies, and she serves on the Hillel at Brandeis student board.



## Monday Mornings at the Museum: A Summer Program for Kids



The Readington Museums are excited to announce the return of Monday Mornings at the Museum! This hands-on summer program invites children ages 5-12 to explore history and nature at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. It runs from 10 a.m. to noon on four consecutive Mondays — July 11th, 18th, 25th, and August 1st. Each week, children will participate in a short history or nature lesson and then make a craft based on that week's theme!

During the first program, we will make candles and lemonade and learn an 18th c. English dance. Other programs will include tin smith designs, butter making, and critter crafts. The cost of each program is \$8.00 per child, per day.

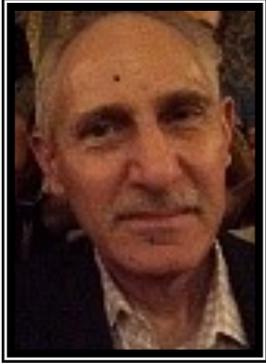
Participants and their families are invited to picnic on the grounds, and are welcome to take a nature walk on the sixty five acres that make up the Farmstead grounds. Trail maps are available. Register online through the link on our homepage: [www.ReadingtonMuseums.org](http://www.ReadingtonMuseums.org), or contact the Readington Museums at 908-236-2327 or [readingtonmuseums@gmail.com](mailto:readingtonmuseums@gmail.com).



# Summer Lecture Series Returns

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The Readington Museums' popular summer lecture series returns. All programs take place the last Thursday or Friday evenings of June, July, and August from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



## *For Citizens and Strangers: New Jersey Taverns During the Early American Period*

**Thursday, June 23 (updated change)**

Dennis Bertland will share a vivid account of early New Jersey tavern life: taverns and how they were furnished, tavern staff and patrons, food and drink, as well as associated social and community activities. Bertland is an architectural historian and historic preservation consultant, whose firm, Dennis Bertland Associates, has been providing historic preservation services for a variety of clients throughout New Jersey for over 30 years.

## *Tea in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century*

**Friday, July 29**

Susan Plaisted, proprietress of Heart to Hearth Cookery, a food history business based in Bucks County, PA, conducts a program using artifacts and slides to explore the experience of taking tea in the Colonies. Tea samples will be offered. Plaisted holds a B.S. in food and nutrition and an M.S. in health education. Her specialty is American and Native American food during the Colonial Period.



## *Colonial Brewing*

**Friday, August 26**

Rich Wagner, colonial brewing interpreter, will share his knowledge of brewing practices of antiquity in a power point format. For hundreds of years folks in Europe knew better than to drink the water, as everyone knew water could make you deathly ill. Instead, they brewed and drank beer, including children. So, it was a natural jump for immigrants arriving in the New World to bring their tradition of brewing and drinking beer here.



Each lecture is held inside the historic Wade-Wyckoff Barn located at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. In the Stanton section of Readington Township, GPS address: 114 Dreahook Road Lebanon NJ 08833. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation for adults. Refreshments will be served and reservations are not needed. For more information please call Program Director Margaret Smith at 908-236-2327 or visit [www.readingtonmuseums.org](http://www.readingtonmuseums.org).

# The Many Hands That Power Our Museums

Readington Museums wishes to thank our talented and dedicated volunteers that help the Museums function at a quality level. Many of our volunteers help with basic upkeep, repair, assist with school programs, garden, and sew costumes. Anyone interested in joining the volunteer team can call the Museums or email using the information on page one.



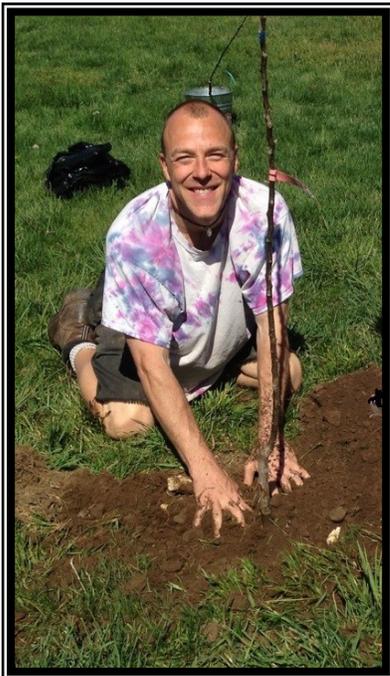
Chuck Waters and Brian Helriegel built a new porch in front of the Eversole Hall House.



Rene Rao helps with the Partners in History program for the Readington Township Schools.



Museum Committee President, Erin Brennan and Mayor Betty Ann Fort teach candle making to the Readington Township School Children.



Dan Allen plants apple trees in honor of the late Robert Clapp as a memorial for his service to Readington Museums.



Christine DeLessio helps with the Partners in History program for the Readington Township Schools.



Amie Ostmann helps with the Partners in History Program for the Readington Township Schools.



Director Margaret Smith and Museum Committee Member, Sheila Paciullo, interpret 18th century life for the Partners in History School Program.



High School Junior, Michaela Smith, assists at the Eversole-Hall House Partners in History School Program.



Retired Readington Township Teacher, Donna DeGrau, works with students at the Cold Brook School Partners in History Program.

## Calendar 2016

### Thursday, June 23

7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Lecture: *NJ Taverns and Stage Coach Travel*  
Dennis Bertland

### Friday, July 29

7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Lecture: *Tea time*  
Susan Plaisted

### Friday, August 26

7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Lecture: *18th c. Brewing*  
Rich Wagner

### Sunday, September 11

1:00-4:00 p.m.  
*Pottery Demo*  
Helen Farrant

### Sunday, October 2

1:00-4:00 p.m.  
*19th c. Schoolhouse visitation at the Cold Brook School*

### Saturday, October 8

7:00-9:00 p.m.  
*Barn Dance*  
Betsy Gotta

### Sunday, November 6

1:00-4:00 p.m.  
*Quince Recipes*  
Susan Plaisted

### Sunday, December 4

1:00-4:00 p.m.  
*Dutch Christmas Open Hearth Cooking*  
Connie Unangst

### Sunday, February 5

1:00-4:00 p.m.  
TBD

Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, GPS address: 114 Dreahook Road Lebanon NJ 08833.

Donations for all programs are gladly accepted. Prior registration required for groups of six or more.

Readington Museums received an Operating Support Grant in 2015 from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State.