

Spend an Afternoon with Two of Hunterdon County's Most Memorable Characters

Travel back in time and spend an afternoon with two of East Amwell's most intriguing characters when the East Amwell Historical Society presents a dramatic dialogue between Dr. Cornelius Larison and Sylvia DuBois.

The program, part of the Hunterdon County's 300th Celebration will be held **Sunday, February 23 at 4 PM in the Little Theater at Hunterdon Central Regional High School. The entrance is off of Route 523. Admission is \$5. Tickets will only be available at the door the day of the presentation.**

The presentation is based on Dr. Larison's biography on Sylvia Dubois, who was born into slavery in the Sourland Mountains around 1788. After repeated beatings by her mistress, Sylvia finally hit back. Surprisingly, her master granted her freedom, and after walking 152 miles back to her home carrying her baby, the subsequent story of her life is a fascinating study in true grit, and the determination to live free.

Joy Kelly Smith, a New York stage actress, professional story-teller, director, and musician, will portray Sylvia Dubois. Ron O'Reilly, a resident of East Amwell, and personal historian who helps people tell their life stories, will play the part of Dr. Larison.

The presentation is being funded in part through generous grants from the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial Committee and the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission. The East Amwell Historical Society is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission is to promote local history to its residents and visitors, as well as to support the rehabilitation of the historic Clawson House.