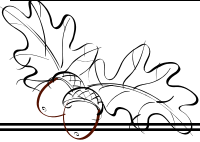


# THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL



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## Calendar of Events

### J.T. Historical Society/Museum:

#### October 3rd

Museum Open 1-4 pm  
Upholstery Restoration Demonstration

#### October 7th

Ghosts of Jefferson Past Program  
Camp Jefferson 7:30 pm

#### October 14th

Museum Christmas Decorating  
Meeting - Museum 7:30 pm

#### October 31st

Halloween at the Museum  
Museum 4 pm

#### November 4th

JT Historical Society Meeting  
Nominations for 2011 Officers  
7:30 pm Camp Jefferson

#### November 7th

Museum Open 1-4 pm

#### November 17th

Garden Club presents "Holiday  
Floral Demonstration"  
Camp Jefferson 7:30 pm

#### November 20th

Outside holiday decorating for  
Museum Christmas  
Museum 11:00 am

#### December 2nd

JT Historical Society Meeting  
Election of Officers for 2011  
7:30 pm Camp Jefferson

#### December 4th & 5th

Museum Christmas  
Saturday 10-4 pm  
Sunday 12-4 pm

## President's Message - Christine Williams

With the changing of the seasons, we seem to turn our thoughts to the upcoming holidays. It is always a busy time for friends and family to give thanks and to reflect on our blessings. In that spirit the Society acknowledges the support of Mayor Felter, Administration and Council along with the DPW and Recreation Departments. The Museum and Society have experienced an amazing year. All the accomplishments of this past year have to be attributed to the dedication of our volunteers. The newly restored Museum kitchen, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Milton School program, an expanding newsletter, an exciting

website, new acquisitions and genealogy services all were because of volunteers. Our grandest accomplishment was to be listed on National and State Registries and the wonderful celebration that ensued. Members have transformed the Museum into a building that reflects its period in history. Every Sunday open house continues to bring visitors from all over the state and country. They marvel at the details of the house and its furnishings and are delighted with the tours given by our costumed and trained docents. "Miss Elizabeth's Garden" was probably the most beautiful this past season. The Garden Club members made sure everything made it through a very long, hot

and dry summer. It is an active group that focuses on the Museum with an eye towards beauty, authenticity and education. Our Museum is probably the most photographed building in the surrounding area. The Society continues to thrive with the addition of new active members. Networking with other local, state and national societies, agencies, clubs and the school system has brought positive exposure. Please continue to be active in the Society and support all of its events. There is a myriad of subjects to interest everyone. Find your place in the group and fill it. I wish you all good health and prosperity in the new year.

## Director's Highlights - Carol Keppel - *Who's Who in Jefferson Ghosts*

On October 7, 2010 we are teaming with the Jefferson Community Players to pay our respects to some of Jefferson's notable ghosts in our re-created "cemetery". This space will be filled not just with headstones but with headlines as well. If the spirits that walk in this place could speak to us, they'd tell us stories that made the newspapers as well as tales that have

simply become part of family histories. Ah, if only they could talk. Well, if you enter the Lodge at Camp Jefferson at 7:30 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup>, maybe, just maybe, you might *hear* them! We've pored through our township's chronicles and know of so many men and women who have shaped our history. We've chosen 10 individuals whose activities wove their way through nearly

200 years. Join us to learn about life in Seward's Tavern and the Sunnyside Hotel on Lake Hopatcong. Learn from Nolan's Point schoolteacher Mrs. Spencer and our first librarian, Violet Riker. Find out from Joe Headley how he helped build the Ringling Manor. Maybe learn the secret of Mrs. Willis' mother's suet pudding, and much more.



## What's the Dirt? -Museum Garden Club—Roberta Shaw, Master Gardener, The Poinsettia, euphorbia pulcherrima

Joel Poinsett, the first United States Ambassador to Mexico, brought the poinsettia to the US in 1828. Having a strong interest in botany, he introduced the American elm into Mexico. During his stay, he wandered the Mexico countryside looking for new plant species. He found the euphorbia growing in the

wilderness near Taxo, Mexico. He took cuttings from the plant and brought them home to his greenhouse in South Carolina. The name poinsettia was given to the plant by William Prescott, a historian and horticulturist. It was so named to honor Joel Poinsett's discovery.

*Care:* Place in indirect light away from drafts. Keep soil moist, but avoid over-watering. Prefers daytime temperatures of 60 – 70 degrees with evening temps of 55 degrees.



## Curator's Corner - Lynda MacDonald, Curator

I hope that you have been to the Museum and have seen our new display cases. The many people coming through have been very interested in their contents. Most of the displays have come from my own collections . . . .

