

Burlington County Board of County Commissioners

Burlington County Parks System

Program Guide

Spring 2026



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Spring at the Burlington County Agricultural Center

Message from Commissioner Allison Eckel

Hello friends!

Spring is an exciting season in Burlington County's parks with temperatures warming, flowers blooming, and birds and other wildlife reappearing after winter hibernation or migrations.

The spring season also marks the return of one of the region's most popular shopping destinations: The Burlington County Farmers Market.

Crowned New Jersey's best farmers market by the American Farmland Trust's poll in 2024 and the 4th best in the nation by USA Today's 10 Best Readers Poll in 2025, the weekly market at the Burlington County Agricultural Center has become the go-to destination for fresh produce, delicious foods, seasonal plants and flowers, crafts, and other items sold by regional farms, food vendors, breweries, artists and small businesses.

This year is the market's 20th season, and Burlington County is planning a big celebration during the opening day of the regular season on May 9th. Shoppers won't have to wait that long to begin purchasing their favorite items though, since the farmers market will open for four preseason shopping days on March 14, March 28, April 11 and April 25.

Be sure to come out to the market each week to shop, eat and hang with farmers, chefs, artists and friends!

Residents and visitors can also look forward to the annual May Faire on May 17th at Historic Smithville Park. This year, Smithville will be transformed into the magical land of the Wizard of Oz for the festival full of live music, games, food, and entertainment.

Burlington County continues to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with two new history exhibits devoted to Burlington County's role during the American Revolution, as well as other important moments and people from the past 250 years of county history. The exhibits at the Warden's House Gallery in Mount Holly and the Worker's House Gallery in Smithville run through June 14.

Be sure to check out the other history programs scheduled this spring in honor of the 250th Anniversary, including a bus tour of Burlington County historic sites, a Tavern Talk featuring Benjamin Franklin, and a children's craft event on April 9th at the Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences.

You can find details on all these events, activities and more in this program guide. Plan a visit to a Burlington County park, museum, gallery or activity soon.

Allison Eckel, Burlington County Commissioner Deputy Director

Liaison to the Department of Resource Conservation and the Division of Parks



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Burlington County Parks Information

Parks Open daily from dawn to dusk

1 Amico Island

81 Norman Ave. Delran, NJ 08075

2 Pennington Park

801 Creek Rd. Delanco, NJ 08075

3 Willingboro Lakes

60 Beverly Rancocas Road, Beverly, NJ 08010

4 Rainbow Meadow Park

237 Creek Rd. Delran, NJ 08075

5 Boundary Creek

515 Creek Rd. Moorestown, NJ 08057

6 Burlington County Agricultural Center

500 Centerton Rd. Moorestown, NJ 08057

7 Rancocas Nature Center

794 Rancocas Rd. Westampton, NJ 08060

7 Rancocas State Park 2 Entrances:

Deacon Rd. & Rancocas Ave. Hainesport, 08036

8 Burlington County Amphitheater

5 Pioneer Blvd. Westampton, NJ 08060

9 Long Bridge Park

895 Deacon Rd. Hainesport, NJ 08036

10 Historic Smithville Park

803 Smithville Rd. Eastampton, NJ 08060

10 Smith's Woods

39 E Railroad Ave. Eastampton, NJ 08060

11 Burlington County Fairgrounds

1990 Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd. Columbus NJ 08022

12 Crystal Lake Park

2401 Axe Factory Rd. Mansfield, NJ 08505

13 Arney's Mount

150 Juliustown Rd. Columbus, NJ 08022



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Art, History & Culture

Historic Smithville Park

803 Smithville Rd. Eastampton, NJ 08060

Visitor Center

Tue - Sun: 10:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Smithville Mansion

Tours*: Beginning May 1

Fridays & Sundays: 12 pm, 1 pm & 2 pm

*\$8.00-\$10.00 cash only donation

Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery

Fri - Sun: 11 am - 6 pm

Worker's House & Gallery

Fri - Sun: 11 am - 6 pm

Underground Railroad Museum

Sat & Sun: 12 pm - 4 pm

Mount Holly

Warden's House Gallery

150 High St., Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Thu - Sun: 10 am - 4 pm

Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

307 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Thu - Sun: 10 am - 4 pm

Historic Prison Museum

128 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Thu - Sun: 10 am - 4 pm

Individuals requiring special accommodations and groups of 10 or more requesting other times should contact us two weeks in advance. Our museums, galleries, and buildings are ADA accessible.

