



East Amwell Historical Society

Historical Society News

THREE !!! – That's 3 Upcoming East Amwell Historical Society Presentations

Learn about early post offices in the community, recreation in the Sourland Mountain area and ghosts in the township in three upcoming East Amwell Historical Society presentations.

Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

The Postal History of East Amwell

Presented at the East Amwell Township Municipal Building, Route 31/202, East Amwell NJ 08551
Cost is \$5, and no reservations are required. Proceeds from this event will benefit work on the Clawson House.

Wait a minute, Mr Postman! Where have all the post offices gone?

Where was and what happened to the Reilleyville Post Office? Where was the Amwell Post Office? These and other interesting postal facts will be discussed by local philatelist Jim Walker discusses the *Postal History of East Amwell*.

Author of the acclaimed 2008 book *Postal History of Hunterdon County*, Walker will talk about the Swift Sure Stage Line hauling mail along the Old York Road, mail on the Delaware and Raritan Canal and mail even posted on the Black River and Western Railroad line. He'll also tell you about the great increase in the number of post offices in East Amwell in the mid 1800's and how their demise came about in the 1900's. His PowerPoint presentation showing local pictures and postal history from his vast collection will be an interest to all.

Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Early Recreation: Enjoying the Sourland Region

Presented at the East Amwell Township Municipal Building, Route 31/202, East Amwell NJ 08551
Cost is \$5, and no reservations are required.

At a time when there were social and economic changes – and landscapes in the area were also changing, people began interacting with the natural world in different ways. The Sourland region became a popular destination for city folks, hunters, hikers and nature lovers alike.

These social changes and other fascinating stories about early recreation will be the topic of a presentation by Jack Koepfel. Koepfel's program, *Early Recreation: Enjoying the Sourland Region*, is drawn from a collection of 700 photographs (originally 4" x 5" glass plates) discovered in an old home in Pennington, NJ.

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Ghost Hunting in East Amwell

Presented at the East Amwell Township Municipal Building, Route 31/202, East Amwell NJ 08551
Suggested donation \$10. No reservations are required. Come to town hall early as seating is limited.

The Paranormal Activity Research Society of New Jersey (PARS) has been ghost hunting in East Amwell, and are ready to share their spooky discoveries with you. PARS members will show you the tools of their trade -- cameras, K2 meters, REM-Pods and more.

Then they'll tell you about their visit to the Clawson House before discussing one of the most haunted homes they've ever investigated: a 1760 farm house in East Amwell. They will play for you the eerie audio voices and a conversations that occurred while no earthly being was in the room, and then show you what they captured on camera. Don't miss this fascinating program!

IN OTHER NEWS...

Clawson House Project UPDATE: The East Amwell Historical Society is pleased to share with those who have been following the progress of the restoration of the Clawson House, future home of the East Amwell Historical Society, and Township Museum, lots have been going on.

During December, all the flooring on the first floor of the building was gently lifted up, the beams leveled, 3/4" plywood installed and the old flooring carefully relaid. The first floor is finally sturdy and secure. The ugly second door on the front of the building has been removed and a new window put in its place. A new front porch deck and steps have been built, using slate from old sidewalks that use to be in Ringoes but removed over ten years ago. Work will continue on a new front porch this month. Also, at the rear of the building, new windows and a rear entrance door have been installed and work will begin shortly to side and trim that side of the building. It is expect that bidding will begin in February for a new rear addition and utilities, after which restoration of the inside can begin.

For more information, visit EAHS website at www.eastamwellhistory.org.

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