



## Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area Newsletter

September 2010

### Honoring Baron von Steuben at Historic New Bridge Landing, Bergen County

The Bergen County Historical Society will honor Major-General Friedrich Wilhelm Baron von Steuben at Historic New Bridge Landing on Sunday, September 26 from 1 to 5 pm. Re-enactors of the Third NJ Regiment (aka Jersey Blues) will demonstrate military dress and skills of the American Revolution. Jersey artifacts and furnishings will be on display at the Steuben and Demarest Houses which will be open to

visitors.

Refreshments will be available in the Campbell-Christie House, a restored tavern house dating back to 1774, which also features a gift shop. Culinary arts of the period will be demonstrated at a Jersey Dutch Out Kitchen. At 4 pm, historian Kevin Wright will speak in the Steuben House on Baron von Steuben and his Jersey Estate, emphasizing his significant contribution to the training and organization of the American army.

The Bergen County Historical Society will launch its new campaign, Follow The Flag, at the event. There will be a Hopkinson Flag on view, hand sewn from wool bunting by Margaret Haggerty, an accomplished fabric artist, and her friend Helen Clark. Francis Hopkinson, of Bordentown, New Jersey, is credited with designing the first United States flag.

Suggested donation: \$7 adult, \$5 children, BCHS members free. For information visit [www.bergencountyhistory.org](http://www.bergencountyhistory.org)

### Farmstead Arts Center Grand Opening. Somerset County

### Heritage Area Happenings



**Sept. 26, 11am - 4pm**  
**[English Farm History Day](#)**

Special events include a Revolutionary period encampment, tours of historic buildings including the main barn, ice house and haybarn, and hay rides. Pumpkin picking and a corn maze are also available.

**Sept. 26, 1 - 5pm**  
**[Historic New Bridge Landing - Bergen County Historical Society](#)**

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**Oct 2, 12:30 - 4pm**  
**[William Trent House Museum](#)**

**Back to School** Quill Pen Writing: What's a hornbook? Find out how to write with a quill pen. Enjoy the ins and outs of colonial writing. Make a quill pen to bring home. This program is Free. Please bring a non-perishable food item to share with the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

The Farmstead Arts Center at the Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead will hold a grand opening and formal dedication on Saturday, Oct. 9 and Sunday, Oct. 10.

The Farmstead Arts Center, 450 King George Road, Basking Ridge, NJ, is a non-profit center for the fine, performing and practical arts. As of November, the

Farmstead will offer art and music lessons, art shows, concerts, community events and studio space.

The Arts Center is housed in an historic 18<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse and English Barn listed on the national and state historic registers. The grand opening represents the culmination of 11 years of renovation efforts by The Friends of the Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead, through grant funding by the state of New Jersey, Somerset County, Bernards Township, the Somerset Hills Historical Society, and countless volunteer hours by members of the community.

Special events at the opening will include a formal dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at 3 pm, Saturday, Oct. 9, and an antiques appraisal event, "Antiques Alley," from 1 to 4 pm, Sunday, Oct. 10. The weekend festivities will include tours of the historic farmhouse and English Barn, music, an art exhibit, and the unveiling of an original 18<sup>th</sup> century style mural by local muralist Caren Frost Olmstead.

For more information visit [www.farmsteadartscenter.org](http://www.farmsteadartscenter.org).

## Weekend Journey Through the Past, Somerset County

The Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, in conjunction with local historical organizations, has designated the weekend of October 9-10, "Weekend Journey through the Past." During the two-day period, 27 of Somerset County's significant historic sites will be open on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, Oct. 10 from Noon to 5

pm.

Many of the sites have planned special exhibits, programs, and tours. Admission and parking at each site are free.

The sites have been grouped into three convenient tours by location:

### **Oct. 3, 10:30am - 4:30pm** **Lord Stirling 1770s Festival**

Enjoy demonstrations of New Jersey's colonial heritage -- trades, crafts and period dress -- at this award winning festival in Lord Stirling Park, Basking Ridge.