Contact us: 609-265-5858 | Email: parks@co.burlington.nj.us

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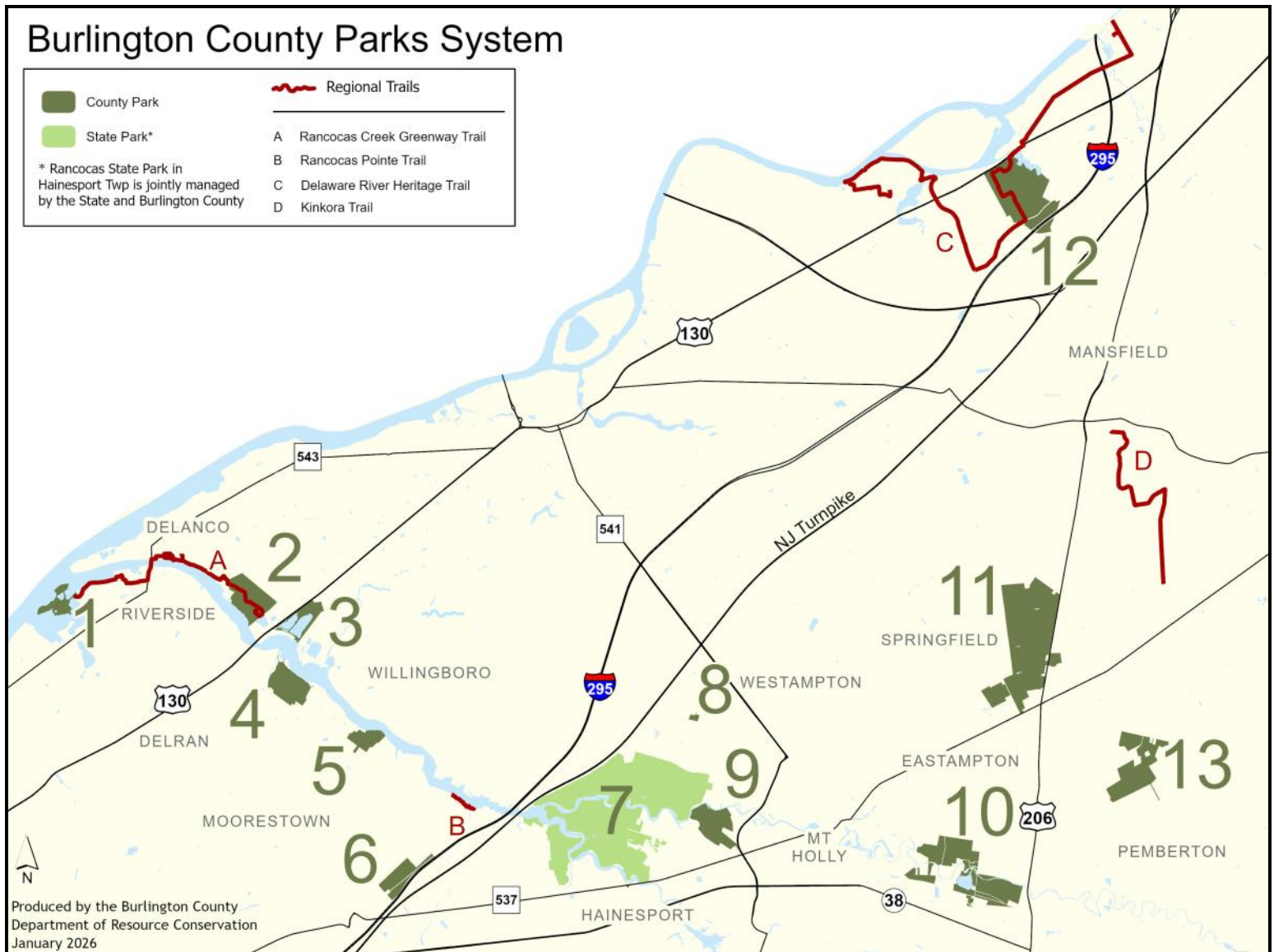
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Burlington County Park System



Burlington County Parks system Rules and Regulations

Program participants are subject to Burlington County Parks System Rules and Regulations including:

No person shall engage in any behavior, conduct, noisemaking or use of language which disrupts, interferes with, is unduly annoying to, or prevents the enjoyment of any Parks System property by other visitors or the maintenance of any Parks System property by Park personnel.

For a complete listing visit our parks home page at <https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/235/Parks> and click the **Parks Rules and Regulations** link.



SMITHVILLE SWITCH-NIGHT

- ◆ Experiment with sound using electronic instruments.
- ◆ Try one of our synthesizers or bring your own.
- ◆ Jam out, make friends and learn about music.
- ◆ Performances by local musicians.
- ◆ All ages and skill levels welcome.

MAR 5: Top Glow

APR 2: gaylon

MAY 7: SP-80

**JUN 4: The basics
of concert creation
with Nick Mellis**

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Historic Smithville Park
Annex Art Gallery
803 Smithville Road
Eastampton, NJ 08060

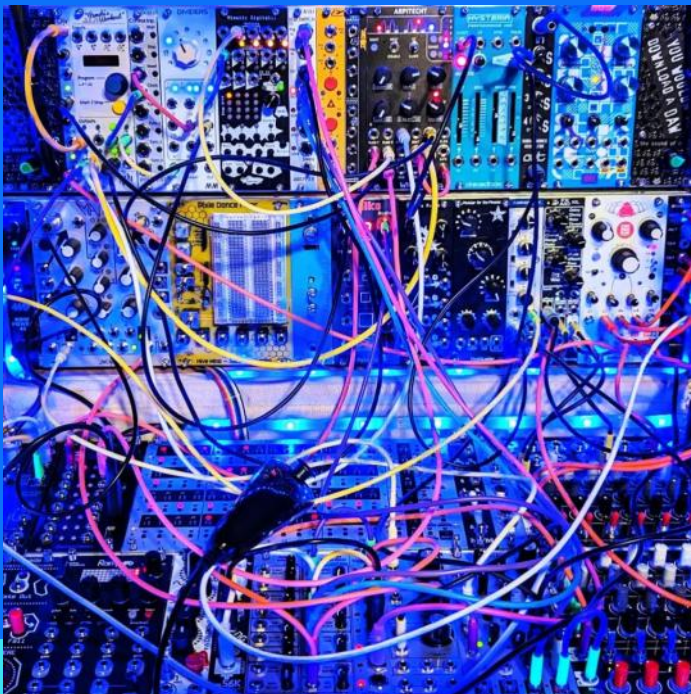


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BURLINGTON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

Burlington County Agricultural Center | 500 Centerton Rd. Moorestown, NJ

Pre-Season Markets

March 14th, March 28th

April 11th, April 25th

10am - 1pm

Opening Day of the Regular Season Special Spring Garden Market

May 9th

8:30am - 1pm

Early Season

Fruits & Vegetables

Artisans & Crafters

Annuals & Perennials

Herb Starters | Native Plants

Locally Prepared Foods

Garden-Themed Demos

Cooking Demo | Live Music

Hand-On Activities



May Faire

in



Historic Smithville Park
Eastampton, NJ



May 17, 2026

11 am - 4 pm

MOUNT HOLLY

Scale 300 Ft. per Inch

Save the Date!

June 14, 2026

AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY IN MOUNT HOLLY



Presented by the Burlington County Commissioners and Division of Parks

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Woodcock Walk

Pennington Park

Monday, Mar 2 | 5:30 PM

[Register here](#)

During this walk beginning at sunset, learn about the

American Woodcock while hopefully observing their unusual courtship display performed at dusk.

Instructor: Jen Bulava. **Difficulty:** easy, paved paths & crushed stone trail with brief elevation change.

Audience: Adults and children ages 10+. There is a strict limit of participants. Registration is required.



