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THE MUSEUMS OF HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



Exploring Hunterdon County's Past and Present

Following the success of last year's Hunterdon Tricentennial activities, the Hunterdon 300th is again sponsoring **Hunterdon County Museum Days** on two consecutive Sundays in July. **On July 19 and 26**, the public is encouraged to visit participating museums between 1pm and 5pm. Docents will be available to enrich the history and answer questions. "This is a great opportunity for folks to come out and see a museum they've always been meaning to visit but never got around to. It's also a great summer field trip for parents and children that will stimulate interest in the culture and history of their communities," said Gayle Maher, an organizer of this year's event.

A directory *Museums of Hunterdon County* will be available free of charge at each participating museum. The directory is also available on www.hunterdon300th.org; visitors are encouraged to consult the directory for street addresses and contact information. Several museums have special exhibits and activities planned for visitors:

Prallsville Mills in Stockton will feature tours of the John Prall House, and an art show in the Mill hosted by Artbridge, featuring oil, watercolor and pastel paintings, mixed media, photography and sculpture.

In addition to its regular exhibits, Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead in Lambertville will demonstrate hand dipping colored candles on July 19 at 2pm and making bracelets on a rope twisting machine on July 26 at 2pm.

The Hunterdon Art Museum in Clinton has several new exhibits: *Peter Jacobs: The Collage Journal –The First Decade* features a collage from the NY Times which is imbued with narratives, humor, social commentary, and pure visual perception; *To the Best of my Recollection* features the works of Alex Gingrow, Carlos Rodriguez, Frank Magnotta and Michael Scoggins which approach the art of storytelling from fresh perspectives, using text and art; and *Lisa Macchi: New Works on Paper* featuring her modern impressionistic painting/collage style.

On July 19, The Red Mill Museum Village in Clinton will feature a blacksmith in the forge and a guided tour of the museum exhibits at 2pm (admission fee). On July 26, visitors can "pay-what-you-want" admission. Any amount will be happily accepted. There is also special exhibit *Small Town, Big History* in honor of Clinton's 150th anniversary.

The Solitude Heritage Museum in Union Township, Hunterdon's newest museum, will feature a large collection of antique maps and architectural drawings. The map collection focuses on early Hunterdon County

as well as maps and architectural drawings of the historic Taylor Wharton Iron & Steel Company in nearby High Bridge.

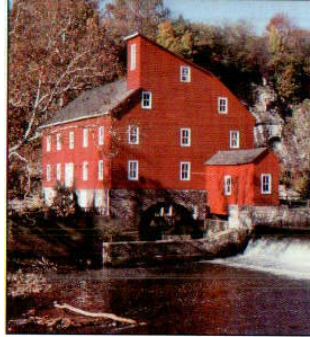
The Tewksbury Historical Society in Oldwick will have exhibits on the Rockaway Valley (aka Rockabye Baby) Railroad and Wines from the Tewkesbury Winery. The Stryker Dollhouse, an exact replica of the Stryker Home in Oldwick will also be on view.

Participating museums are:

Hunterdon Art Museum



Red Mill Museum Village



Doric House



Choir School



Case-Dvoor Farm



Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead



Readington Township Museums



Black River and Western Railroad



Tewksbury Township Historical Society



Solitude Heritage Museum – Joseph Turner House



Township of Lebanon Museum



Prallsville Mills

