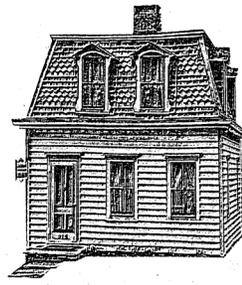


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## President's Message - Partnership

A wonderful relationship between the Historical Society and the Jefferson Township Library has long been enjoyed. Most recently, Library Director Seth Stephens has begun to set up a section of the library specifically for local history. As there is no place in the Museum for research, this dedicated area will serve a much needed purpose. Seth has been searching to find appropriate books and materials related to Jefferson Township and Morris County. When completed, this area will be well defined with specific signage and artifacts. It will be a great addition to the library as it serves the township. We appreciate Director Stephens' effort in creating this area.

As many of you know, the Society has a vast collection of postcards depicting scenes of Jefferson as it changed through the years. Director Stephens has applied for a grant to help the Society manage this collection. A small part of the collection is available in Miss Elizabeth's Shoppe. They are very popular sellers and generate a lot of discussion. Unfortunately, most of the collection is in storage. Once catalogued, the postcards could become available through our website. We are very fortunate to experience such a positive partnership with the Jefferson Township Library.

*Christine Williams, President*  
[president@jthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@jthistoricalsociety.org)

### Calendar of Events

April 1st	JT Museum Open House 1-4PM
April 5th	JT Historical Society meeting Camp Jefferson 7:30PM
April 17th	Garden Club program "Butterflies, Birds and Blooms" speaker Barbara Katz, Master Gardener Jefferson Library 7:00PM
May 3rd	JT Historical Society meeting Camp Jefferson 7:30PM
May 6th	JT Museum Open House 1-4PM
May 12th	Garden Club annual plant sale JTMS Museum 10:30AM-3PM
June 3rd	JT Museum Open House 1-4PM
June 7th	JT Historical Society meeting Camp Jefferson 7:30PM
July 8th	Museum Breakfast/Jefferson Day
July 21st	Garden Club Annual Garden Tour
July 29th	Annual Members' Summer Party 309 Dover-Milton Road(Williams')
August 5th	JT Museum Open House 1-4PM

## Director's Highlights

### By Carol Keppel

#### In the Manner of Miss Elizabeth

Your officers are always looking for ways to connect with other historical society leaders, and those who maintain their vintage properties. Our counterparts in both Boonton and Boonton Township have become good friends and will soon visit our museum. Following in what we believe to be the social customs of the late 1800's, we too will offer our guests some pleasant refreshments after they tour the museum.



When Mrs. George Chamberlain wished to have a special gathering of friends or relatives, she would have invited them for an "Afternoon Tea". This party would have been an opportunity to use her finest china, linens, and serving pieces, and share a variety of delectable treats and teas. Both here and in Europe in the earlier part of the century, the rituals surrounding the serving of tea were much the same. While the customary offering of tea, perhaps with milk and sugar, was common to all, along with a piece of cake or cookie, the Afternoon Tea was a quite a transformation. Anna, English Duchess of Bedford, found it to be a very long time between her light lunch at noon and dinner at eight, so by 1840 her elegant 4 o'clock tea consisted of scones with clotted cream and jam, small sandwiches, cakes and other pastries. This treat quickly became a sought-after occasion here in America as well.

Our gathering will hopefully achieve the same goals as those of Miss Elizabeth: to make our valued guests feel welcome in a special setting, to learn all the latest news of those involved in historic preservation, and find ways to be of mutual assistance. We look forward to teaming with our Morris County counterparts in the future, and will inform you of these events via this newsletter and the website.

## Curator's Corner - Danger at Niagara

### By Lynda MacDonald

Here we are in 2012 - Two hundred years have past since the War of 1812 and our continued argument with the British. Why am I thinking of that particular episode in our history? Because it reminds me of my favorite uncle Don Loker. He was a World War II Navy veteran, a history teacher for many years, the Executive Director of Old Fort Niagara, and the Historian of the City of Niagara Falls. I wish that he could have seen our museum. He would have liked what we are trying to do and he would have been a great help to us! One of his favorite pieces of music was the 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky. He loved to open all the car windows and play it as loud as he could . . . the cannon booms at the end are wonderful.