Moonlit Trail Walks

Crystal Lake Park

Thursday, Mar 5 | 6:00 PM [Register here](#)

Pennington Park (ADA-Accessible Location)

Thursday, Apr 2 | 7:30 PM [Register here](#)

Experience the parks in a whole new light. Hiking at night can be an enchanting experience but it doesn't have to be intimidating. Join a county park naturalist and ranger to listen and watch for nocturnal wildlife while admiring the night sky. **Instructor:** Gina DiMaio. **All ages welcome.** **Distance:** 1 – 2.5 miles **Difficulty:** easy-to-moderate depending on location. **Optional:** Bring a red-light headlamp or flashlight to preserve your night vision.

Star Watches

Historic Smithville Park

Wednesday, Mar 11 | 7:30 PM

[Register here](#)

Wednesday, Apr 8 | 7:30 PM

[Register here](#)

You're invited to a relaxing evening of stargazing! Look through a variety of telescopes and admire planets, stars, nebulas and more. Ask knowledgeable astronomers about our solar system and learn about nocturnal nature from a park naturalist. BCLS will join us onsite with a selection of science and astronomy books from their collection available to borrow. Bring a chair/blanket to sit on. **Meets in the event field off of Meade Lane. Presented by: West Jersey Astronomical Society. All ages welcome.**



Wildlife Watch Series

A monthly nature outing highlighting native species found right here in your County parks! Meet other nature-lovers in a welcoming atmosphere **perfect for beginner nature enthusiasts.** Together we'll explore a different location each month to discuss the life history characteristics of select species and their role in our local ecosystems. **Led by Senior Park Naturalist, Gina DiMaio. Audience: adults and children ages 8+. Binoculars are available to borrow. Miles up to 2.5. Difficulty varies by location.**

Give a "Dam" About Beavers

Historic Smithville Park

Friday, Mar 13 | 10:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Learn about New Jersey's largest rodent and expert habitat engineer while looking for signs of beaver activity along the Rancocas Creek.



Heron Observations

Amico Island Park

Friday, Apr 17 | 10:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Discover incredible nesting behaviors at the great blue heron rookery as seen from the southern end of the park within Dredge Harbor.



Bluebirds & Tree Swallows

Pennington Park

(ADA-Accessible Location)

Friday, May 8 | 10:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Admire the aerial antics of Tree Swallows while looking and listening for Eastern Bluebirds— two species which commonly utilize nestboxes throughout the park.



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LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

Attend an interpretive nature program, accessible for all, at your local library or county park!

NOTE: registration is only available via each library system's respective website (not through the parks registration system). See each listing for details.

Lecture: Backyard Habitats

Moorestown Library

Friday, Mar 13 | 2:00 PM

Join us for this informational seminar to learn how to attract pollinators, birds, and other beneficial species to your yard while repelling pests in natural ways. Discover the importance of selecting the right types of native plants – perennials, trees, shrubs, and grasses – that bloom throughout all three seasons and are adapted to the conditions we have in South Jersey. To quote Dr. Doug Tallamy in his book *Nature's Best Hope*, "In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water." This lecture will help you transform your backyard from a sterile landscape into a functioning habitat. A series of relevant handouts will be provided as well as a list of plants ranked according to deer fondness. **Presented by Principal Park Naturalist Jen Bulava. Register online through the Moorestown Library event calendar or by calling 856-234-0333.**

Lecture: Hummingbird Magic

Burlington County Library—Pemberton

Sunday, Mar 22 | 2:00 PM [Register here](#)

Burlington County Library—Westampton

Thursday, Mar 26 | 6:00 PM [Register here](#)

The arrival of spring ushers in New Jersey's smallest migratory bird – the ruby-throated hummingbird! Discover the life history characteristics, adaptations, and migratory patterns of these fascinating creatures. Emphasis will be placed on responsibly attracting hummingbirds to your yard using feeders (including how to maintain them), selecting the appropriate native plants, and how you can implement other sustainable practices at home to support local biodiversity. **Instructor: Gina DiMaio, Senior Park Naturalist. Registration available at bcls.lib.nj.us**

Audiobook Spring Walk

Pennington Park (ADA-accessible)

Thursday, Mar 26 | 2:30 PM [Register here](#)

Calling all introverts, extroverts, bookworms, and nature lovers! You're invited to join staff from BCLS and Parks to move your body and enjoy an audiobook while strolling the trails. Charge up your smartphone, bring your headphones, and choose from our selection of handpicked audiobooks (free via the Libby app) that celebrate the natural world. Our focus is to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all to build community and connection in the outdoors - one story at a time.

Instructors: Gina DiMaio (Senior Park Naturalist) and Chris Calla (Learning & Engagement Library Associate).

NOTE: to access the audiobooks via the Libby app, you must be a BCLS member.

Nature Nerd Trivia

Burlington County Library—Westampton

Tuesday, Mar 31 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Get ready to test your knowledge of the natural world! Topics for this program will range from wildlife, plants, ecology and more with a focus on the spring season. Questions will be presented in a variety of formats including verbal, visual and auditory. Show off your natural science skills or come out to learn something new! **Instructor: Gina DiMaio, Senior Park Naturalist. Registration only available at bcls.lib.nj.us**

Silent Book Club

Historic Smithville Park, Rose Garden

Friday, May 29 | 12:30 PM [Register here](#)

All are welcome to join us for an hour of peaceful, quiet reading in nature! No required reading necessary - simply bring your own book or choose from the library's collection. We'll begin by settling in and sharing about what we're reading. Then, we'll start the timer for one hour of silent reading. When the timer ends, everyone is free to continue reading, chat with each other, or enjoy the park. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own comfortable seating or blanket as well as their own picnic-style snack or lunch. **Audience: adults only 18+.**

Instructors: Gina DiMaio (Senior Park Naturalist) and Chris Calla (Learning & Engagement Library Associate). Registration available at bcls.lib.nj.us

All Programs are FREE unless noted. Registration required.

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TUESDAY TALKS & FRIDAY FORUMS

A series of nature walks led by Principal Park Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. Adults and Teens 12+

Migratory Waterfowl

Delaware River Heritage Trail, Roebling

Tuesday, Mar 24 | 2:00 PM [Register here](#)

Friday, Mar 27 | 2:00 PM [Register here](#)

Late March is the most dynamic time in the lives of migratory waterfowl. This trail provides great views of the Delaware River and the species that utilize it. Join us on an easy walk to see these birds passing through on their northbound migration. Meets at Roebling Park. Miles: 1. Difficulty: easy paved path, flat except for one hill.

