



Middletown Township Historical Society

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MIDDLETOWN MONDAYS 2012

LECTURES BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. AT LIMA ESTATES, 411 NORTH MIDDLETOWN ROAD, MEDIA, PA 19063
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

COVERED BRIDGES OF DELAWARE COUNTY

BY KEITH LOCKHART, DELAWARE COUNTY HISTORIAN AND CREATOR OF
WWW.DELAWARECOUNTYHISTORY.COM

THE COVERED BRIDGE IS AN IMPORTANT HISTORIC STRUCTURE IN PENNSYLVANIA. THE STATE LEADS THE NATION WITH A TOTAL OF 197 REMAINING INTACT TODAY, UNFORTUNATELY THAT NUMBER WAS 227 IN 1982 AND 271 IN 1972. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST 1500 COVERED BRIDGES IN PA DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVERED BRIDGE PERIOD 1830-1880. THE FIRST COVERED BRIDGE IN AMERICA WAS BUILT OVER THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1800. THE CREEKS OF DELAWARE COUNTY WERE ONCE CROSSED BY DOZENS OF COVERED BRIDGES, SADLY ONLY ONE, BARTRAM'S, REMAINS TODAY OVER CRUMB CREEK IN NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

BRANDYWINE VALLEY GHOSTS

BY LAURIE HULL, AUTHOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF TRI-COUNTY PARANORMAL
HEAR TALES OF THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY'S MOST FASCINATING HAUNTS. SPEND TIME WITH A REVOLUTIONARY WAR SENTRY ON DUTY AT BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD FOR OVER 200 YEARS. VISIT THE COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA PLANTATION IN RIDLEY STATE CREEK STATE PARK WHERE A LONELY CHILD SPIRIT REACHES OUT FOR THE COMFORTING HAND OF AN ADULT. LEARN ABOUT WHAT CAUSED A BUILDING INSPECTOR TO FLEE FROM A SITE IN THORNTON WITHOUT STOPPING TO COLLECT HIS TOOLS. HULL WILL DISCUSS THESE AND MORE GHOSTLY STORIES AND SHARE MORE PARANORMAL EVENTS IN THE REGION INCLUDING THOSE AT THE CHADDS FORD INN, HAMANASSETT BED AND BREAKFAST, SWEETWATER FARM AND THE NEWLIN GRIST MILL.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

LIGHTS IN THE DARK NIGHT: DECEMBER HOLIDAYS IN HISTORY AND FOLKLORE

BY DARCY FAIR, FOLKLORIST

WHETHER YOU CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH, THE WINTER SOLSTICE OR KWANZA, MANY LONG-STANDING HOLIDAY TRADITIONS ARE ROOTED IN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FOLKLORE. INVESTIGATE THE ORIGINS AND CHANGING CHARACTER OF SOME OF THESE TRADITIONS WITH FOLKLORIST DARCY FAIR. PARTICIPANTS WILL EXAMINE THE FOLK PROCESS AT WORK IN HOLIDAY FOOD TRADITIONS, DECORATIONS, FAMILY GATHERINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER OR CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MTHSDELCO.ORG OR CALL 610-316-5620.

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