But I need your help. We need new material to keep people coming back to see " What's new this

month!" and I am running out of 'new' old stuff. Because you are all interested in history, you are members of our society after all, you must surely have lots of interesting collections to share. I would be happy to pick up your collection from you and set up the shelves ...you could lend a few things to fill a shelf or a whole bunch for filling a case. Collectors collect all kinds of

things from bottle openers and kitchen gadgets to perfume bottles and eye glasses. The items don't have to be awfully antique, but the older the better. If you could sign up for a certain month, I could more easily set up a schedule. That would make my job a lot easier. Please give me a call at 973-697-1083 and feel free to ask me a question.



**We will have a Boo-tique with items available for sale the night of the program**

### **"GHOSTS OF JEFFERSON PAST"**

**OCTOBER 7TH**

**CAMP JEFFERSON 7:30 PM**

A theatrical interpretation of the history of the township's past residents. Be entertained and maybe a little frightened as you hear some of the interesting conversations and commentary from these people of the past. The JTHS is pleased to partner with the Jefferson Community Players for this free presentation.

Doors open at 7:10 pm. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

## Museum Haunting!

It's that time again sisters. Get out that broom and dust off your hat, we will ride once again this year! Come share your latest spell.

The Fire Company No. 1 will be holding its annual Halloween party on Sunday October 31st at 3pm. We will be haunting the museum and handing out candy bags to the children on their way back to the fire house after they parade down the street past our Museum.

Please wear your best witch attire (hat and broom) and fly over to the museum by 4pm.



**"Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and caldron bubble."**

**- Macbeth William Shakespeare**

## Society News & Announcements

### Membership

All Historical Society updates are sent via email, please send your email address to Christine Williams at [president@jthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@jthistoricalsociety.org)

Garden Club member updates are also sent via email, please send your email address to Roberta Shaw at [gardener1@jthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:gardener1@jthistoricalsociety.org)

**If you wish to know about other historic events throughout the state, check out the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey**

### All Donations are tax deductible.

**Your donations greatly assist our projects and our ongoing preservation of the George Chamberlain House.**

**A special thank you to Lindekin Farms for donating this years outside fall decorations and to Patty Cincotta of the Garden Club for taking her time to add fall charm to our Museum.**

### News

Major Stephen G. West, son of Richard and Donna West, is still serving in Afghanistan. He will be there until October 2010.

## 2011 Nomination for Officers and Trustees (as per the JTHS By-Laws)

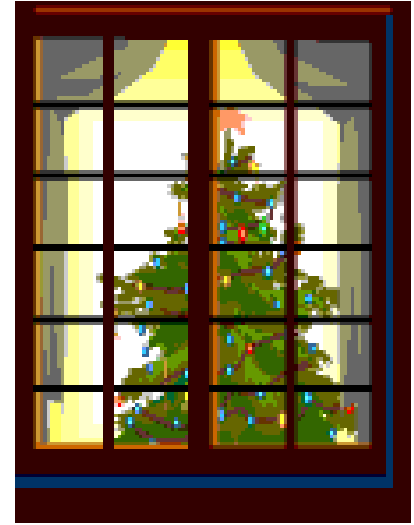
### Elected Offices (One year term)

President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

### Trustee positions (Three Year term)

All Six Trustee positions are open

Any member in good standing is eligible to run for office. If interested please contact [president@jthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@jthistoricalsociety.org) Formal nominations will be entertained at the November 4th meeting.



## Museum Christmas

**Saturday, December 4th 10am - 4pm**  
**Sunday, December 5th 12pm - 4pm**

*The Museum is proud to present "Storybook Christmas" this year. Please come visit and see how we have incorporated the likes of Charles Dickens, Longfellow, Clement C. Moore's "T'was the Night Before Christmas" and others into our decorating theme. Miss Elizabeth's Shoppe will be open to purchase gifts as well as holiday goodies.*

*Start getting into the spirit early by lending a hand. Volunteers are always needed to help decorate the museum inside and out weeks prior to the event. Is baking your thing? Why not donate some home bake goods. We can also use help the day of the event by being a docent/greeter or by lending assistance in the Shoppe.*

*A meeting to discuss details will be held October 14th at 7:30 pm at the Museum. Hope to see you there. If you can't attend the meeting and would still like to be involved, please contact one of our co-chairs:*

*Roberta Shaw 973-697-9176*

*Robin Trevor 973-697-7007*

# Jefferson Township Historical Society

“Committee for ‘76”

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## Museum Hours:

First Sunday of the Month

1-4 pm or by Appointment

973-697-0258

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For additional information email us at  
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## 2010 Membership Form

**I would like to become a member/renew my membership:**

Type of membership: (Circle Type requested)

Individual . . . . \$ 15.00      Business . . . . \$ 100.00

Family . . . . . \$ 25.00      Life . . . . . \$ 250.00

Sustaining . . . . \$ 75.00      Patron . . . . . \$ 500.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a current member and would like to make an additional donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

To be used towards the following:

◇ General Fund

◇ Scholarship Fund

◇ In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**

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