Spring Hike

Rancocas State Park, Hainesport

Tuesday, Apr 7 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Friday, Apr 10 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Get out your hiking boots and join Jen to observe a fantastic array of life in the woods. From early spring butterflies to interesting plants, this unique sandy pine barrens-like habitat has tremendous species diversity. This hike will be on natural terrain including some hills. Hiking shoes/boots and a walking stick are highly recommended. There are no restrooms at this location. Difficulty: moderate, natural terrain. Miles: 2-2.5



Living Fossil Walk

Historic Smithville Park

Tuesday, Apr 21 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Friday, Apr 24 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Did you know that relatives of some of the earliest plants to appear on Earth thrive at Smithville? Enjoy this brand-new topic as we take the time to closely observe and learn about the plants that were present during the Carboniferous Period, 330 million years ago. Our walk around the park will take us past *Equisetum* and *Lycopodium* and other examples of ancient plants. Difficulty: easy-moderate; crushed stone or paved path with some steps. Miles: 1.8.

Birding

Amico Island Park

Tuesday, May 19 | 9:00 AM [Register here](#)

Friday, May 22 | 9:00 AM [Register here](#)

Amico Island in mid-May is positively filled with birds and bird song! In addition to observing migratory bird species, we'll also have the opportunity to see young great blue herons in the rookery. Binoculars are a must. Difficulty: easy to moderate; uneven natural and rocky surfaces. Miles: 1.5

BURLCO CURIOUS BIRDERS CLUB

An inclusive and welcoming space for "Millennials" and "Gen Z-adults" to appreciate and uplift the natural world through community and connection. Join us for social outdoor gatherings where we will enjoy casual birding, stewardship projects, and more! Adults only 18-45. Instructor: Gina DiMaio, Senior Park Naturalist

Bird Outing: Signs of Spring

Amico Island Park

Sunday, Mar 22 | 10:30 AM [Register here](#)

Together we'll welcome spring while exploring the unique habitat of Amico Island Park! This time of year we'll likely see some early activity at the heron rookery and migratory "weird ducks" on their way north to their breeding grounds. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair from us! (Quantities limited).

Stewardship: Weed Wrangle & Litter Clean-Up

Historic Smithville Park

Saturday, Apr 18 | 10:30 AM [Register here](#)

Pay it forward by showing Mother Nature a little TLC! Join park staff to remove litter and invasive species in the park. Learn to identify non-native plants and how to remove stubborn specimens. Bring your own gloves – we'll supply the tools and trash bags.

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Spring Equinox Hike

Crystal Lake Park

Friday, Mar 20 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Let's honor the first day of astronomical spring – the midpoint between the summer and winter solstices. Together we'll embark on a mindful hike through our most rugged park while looking for subtle signs of nature's renewal. Allow the energy of spring to awaken your senses! **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Audience: Adults and children ages 8+. Miles 3-4. Difficulty: moderate to challenging – natural terrain with some steep ascents/descents.**

Lecture: Backyard Habitats

Burlington County Agricultural Center

Friday, Mar 20 | 6:00 PM [Register here](#)

Join us for this informational seminar to learn how to attract pollinators, birds, and other beneficial species to your yard while repelling pests in natural ways. Discover the importance of selecting the right types of native plants – perennials, trees, shrubs, and grasses – that bloom throughout all three seasons and are adapted to the conditions we have in South Jersey. To quote Dr. Doug Tallamy in his book *Nature's Best Hope*, "In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water." This lecture will help you transform your backyard from a sterile landscape into a functioning habitat. A series of relevant handouts will be provided as well as a list of plants ranked according to deer fondness. **Presented by Principal Park Naturalist Jen Bulava.**

Geology Walk

Amico Island Park

Thursday, Mar 26 | 1:00 PM [Register here](#)

During this geology walk, participants will learn about the sand, pebbles, and large boulders found on site. **Instructor: Pierre Lacombe, retired USGS geologist. Audience: 10 and up. Difficulty: Easy/Moderate; uneven natural terrain. Miles: 1.5**

Life that Glows

Rancocas Nature Center

Friday, Apr 17 | 7:30 PM

[Register here](#)

Crystal Lake Park

Friday, May 15 | 8:00 PM

[Register here](#)

This exciting program involves using special UV flashlights that allow us to see UV-induced visible fluorescence, an amazing phenomenon that would normally be invisible to us. Various plants, invertebrates, mushrooms and more glow in different dazzling colors at night. Observations from these walks can help us to understand why certain organisms glow and reveal possible adaptive advantages. Each time we go out on these walks, we could observe something new to science! **Instructor: Jen Bulava. There is a strict limit of participants and supplies. Audience: Adults and children ages 10+. Miles: 1. Difficulty: easy/moderate, natural terrain.**



Photo by Jen Bulava

Amphibian Exploration & Vernal Pool Project

Historic Smithville Park

(Select 1 session) Sunday, Mar 22 | 6:00 PM [Register here](#)

OR Monday, Apr 6 | 6:30 PM [Register here](#)

Join us for a community science project presented in partnership with the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. We'll start off with a brief presentation in the Parks office about vernal pool habitats, with an emphasis on their structure, how to identify them, and the amphibian species that call them home. Afterwards we'll hike over to Smith's Woods to observe these special habitats and collect data to be submitted to the Vernal Pool Survey Project. Attendees should come prepared wearing long pants and sturdy waterproof boots or shoes. **Instructors: Gina DiMaio (Burl Co Parks) and Matt McCann (Delaware Riverkeeper Network). Distance: 1.5 miles. Difficulty: Moderate – natural terrain, not ADA accessible.**



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Bays, Glaciers, and Bog Iron in the Pines

Batsto Village,
Wharton State Forest

Choose:

Wednesday, Apr 15 | 10:00 AM

OR: Sunday, Apr 19 | 10:00 AM

Wharton State Forest is hosting a special event and partnering with Burlington County Parks to educate participants on the geologic history of the area around Batsto Village. The 2-mile walk will include a discussion of the geology of the ore deposits used for iron smelting and glass manufacturing. We will cover geologic features including former barrier islands, back bays, glacial era landforms, and stream characteristics. Participants will learn how such past geologic events created today's uplands, wetlands, vernal ponds, and streams. Led by Pierre Lacombe, retired USGS geologist.

