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Calendar of Events

J.T. Historical Society/Museum:

July 11th

Jefferson Days Breakfast
Join Mayor Felter kick off
Jefferson Days
9:30 am-10:30 am
Held at the Museum

July 25th

2nd Annual Garden Tour
(see enclosed flyer)

August 2nd

JTHS Picnic/Pool Party
Hosted by the Williams
(see enclosed flyer)

Future Events:

Mark your calendar—Christmas in the Village, sponsored by the Arts Committee, will be back this year and the Museum will be taking part again as well.

President's Message - Historical Society Annual Picnic/Pool Party - Christine Williams

The first historical society picnic that Cliff and I hosted was far longer than twenty years ago. It wasn't until the 90's that I started keeping the scraps of paper I wrote the names of the guests and what they brought. Those first picnics were in our back yard and on our small deck. Everyone came and brought the kids. There were badminton games and always great food. One year we watched the pool being dug. Another year, we all

chased the bear back into the woods. It was a wonderful time to get to know the members and get a lot of ideas floating around for the society. Here we are so many years later and it is again our pleasure to host the annual picnic, now pool party. We did skip last year and hopefully were missed. Looking over those well worn pieces of paper, I see the names of so many of our present members, still active. The kids have grown up and now bring their children. There are also

the names of those members who are with us only in memory. The menu really hasn't changed in all these years. It's still hot dogs, hamburgers, beefsteak and all of the wonderful specialty salads and desserts. It has always been a great way to spend the day, rain or shine. Good friends, good food and good conversations.



Please join us Sunday, August 2, 2009. All members and their family are invited. See the enclosed flyer.



Director's Highlights - Fashion Forward - Carol Keppel

We've added still another element to the Victorian experience at the Chamberlain House. Ardent museum docents have carefully researched period fashions using on-line sources and advice from historical specialists. They have created some outstanding examples

of styles that may have been worn by the Miss Elizabeth, the first bride of the house, and her friends and family. Shown here are Lynda MacDonald, museum curator, Jana-Lee Bair, archivist, and Robin Trevor, newsletter editor, peering into a modern day digital camera to

admire the photos of their gowns. The patterns for the ladies' gowns are authentic reproductions and offered some serious challenges, since they represent tailoring techniques of the late 1800's. Although Lynda and Jana-Lee are accomplished quilters, they agreed with novice seamstress Robin

What's the Dirt? - Museum Garden Club - Roberta Shaw, Master Gardener

Drip, drip, drip. This past season will be remembered for being an extremely wet one. My flowers are water logged and their yellow leaves are begging for just a few days of uninterrupted *Sun!* The only ones happy with all the rain we've had are the slugs eating my hostas and marigolds and those ever returning weeds. It seems they return faster than I am able to pull them.

Hopefully the memory of this year's rain will be overshadowed by the joy of attending a garden tour. The Museum Garden Club's second annual Garden Tour will once again feature a selection of township gardens. The Tour will be held on Saturday, July 25th from 11 am to 4 pm. Don't miss out on discovering these amazing gems that exist right here in our own backyards. Tickets and maps

are available for \$10 and can be purchased at the Museum or pre-ordered by calling Barbara Katz at 973-697-7525.

If you are unable to attend the Garden Tour, take some time to stop by the Museum for a self guided tour through the garden, and delight in the sights and smells of summer's blooms.



Jefferson Juniors attend State Convention - Press Release June 3, 2009

Submitted by Shelia Brown, past President of the Junior Woman's Club and JTHS Member

Members from the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township joined 54 Junior clubs from May 15-17, 2009, for the 82nd Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs - Junior Membership. The convention was held at the Hilton Parsippany with a theme of "Juniors Groovin' to the 70's".

NJSFWC-JM Director of Junior Clubs, Christopher Duniyak, presided over the convention.

Junior Clubs of New Jersey celebrated a grand total of 141,740 hours of volunteer service and \$ 1,460,705 donated to their communities in New Jersey in 2008.

Members of the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township gathered with representatives of the Junior and Juniorette clubs across New Jersey for educational workshops, award presentations and roundtable discussions. In attendance for the Jefferson Juniors were Sheila Brown, 2008 Club President, and

Board Members Kristie Rowe, and Katie Ilardi. The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township proudly received statewide awards for 1st Place in Conservation, Health/Home Life, Public Affairs, and Advocates for Children. The Jefferson Juniors also received awards for 3rd Place in Art, Communications, Leadership, and their club Newsletter. Additionally, the Jefferson Juniors were recipients of the Diamond Dozen Award, an honor given to the top twelve clubs in the state.

"The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time."