### **Oct. 9, 10am - 5pm Oct. 10, 12 - 5pm**

#### **Somerset County Weekend Journey Through the Past**

The Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission coordinates a fantastic two-day event with 28 of the county's most significant historic sites. Experience the sights and sounds of 18<sup>th</sup> Century living with costumed re-enactors, live demonstrations and lectures. Admission is free.

### **Oct. 9, 10am - 5pm Oct. 10, 12 - 5pm**

#### **The Farmstead Arts Center**

Official grand opening and formal dedication at the Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead will include tours of the historic farmhouse and English Barn, music and the unveiling of an original 18<sup>th</sup> century style mural by muralist Caren Frost Olmstead of Basking Ridge.

### **Oct 9, 12:30 - 4pm** **William Trent House Museum**

Historic Housekeeping: Join the Trent House staff for a special afternoon of learning how the Trent household prepared for winter. After helping with the winter chores, enjoy a slice of home baked pie.

### **Oct 10, 11am - 3pm** **Princeton Battlefield State Park**

Come make candles! Autumn was the time to get candles made for the long dark winter months. Learn the various forms of lighting used in 18<sup>th</sup> century and make your own hand dipped candle with Clarke House Volunteers.

### **Oct 16, 10am - 5pm**

Somerset County's history. Many of the sites have significant Revolutionary War histories for further information visit [www.schistoryweekend.com](http://www.schistoryweekend.com).

## Four Centuries in a Weekend, Union County

Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, this free heritage festival will take place the weekend of Oct. 16 -17. Featuring 22 historic house museums and sites that will be open to visitors, Four Centuries in a Weekend offers a great opportunity for all to learn about the significant history of this region.

This 2010 historic sites tour will be open on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, Oct. 17 from noon to 5 pm is broken down into several different themes and eras to interest visitors: Early Aristocracy, Farm Life, Revolutionary Front Line, Commerce & Industry, Victorian Resorts & Suburbs. Visit the Union County website [www.ucnj.org/cultural/4centuries](http://www.ucnj.org/cultural/4centuries) where you can download information about the history of the region, detailed information on the individual sites, and map your weekend tour. Enjoy!

## George Washington Teacher's Workshops

The Crossroads of the American Revolution Association is a proud co-sponsor of free workshops for New Jersey teachers on October 22 and 29. **NOTE: The workshops are fully enrolled. Registration is now WAITING LIST ONLY. If you would like to be added to either waiting list, please contact: [education@mountvernon.org](mailto:education@mountvernon.org)**

Through the generous support of the Lipper Family Charitable Foundation, New Jersey teachers are invited to participate in exciting, curriculum-relevant workshops that will explore George Washington and New Jersey's pivotal role in the Revolutionary War and the subsequent challenges of establishing an economically independent nation.

The workshops are being co-sponsored by George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association, the New Jersey Historical Commission, the National Park Service, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the New Jersey Center for Civic and Law Related Education.

Two separate day-long programs are offered:

October 22, at Morristown National Historical Park: "George Washington and the War for Independence in New Jersey."

October 29, at WheatonArts in Millville: "George Washington: The Exertions of Skill and Genius:

### **Oct 17, Noon - 5pm** **Four Centuries in a Weekend**

Take a great journey through Union County history at this free heritage festival, featuring twenty-two historic house museums and sites.

### **Oct. 22, 9:30am - 3:30pm** **Morristown National Historical Park**

**Teachers' Workshop** George Washington and the War for Independence in New Jersey: Through the generous support of the Lipper Family Charitable Foundation, New Jersey teachers are invited to participate in this exciting, curriculum-relevant workshop that will explore George Washington and New Jersey's pivotal role in the Revolutionary War. **NOTE: Registration is full. Waiting list only.**

### **Oct. 29, 9:30am - 3:30pm** **Wheaton Arts Millville**

**Teachers' Workshop** "George Washington's Skill and Genius: Constitution and Commerce. Through the generous support of the Lipper Family Charitable Foundation, New Jersey teachers are invited to participate in this exciting, curriculum-relevant workshop that will explore George Washington's and New Jersey's key roles in establishing an economically independent nation. **NOTE: Registration is full. Waiting list only.**

### **Oct. 30, 2pm** **William Trent House Museum** **Haunted Tales!**

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