Registration opens April 1. Register through Wharton State Forest by calling the Batsto Visitor Center at (609) 561-0024.



Photo of Tom's Pond Trail by Sandra C. Davis

Mindfulness in Nature: Community Circle

Historic Smithville Park

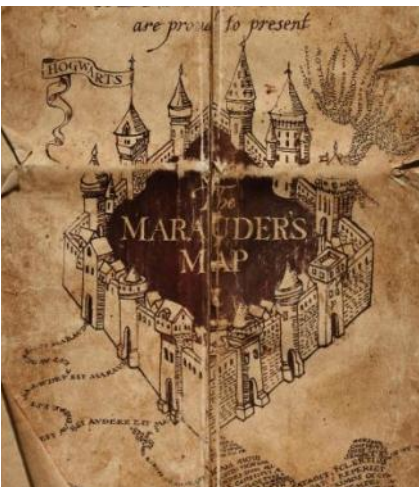
Tuesday, Apr 21 | 5:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, May 19 | 5:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Unplug from the distractions of daily life, tap into nature, and connect with like-minded individuals in your community while journaling and reflecting in a supportive environment. Together we'll explore various nature-inspired mindfulness techniques to enhance our wellbeing, personal growth and self-awareness. **Bring a beach towel (or chair) to sit on and a journal to write in.** Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Audience: Adults only 18+.



2 Harry Potter-themed adventures NEW! Marauders Map Adventure

Historic Smithville Park

Choose Thursday, April 9 at 1:00 PM [Register here](#)

OR Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 PM [Register here](#)

Get your wands ready! Follow in Harry, Ron, and Hermione's footsteps using a special map to find 10 hidden clues around Smithville Park. This program is a fun way to learn orienteering with a map! Did you participate previously? We have 10 new questions and answers for this adventure! Some trails are NOT suitable or accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. Costumes are welcome! **No walk-ups accepted. Maximum of 6 people per party. Miles: 2.00 - natural terrain & stairs. Audience: Ages 8 and up. Knowledge of Harry Potter lore is required.**



Ollivander's Wand Woods

Historic Smithville Park | Saturday, May 30 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Help Mr. Ollivander find the right trees to source the proper wood for his wands. Participants will use a provided map and tree handout to find and identify 10 species of trees. Costumes are welcome! **No walk-ups accepted. Miles: 1.00 - paved trails accessible to strollers and wheelchairs. Audience: Ages 8 and up. No knowledge of Harry Potter lore is required.**

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Birding 101

Smith's Woods

Saturday, Apr 25 | 9:00 AM [Register here](#)

Birding is a fun and popular form of recreation, but it can be challenging and overwhelming as a beginner to know where to start. This program is for those interested in beginning birding, suitable for children and adults. Learn the essential basics for bird identification, how to use binoculars, and birding do's and don'ts. Join us in the field to see for yourself how enjoyable birding can be! Loaner binoculars will be available to those who do not have their own. **Instructor: Jen Bulava. Difficulty: Easy, combination of grass & crushed stone trails. Miles: less than 1.**

Living Fossil Walk

Smith's Woods

Saturday, Apr 25 | 1:00 PM [Register here](#)

Did you know that relatives of some of the earliest plants to appear on Earth thrive at Smithville? Enjoy this brand-new topic as we take the time to closely observe and learn about the plants that were present during the Carboniferous Period, 330 million years ago. Our walk around the park will take us past *Equisetum* and *Lycopodium* and other examples of ancient plants. **Instructor: Jen Bulava. Difficulty: easy -moderate; crushed stone or paved path with some steps. Miles: 1.8.**

VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECT: Park Clean-up

Amico Island Park

Saturday, Apr 18 | 9:00 AM

Help keep our environment clean and green! Participate in cleaning up litter that has made its way into the park. Bags, gloves, and grabbers will be provided. Please bring your own water and snacks, if needed. If you need community service hours, please register by 4PM the day before the event. **To register, send an email to cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us**

Burlington Birding Bonanza

Crystal Lake Park, Kinkora Trail,
and Arney's Mount

Saturday, May 9 | 8:00 AM [Register here](#)

Discover and appreciate the diversity of avian life in your own backyard! There's no better time to observe birds than during spring migration. Participants will try to find as many species of birds as possible while traveling between Crystal Lake Park, Kinkora Trail, and Arney's Mount. **Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Bring lunch and prepare to spend most of the day. Instructor: Jen Bulava.**

All Programs are FREE unless noted. Registration required.



SAVE THE DATE SUMMER 2026 YOUTH NATURE PROGRAMS



Registration opens June 2026

No grades. No homework. No pressure.

Just fun outside!

Kids 5-12

(parent attends with child)

JUNIOR RANGER

Wednesdays/Saturdays

Teens 13-17

YOUNG NATURALIST

Mondays

SMITHVILLE MANSION

FRIENDS OF THE MANSION AT
SMITHVILLE PRESENT:

Spring Tea Time

St. Patrick's Day Tea 

Saturday, Mar 14 | 12:00 PM

Mother's Day Tea 

Saturday, May 9 | 12:00 PM

Celebrate these holidays with us and enjoy tea at the Smithville Mansion. \$30.00 per person. Reservations are required and can be made online at: www.smithvillemansion.org.