But Tchaikovsky's war was a different one from ours. If you would like to read a "fast-paced story woven around actual events of the War of 1812 on our Niagara frontier", I highly recommend DANGER AT NIAGARA by Margaret Goff Clark, a friend of Uncle Don's. It is young adult fiction and brings to life an important and little-known era of American history. In it, you will meet Uncle Don's dog, Shorty, who is an essential part of the story. I am the proud owner of a first edition autographed by the author AND Shorty! Published by Funk and Wagnalls in 1968, it may not be easy to find but perhaps you will be lucky, find a copy, and discover why I highly recommend it for you and your children.

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# BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

By Robin Trevor, Editor

2012 marks the bicentennial celebration of the war of 1812.

On June 18, 1812 America declared war on Great Britain. This was the 1st time the country declared war on another nation. Some refer to it as the second war of independence. The war ensued for 3 years with numerous battles fought.

One of the most memorable, took place during the battle of Baltimore on the night of September 13-14, 1812. As Francis Scott Key and Colonel John Stuart Skinner dined aboard the British ship *HMS Tonnet* negotiating the release of prisoners, they watched the bombarding of the American forces at Fort McHenry.

At Dawn, Key saw an American flag still waving. On his way back to Baltimore, he was inspired to write a poem describing his experience entitled "Defiance of Fort McHenry". The poem was set to the tune of a popular British song. Better known as the "Star Spangled Banner", it was recognized for official use by the Navy in 1889 and was made the national anthem on March 3, 1931 by President

Herbert Hoover.



Looking for something to do this summer? Why not commemorate the occasion by visiting Fort McHenry? The State of Maryland has bicentennial celebrations taking place all around the Chesapeake Bay through 2014. Check out the Star-Spangled Banner Trail from the Maryland State Travel Guide or online at : [www.visitmaryland.org/pages/historyandheritage.aspx](http://www.visitmaryland.org/pages/historyandheritage.aspx)

## Defiance of Fort McHenry

O! say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there --  
O! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream --  
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O! long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has wash'd out their foul foot-steps' pollution,  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave,  
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave;  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

O! thus be it ever when freemen shall stand  
Between their lov'd home, and the war's desolation,  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto -- 'In God is our trust!'  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

-Francis Scott Key

## Do You Remember When? By Joan DeYoung, JTHS Member

I have lived in Jefferson for many years and have seen many changes. My grandparents arrived from Clifton on the train to Newfoundland and then had to take a buggy ride up the mountain to Green Pond. My parents purchased land and built a house there in 1954. Green Pond had many cabins to rent; even my husband Jim's parents rented a cabin. There were two hotels, a lodge, a grocery store, community center, ice cream store, a boat dock for gas and of course as any lake community would have - a yacht club. There were weekly and monthly planned activities. One of our planned events took us to Bertrand Island! We swam in Green Pond lake, had sail boat races and water skied. It was a great place to be in the summer. In the winter, activities were at nearby Craigmear Ski Area. Do you remember when Route 23 was a single lane highway with many stores, homes and businesses? Do you remember Bobby's Acre, ESSO gas stations, the Newfound-

land drug store, the post office, Fieldcrest Real Estate, the old school house? What about the Meyer House, Jennings Taxi stand, and the all-purpose store that sold everything from cowboy hats (I still have mine) to fishing tackle. You name it, they had it! There was PIGGY's ice cream served in a trough, Little's grocery, the butcher store and two taverns.

Many buildings remain but the names have changed and are purposed differently than they were back when.

We look forward to taking the kids (grandkids now) to the Newfoundland community fair at the field by Green Pond Road and Route 23.

What can you remember? Please email Joan at: [Deyoungjames@hotmail.com](mailto:Deyoungjames@hotmail.com)

## Miss Elizabeth's Shoppe Now Open Once A Month!

Miss Elizabeth's Shoppe is located in the Jefferson Museum's restored kitchen. It has been stocked with all new interesting and unique items. The Shoppe is featuring specialty foods such as organic maple syrup, Maine blueberries and pancake mix along with local honey. An interesting assortment of handcrafted soaps and plush bunnies are perfect for gifts. The Shoppe is now carrying handcrafted cameos from a local artist.

