



Partners in History

2013 Open House Sunday Programs

The Readington Museums proudly offers a variety of Open House Sunday programs for 2013, with something sure to please everyone in the family. Our Open House Sunday programs are held the first Sunday of the month, February-May and September-December, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead (unless otherwise noted). All programs are free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Our year kicks off on **Sunday, February 3** with **Historic Chocolate Making**. Visitors will have a chance to watch the entire chocolate making process: from the unroasted chocolate nibs to delectable, silky chocolate. Visitors will have the chance to sample 18th century drinking chocolate.

Sunday, March 3 the Lost Arts Lacers will be on hand to demonstrate **Lacemaking**. Making exquisite pieces of hand-made lace dates back to the 15th century, but sadly today is becoming a lost art form. Founded in 1976, the Lost Arts Lacers of North Jer-

sey, is an organization of lace makers and lace enthusiasts based in Northwest New Jersey. Their purpose is to preserve the art and craft of lacemaking, to stimulate interest in and appreciation for all facets of the history, of the art and craft of lacemaking.

Sunday, April 7, brings a new program- **A Day in the Life of Vrouw Bouman**. What if you had the chance to go back, and experience life in the 18th century? During the program, visitors will have a chance to *try their hand* at a variety of chores and activities typically performed in the 18th century. Activities will include laundry and cleaning, cooking on an open hearth, mending and sewing, making small toys, getting dressed, spinning, tinsmithing and more. This hands-on program is great for families.

On **Sunday, May 5** brewer Rich Wagner will be on hand to show visitors how to make beer, from start to finish.

Sunday, September 8 you can visit with Mrs. Hall as she opens her home to visitors. The **Eversole-Hall House** is located at 511 Rt.

523 (blue house next to the Readington Twp. municipal building). This 18th century home was built prior to the Revolutionary War, and was expanded to become a shoemakers shop in the early 19th century. Come talk with Mrs. Hall, see her home and find out about her husband's workshop.

On **Sunday, October 6** local photographer D.A. Hermann will host a **Photography Walk** on the 65 acres that make up the Bouamn-Stickney Farmstead. Participants will learn different techniques and tricks for taking nature photographs.

Sunday, November 3 brings an Open Hearth Cooking demonstration featuring all types of puddings, including a traditional plum pudding and spotted dog.

Our last program of the season will celebrate *Christmas-1840's style*. **Christmas with Charles Dickens** will be held on **Sunday, December 1**. Spend the day with characters straight out of *A Christmas Carol*. Watch mince pies and goose being cooked in the open hearth, and other activities.

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May I Have This Dance?

Barn Dances and The Readington Assembly Dance

The Readington Museums is pleased to offer three dance events in 2013. Our popular **Barn Dance** will be held on Saturdays, May 18, and October 19, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Caller Betsy Gotta will give easy to follow instructions. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Refreshments served.

New for 2013, our **Readington Assembly Dance** will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Featured will be English Country Dances, which are the Grandmother of the modern



Dancers are performing *Come Haste to the Wedding*, an easy English Country Dance.

day square dance— one difference being they are performed in long rows or groups of six, instead of four couple squares. This allows more persons to

dance at one time. Dance instruction will be provided by members of the Tapestry Dance Ensemble. Admission is \$10.00 per person which includes a Dessert Collation. 18th and early 19th century costumes are encouraged, but not required.

All dances are family friendly, and no prior experience is necessary. Clear instructions will be given before and during all of the dances. Advance registration is also recommended for groups of six or more. Please call 908-236-2327.

Volunteers Needed for *A Day in the Life* Program

Have you ever wanted to get your hands-on history—literally? The Museums staff is seeking volunteers to help run a variety of different hands-on stations for our *Day in the Life of Vrouw Bouman* program, on Sunday, April 7th. Participants would be assigned to a variety of stations such as laun-

dry, house cleaning, candle making, simple sewing, working with wool or tin, small toy building, or to act as a helper in the kitchens. A short training session will be held two weeks prior to the event. Families are welcome to volunteer but we ask that children be at least 12 years

of age. Costumes may be provided. If you are interested please call Program Director Kimberly Costa at 908-236-2327.



Monday Mornings at the Museums Set to Return this Summer

We are pleased to announce the return of Monday Mornings at the Museum for kids ages 5-14. These hands-on craft programs will



be held on four consecutive Mondays—July 22, 29, August 5, and 12th, between 10:00 a.m. and noon, and will be held at

the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. Kids will have a chance to make a historical or nature inspired craft with a new theme offered each week. The cost of each program is \$3.00 per child, per day. Registration information will be forthcoming.

Open Hearth Cooking Class Offered in February



This could be you!

Come learn to cook the Colonial way as the Readington Museums once again offers a 'taste of the past' with an Open Hearth Cook-

ing class to be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013.

The class will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The hands-on cooking class is limited to eight participants and registration opens on January 7, 2013.

Participants will learn to cook a basic 18th century meal using the original open hearth at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. During the class, instruction will be given on basic open hearth tech-

nique, including fire safety, translating recipes, proper fire maintenance and cooking skills.

After preparing a variety of foods, participants will have a chance to sample all the dishes prepared during the class.

There is a forty dollar donation to take the class, and advanced registration is required. Please call Kimberly Costa at 908-236-2327.

Christmas with Jane Austen

Over 100 visitors attended *Christmas with Jane Austen*, on Sunday, December 2nd, at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. This year's program featured typical holiday celebrations of the Regency era. Open Hearth cook Connie Unangst's holiday

meal was a treat for the eyes as well as the nose. She prepared a variety of treats, including a traditional plum pudding. Dancing in the barn was held several times throughout the day, and members of the Jane Austen Society of North America lent col-

or to the day by attending in their beautiful Regency dress. Popular parlor games were played in front of the upstairs hearth. The day finished with a walk amongst the hedgerows along the many trails that make up the grounds of the Farmstead.

Cook Connie Unangst (L) delighted guests with her Regency goodies. Members of JASNA, staff and volunteers (R) show off their Regency finest in the upstairs parlor.



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Calendar 2013

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.

Sunday, February 3

1:00-4:00 p.m.
Historic Chocolate Making

Saturday, February 16

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Open Hearth Cooking Class

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1:00-4:00 p.m.
Lace Making Demonstration

Saturday, April 6

7:00-9:30 p.m.
Readington Assembly Dance
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Sunday, April 7

1:00-4:00 p.m.
A Day in the Life of Vrouw Bouman

Sunday, May 5

1:00-4:00 p.m.
Colonial Beer Brewing with
Master brewer Rich Wagner

Saturday, May 18

7:00-9:30 p.m.
Barn Dance
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Friday, June 28

7:00-8:00 p.m.
18th Century Clocks and Clock-
makers of Hunterdon County
with David Sperling.

Friday, July 26

7:00-8:00 p.m.
Colonial Breweries of Easton,
PA with Master brewer Rich
Wagner

Friday, August 30

7:00-8:00 p.m.
Antique Tools of New Jersey
with Bob Garay