SCAN ME



Photo by David Wybierala

Smithville Mansion Spring Tours

2 Sundays in April | April 19 & April 26
12:00 PM, 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM

Beginning on May 1

Fridays & Sundays | 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM

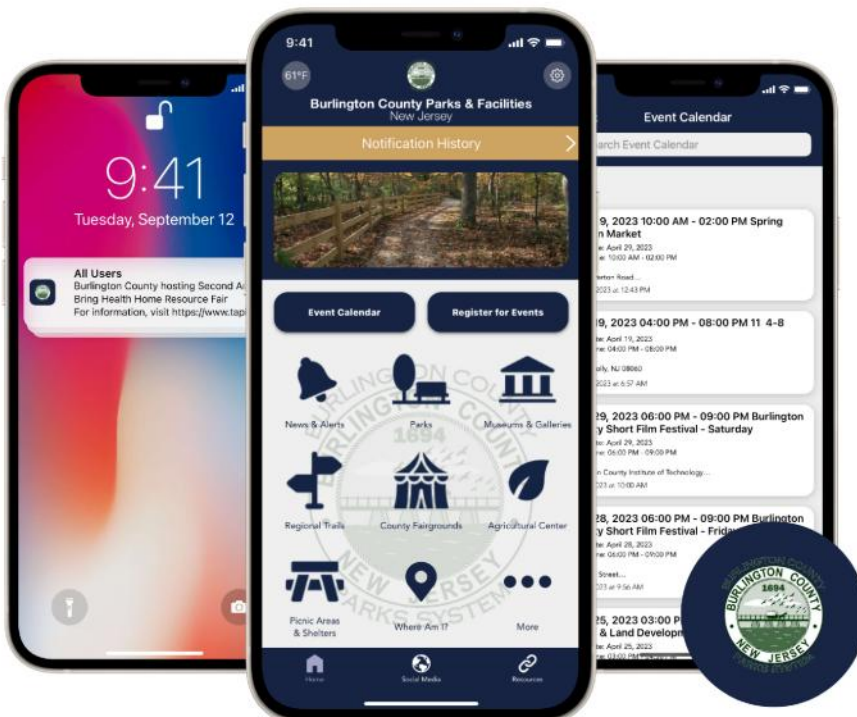
Tours begin on the hour. No reservations are required.

Adults \$10.00 Seniors & Students \$8.00. Special rates available for groups of 10 or more. School groups welcome.

For more information, email: leinbach@smithvillemansion.org

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History Programs

EXPLORE BURLINGTON COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION
TO 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY!



14 SPRING PROGRAMS



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- MAR 5 REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN
 - MAR 11 TAVERN TALK: MEET BEN FRANKLIN
 - MAR 14 SPILLING THE TEA: PAINTING WITH TEA
 - MAR 18 JUNE 1778: THE OCCUPATION OF BURLINGTON COUNTY
 - MAR 19 WHEN WOMEN LOST THE VOTE
 - MAR 19 ALICE PAUL: WOMEN'S ROAD TO THE RIGHT TO VOTE
 - MAR 21 FIRST COUPLE OF THE UNITED STATES: JOHN & DOROTHY HANCOCK
 - APR 2/15/16 BURLINGTON COUNTY IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
 - APR 9 JUNIOR LYCEUM: COLONIAL CRAFTS
 - APR 9 STEPHEN GIRARD & HIS IMPACT ON MOUNT HOLLY'S TRADING COMMUNITY
 - APR 16 PHILADELPHIA: A REVOLUTIONARY CITY
 - APR 18 BUS TOUR: REVOLUTIONARY SITES THROUGH TIME
 - MAY 20 THOMAS PAINE: FORGOTTEN FOUNDING FATHER
 - MAY 28 REVOLUTIONARY BOOK CLUB: *THE BOSTON MASSACRE: A FAMILY STORY*
- 2 EXHIBITS**
- JAN 30–JUN 14 BURLINGTON COUNTY JOINS THE REVOLUTION
 - JAN 30–JUN 14 250 YEARS OF BURLINGTON COUNTY HISTORY

All programs are FREE (unless noted) and are located throughout Burlington County. See individual listings. Registration recommended.

History Programs

**EXPLORE BURLINGTON COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION
TO 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY!**



VIRTUAL PROGRAM: Revolutionary Women

BCLS Westampton Branch
Thursday, Mar 5 | 6:00 PM

The Revolutionary War offered new opportunities for women from all backgrounds. Thousands of women chose sides and contributed to the American Revolution. They made supplies for the armies, managed and defended their households, and challenged the old political order. What do their individual experiences, documented in travel diaries, memoirs, court records, and commonplace objects tell us about their experiences, the War, and its legacy? Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution. Register at <https://bcls.lib.nj.us/>

Tavern Talk: Meet Ben Franklin

The Local Eatery & Pub
Wednesday, Mar 11 | 6:30 PM

Benjamin Franklin was a true American success story. He has been called "The First American" by scholars. This tamer of electricity inspired the Declaration of Independence, served as ambassador to the French court and raised the money to implement American independence. After the Revolution was won, Franklin served as delegate to the Constitutional Convention and signed the Constitution. Besides inventing the Franklin stove, bifocals, and the glass armonica, Franklin's concern for public welfare led him to devise the lightning rod and to found the first insurance company, firefighting company and lending library. Presented by the American History Theater. Sponsored by Main Street Mount Holly. Visit <https://mainstreetmountholly.org/events/> for more information and registration. *Ticket donation required which includes a buffet style meal and beverage.



Spilling the Tea: Painting with Tea

BCLS Westampton Branch
Saturday, Mar 14 | 1:30 PM

In tribute to the political triumph achieved by the Colonists at the Boston Tea Party, participants will create artwork using a unique medium—a mixture of real brewed tea. This special mixture will produce a sepia-toned "paint" to help commemorate our success in the harbor. Blending creativity with storytelling, participants will explore history through art. Attendees will leave with beautiful tea-painted artwork, a newfound appreciation for this unique art form and a meaningful souvenir celebrating our country's history. Presented by Smriti Sangal, a multimedia artist with over 10 years of teaching experience. Register at <https://bcls.lib.nj.us/>



June 1778: The Occupation of Burlington County

Burlington County Lyceum
Wednesday, Mar 18
10:00 AM [Register here](#)
& 7:00 PM [Register here](#)

In June 1778, 20,000 British soldiers and camp followers moved through Burlington County on their march from Philadelphia to New York. The army spent six days plundering their way across Burlington County as local militia and regulars attempted to delay them long enough for Gen. Washington's army to mobilize from Valley Forge. Follow old maps and read the journals of men who made the march. Did the British raid your town? Presented by Historian, Eric Orange.