The Shoppe is located in the Jefferson Museum, 315 Dover-Milton Road. It is open during Museum hours, which are the first Sunday of each month from 1-4 pm. For more information or group shopping, contact Shoppe Manager Pat Cincotta at: [shoppemanager@jthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:shoppemanager@jthistoricalsociety.org)

## What's the Dirt? - The Legacy of a Plant

By Roberta Shaw, Master Gardener & JTHS Trustee

Spring has arrived early this year in Jefferson Township. Our museum gardeners soon will be dividing and potting their perennials for our annual plant sale. Did you ever stop to think where those plants originate from? Just as many generations of a family have settled into Jefferson, so have many generations of a plant. Gardeners love sharing their plants with family and friends.

I am looking forward to sharing a Flowering Almond plant that my dear friend Debbie Norman Smead shared with me several years ago. She told me that her grandfather had planted it at the mailbox many, many years ago, long before she moved into what was once her grandfather's house. When I see its pale pink flowers blossoming every spring, I think of my dear friend. This unassuming, old fashioned plant has sat quietly in my garden, stretching out its roots, waiting for its turn to be shared. Soon it will be a new addition in someone else's garden; perhaps they too were a friend of Debbie. Look for it at our upcoming plant sale this May.



**Happy Gardening!**

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### Member of the Morris County Tourism Bureau

In February the Historical Society became a member of the Morris County Tourism Bureau (MCTB). This will give us greater exposure in the County, and we'll be included in their next "Morris County Points of Interest" map as well as other publications. In addition to website marketing, MCTB's tourism messages appear in NY Metro-targeted magazines, newspapers, and on radio and television. Check out their website – [www.morristourism.org](http://www.morristourism.org). You can also sign up to receive their e-blasts.

Would you like to represent the Society at their meetings? They're held the first Wednesday of each month (except July & August) in and around the Morristown area. Meetings start at 12 noon for about 1 ½ hours. If you're interested, please contact Christine Williams at [president@jthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@jthistoricalsociety.org).

Thank you to Donna West for all her efforts in making this possible.

**Museum Garden Project** - The Museum gardens are in the midst of a new project.

Mitigation of an erosion problem from last season's extreme weather has precipitated the construction of a wall and steps leading from the road to the lower level. Research into matching the existing stone has been taken on by PNJ Landscaping which is doing the work. The area will be appropriately planted by the garden club with the new garden enhancing the visual area around the building. It will also provide safer public access to the right side of the building.

# Society News & Announcements

## Membership - Updated By-Laws

MEMBERS ACCESS CODE

The By-Laws revision committee has completed its work. Please access the revision online at [jthistoricalsociety.org](http://jthistoricalsociety.org). Go to membership code and type in **315DMR**.

Discussion of the revision will be held at the May 4 meeting with voting on acceptance at the June 1 meeting.

**For additional information email us at**

**[info@jthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@jthistoricalsociety.org)**

## Member News -

**Want to begin or continue receiving e-mail updates? Sent your email address to: [president@jthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@jthistoricalsociety.org)**

### We are sorry to have missed you at our past events:

March 1, 2012 "Balloon Handling" presented by Katherine D. Bowers, DAR State Historian held at Camp Jefferson.

March 2, 2012 "Meet the Collector" Paul Cincotta, an avid clock collector, discussed his collection which was on display that evening and Sunday at the Museum's open house.

**Please visit us at [jthistoricalsociety.org](http://jthistoricalsociety.org) Check out the "News and Events" section.**

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## **2012 Membership Application**

**I would like to become a member/renew my membership. Dues are annual and are due in the month of January for the coming year.**

Please check type of membership:

Individual      \$ 15.00

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Family      \$ 25.00

Life      \$ 250.00

Sustaining      \$ 75.00

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To be used towards the following:

General Fund

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Museum Hours:**

First Sunday of the Month

1-4 pm or by Appointment

Phone: 973-697-0258

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