- Thomas Jefferson

Curator's Corner - "The Case of the Curious Curator" - Lynda MacDonald, Curator

It's summer, I think, although it seems more like monsoon season lately and this rain has affected my hunting instinct.

Fridays and Saturdays are supposed to be hunting days or fishing days, if you prefer. (But that's getting all wet again!) I HUNT....bargain hunt, that

is. Get out the map, make a plan, pocket my cash, and GO! Who knows what I will find? That's the thrill of the hunt. Just wait till you return in September and see what I have come up with. My crew and I will be busy this summer refinishing, polishing, sewing and tack-

ing and washing and shining. Remember that I told you I have a wish list?

Well, this curious curator is out there hunting for wishes to come true.

I hope this makes you curious, too....Come check out the results of my hunt...see you in September.

Society News & Announcements

Membership

Please welcome our new members: Jessica Diedalis (individual), Carol Mc Gareal (individual), Anita Norris (individual) and Margorie Schubert (life).

Thank you to continuing paid 2009 members:

John and Patti Otto

Museum on the Web!

JHTS has a new website! It includes pictures, past and current newsletters, general info. and links thanks to Richard West. Please check us out at:

www.jhistoricalsociety.org

Giving (Donations are Tax Exempt)

The JT Society is not solely supported by membership dues. Therefore the society always welcomes needed donations. Checks payable to JT Historical Society can be sent to the Jefferson Township Museum, 315 Dover-Milton Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

All Historical Society, Museum and Garden Club updates are sent via email. If you wish to receive these updates, send your email address to Christine Williams at

president@jhistoricalsociety.org

News

●Sgt. Steven Deyoung with the 56 Stryker Brigade, son of James and Joan Deyoung, is still serving in Iraq.

●Corporal Jonathan Shaw, son of David and Roberta Shaw is still serving on board the USS New Orleans as a member of the Marine Expeditionary Unit.

It is certainly not our intent to exclude anyone, so please if you know of any membership news that you would like to share, please email Robin Trevor at editor@jhistoricalsociety.org

We would be happy to publish it in our next issue.

Past/Present Times - Marilyn Rietzel, JTHS Member

Lake Swannanoa is verdant with summer plants made lush by all this rain we've been having. By now most people have planted their beautiful annuals that bloom in the garden, window boxes and lovely pots. Some friends prefer to add whimsy by planting in old items such as old rowboats, wagons, milk pails and old workboots.

Our lake is a wonderful eco-system of plants and animals. Few freshwater lakes have jellyfish and ours is one of them. Their large gelatinous masses, called blooms, are usually attached to twigs or branches in the calm water, but I have never seen, touched or captured a single jellyfish in thirty-four years of swimming

here. They are the size of a contact lens making them practically transparent and difficult to see in the water. Some scientists say they are an indicator of clean water.

On sunny days you may see people floating on rafts, in kayaks, sailboats, canoes, rowboats, paddleboats, even pontoon boats with electric motors. They may be taking a relaxing ride or heading for a day at the beach. A boat ride to dine at Sonny's Restaurant is also an option. Fisherman on the lake abide by the rule

to catch and release making the fish happy.

It is now time to head for the beach to swim. For the kids we have a gym set with swings, a fort with a slide, kiddy playhouse and sand toys. There are picnic tables and tall shady locust trees to relax under their lacy canopy of leaves and read. You can also sit on your beach chair or lie on a blanket in the warm sand. There isn't a pleasanter place to be—if only this rain will stop.

Director's Highlights - Fashion Forward (Continued) - Carol Keppel

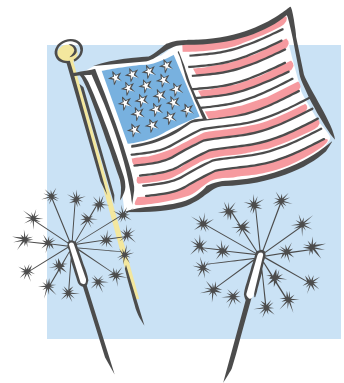
that the costumes were quite an undertaking. The ladies embellished their gowns with both vintage trims and buttons as well as reproduction fabrics and accessories. Horns honked and passers-by called their compliments as they drove by the museum Sunday, June 7, delighting in the view of our elegant society members posing in the blooming gardens.

You'll be able to admire these costumes and others at our Museum Breakfast on July 11 and on first Sundays of most months. We welcome questions about costume design and hope others will join in the unique experience of role-playing in our Victorian setting.



“Our Liberty depends on the freedom of the press and that cannot be limited without being lost.”

- Thomas Jefferson



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Museum Hours:

First Sunday of the Month

1-4 pm or by Appointment

973-697-0258

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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: _____

Email: _____

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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