Courtesy of Rev War Alliance of Burlington County

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Burlington County. See individual listings. Registration recommended.**

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VIRTUAL PROGRAM: When Women Lost the Vote

BCLS Westampton Branch

Thursday, Mar 19 | 6:00 PM

Learn the little-known history of the nation's first women voters and examine the political conflicts that led to their voting rights being stripped away in 1807. This experience includes a virtual peek at the Museum of the American Revolution's online exhibition. Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution.

Register at <https://bcls.lib.nj.us/>

Alice Paul: Women's Road to the Right to Vote

Burlington County Lyceum

Thursday, Mar 19 | 6:30 PM

Join the Daughters of the American Revolution for a presentation on suffragette Alice Paul. She was the architect of some of the most outstanding political achievements on behalf of women in the 20th century. Born to Quaker parents in Mount Laurel, Alice Paul dedicated her life to the single cause of securing equal rights for all. A leader in the fight to ratify the 19th Amendment in 1920 to extend voting rights to women, Paul authored the Equal Rights Amendment 1923 and spent the rest of her life fighting for its ratification. Her life symbolizes the long struggle for justice in the United States and around the world. Presented by Museum Curator, Marisa Bozarth. Registration not required.



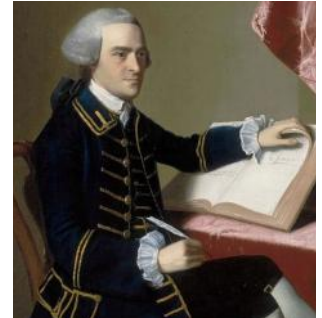
First Couple of the United States: John & Dorothy Hancock

BCLS Westampton Branch

Saturday, Mar 21 | 1:00 PM

Discover the untold stories and secrets of this influential duo who played a significant role in shaping the nation's history. On the eve of

Revolution, Boston merchant John Hancock was one of the wealthiest men in the British Empire. During John's long engagement to Dorothy Quincy, a shift in the colonies' relationship with the British Crown fueled much discontent. This turned Hancock from a useful Servant of the Crown into a leading Rebel Patriot. Both Hancocks witnessed and participated in acts leading up to the Revolution. With her family name and his fortune, John and Dolly Hancock could be considered one of America's first "Power Couples". Register at <https://bcls.lib.nj.us/>



History of the Women's League of Mount Holly

Burlington County Lyceum

Monday, Mar 23 | 7:00 PM

Join the Mount Holly Historical Society, as an officer from the Mount Holly Woman's League discusses the history of the non-profit, founded in 1903. The organization serves Mount Holly and the surrounding communities. Registration not required.

Tour of St. Andrew's Cemetery

St. Andrew's Cemetery

Saturday, Mar 28 | 1:00 PM [Register here](#)

St. Andrew's Cemetery, located on Iron Work Hill, dates back to the 18th century. Once part of the extensive Mount Holly Iron Works, it is now the final resting place for many local historical figures. Join us for a respectful tour of the cemetery. **128 Pine Street, Mount Holly.** Parking available along Pine Street. Presented by Historian, Eric Orange.

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JUNIOR LYCEUM: Colonial Crafts

Burlington County Lyceum

Thursday, Apr 9 | 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with us! The first Junior Lyceum of 2026, will take children back in time to the colonial era where they will learn about what it was like to be a child at the time of the American Revolution. Kids will make colonial crafts and toys such as corn husk dolls, whirligigs, and thaumatropes, an early handmade musical instrument.

Open to grades K-4.
Siblings welcome.
Parent or guardian must be present with all children.



Stephen Girard & His Impact on Mount Holly's Trading Community

Burlington County Lyceum

Thursday, Apr 9 | 7:00 PM

Stephen Girard came to America by way of Philadelphia in 1776 through circumstance rather than by purpose. His influence was evident in shipping, construction, banking, and politics, and later in coal mining and railroads. In the first weeks of Girard's residence in Philadelphia, the Declaration of Independence was finalized. Girard saw an opportunity to help the fledgling nation gain independence, not through combat, but in the profitable business of supply. In 1776, he met and eventually married Philadelphia native, Mary Lum. Shortly after their marriage he purchased a home at 211 Mill Street in Mount Holly. There he and his wife established a store selling sundry items to the locals, as well as selling provisions to American revolutionaries. When the British left the New Jersey, The Girards moved back to Philadelphia. Presented by Girard University Curator. Sponsored by Main Street Mount Holly. Visit <https://mainstreetmountholly.org/events/> for more information and registration.



Burlington County in the American Revolution

Note: This program is presented three times this spring. Choose one.

For 18 months from December 1776 to June 1778, Burlington County was at the center of the American Revolution. Join us as we discuss just how consequential Burlington County was to American Independence. Foreign armies occupying towns, farms and storehouses looted and destroyed, and spies and informants everywhere. All right here in your front yard. Presented by Historian, Eric Orange. Registration not required for any of these presentations.

Medford Historical Society

Thursday, Apr 2 | 7:00 PM

For more information: Visit <https://www.medfordhistory.org/events>

Shipman Mansion, Edgewater Park

Wednesday, Apr 15 | 7:00 PM

For more information: Visit <http://www.shipmanmansion.org/events/>

Lumberton Historical Society

Thursday, Apr 16 | 7:00 PM

For more information: Visit <https://www.lumbertonhistoricalsociety.com/>

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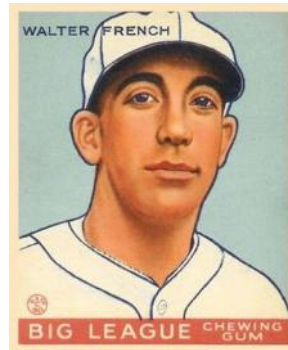
Playing with the Best: Life of Walter French

**Burlington County
Lyceum**

Monday, Apr 13 | 7:00 PM

[Register here](#)

Walter E. French, of Moorestown, is the only man in sports history to win a World Series and a NFL championship. One of the best, yet least known, all-around athletes to emerge from the "Golden Age of Sports" in the 1920s. Throughout his baseball career he played with and against the biggest stars of the decade including Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Ty Cobb. In the NFL he faced George Gipp, Curly Lambeau, George Halas, Ira Rogers, and the "Four Horsemen." Presented by Lenny Wagner, former president of the Historical Society of Morristown, curator of "Sports Legends of Moorestown", and member of the Society of American Baseball Research.



VIRTUAL PROGRAM: Philadelphia: A Revolutionary City

BCLS Westampton Branch

Thursday, Apr 16 | 6:00 PM

Eighteenth-century Philadelphia was a complex place where global trade brought new goods and new ideas to the people who became revolutionaries.

Follow one artifact — a punchbowl uncovered in an archaeological dig on site of the Museum of the American Revolution — on a virtual tour of the city, and find yourself in market stalls, coffeehouses, illegal taverns, churches, and the halls of government. Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution. Register at <https://bcls.lib.nj.us/>



Bus Tour: Revolutionary Sites Through Time

Burlington County Lyceum

Saturday, Apr 18 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Join us as we travel through Burlington County, from Moorestown to Crosswicks, exploring the British retreat of 1778. In June 1778, the British evacuated Philadelphia, heading for New York, but first they had to make it through Burlington County. Gen. Washington sent troops from Valley Forge to try to slow the advance as he organized his army for the Battle of Monmouth. Along the way, the British pillaged, plundered, and destroyed American farms and villages. Museum Curator, Marisa Bozarth, and Historian, Eric Orange will host this tour with frequent stops at Revolutionary War sites including the Smith-Cadbury Mansion, Mount Laurel Friends Meeting House, Mount Holly Friends Meeting House, and Crosswicks. Duration: 4 hours. Seating is limited. Charter bus departs and returns to the Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences
Registration Required. [Register here](#)



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Bicycle Railroad: From Smithville to Mount Holly

Burlington County Lyceum

Monday, Apr 27 | 7:00 PM

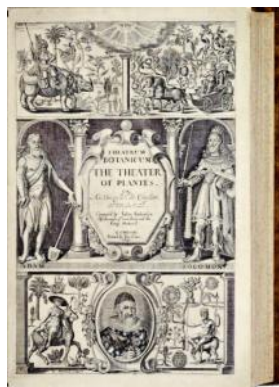
Join the Mount Holly Historical Society to learn about the innovative Bicycle Railroad, a monorail on which a bicycle could be ridden. It enabled employees to commute quickly from Mount Holly to Smithville. Starting at Smithville Village, the railroad would cross the Rancocas Creek 10 times before reaching Mount Holly. Presented by Museum Curator, Marisa Bozarth. Registration not required.

Theater of Plants

Indian Mills Historical Society

Tuesday, Apr 28 | 7:00 PM

One of the most prized artifacts in our collection is *The Theater of Plants* published in 1640. The book contains thousands of etchings of then-known species along with detailed information on each. Not only is the book a prime example of early botanical studies, but it has a storied history as well. Discover this rare first-edition in a Zoom presentation when we will tell the history of such a publication, its journey to our collection, and share some of the pages with you. Visit <https://imhs2019.com/event-meeting-schedule/> for more information. Presented by Museum Curator, Marisa Bozarth. Registration not required.



The Gilders of the Golden Age and their Circle of Friends

**Burlington County
Lyceum**

Wednesday, May 6

10:00 AM

[Register here](#)

From his humble beginnings in Bordentown, Richard Watson Gilder became the editor of *Century Magazine*, the largest periodical in the country during the Gilded Age. Hear how Gilder and his wife became important movers and shakers that shaped our country in the fields of literature, art, music, theater, and social reforms which are still felt today. Also, understand their close association with friends such as Mark Twain, Homer Winslow, Walt Whitman, Augustus St. Gauden, Cecelia Beaux, and Grover Cleveland. Presented by Richard Watson Gilder's descendants Reece and Linda Gilder Palmer, and Doug Kivorsky of the Bordentown Historical Society.

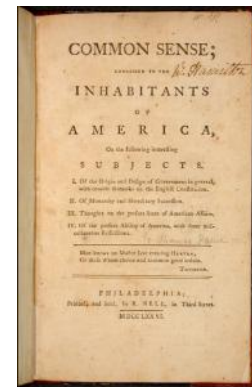


Thomas Paine: Forgotten Founding Father

Springfield Historical Society

Wednesday, May 20 | 7:00 PM

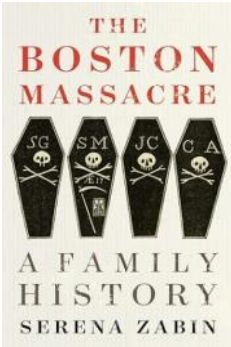
Paine's "Common Sense" inspired the idea of American independence and is one of the best-selling books of all time, yet he is rarely thought of as a Founding Father. He went on to write other pamphlets, some garnered him fame and some left him ostracized. Learn about Paine's early life, his writings, his imprisonment, and why he should be remembered as a critical player in our independence. Presented by Museum Curator, Marisa Bozarth. Registration not required.



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REVOLUTIONARY BOOK CLUB:

The Boston Massacre: A Family Story

by **Serena R. Zabin**

Burlington County Lyceum

Thursday, May 28 | 10:30 AM [Register here](#)

Each quarter we will invite you to read the selected title on your own and then join us for a book club discussion. "*The Boston*

Massacre: A Family History" by Serena R. Zabin offers a new perspective on the 1770 event, focusing on the complex, personal relationships between British soldiers and Bostonians, revealing they were neighbors, married each other, and even had children together, making the conflict feel more like a "bad divorce" than a political clash between strangers. The book uses personal letters, diaries, and records to show how the escalating tensions that led to the massacre. Led by museum curator of history, Marisa Bozarth.

Discover Rancocas State Park

Rancocas State Park, Hainesport

Saturday, May 30 | 11:00 AM [Register here](#)

Part one of a new series. Take a leisurely hike through the lower part of Rancocas State Park in Hainesport. Hear the history of sand mining in Burlington County, and visit the country estate known as Breezy Ridge, the home of Burlington City businessman Daniel Will. Part two will take place on June 6. Meet at the Rancocas Avenue entrance. Presented by Historian, Eric Orange.

This Month in History

Burlington County Lyceum

Select Wednesdays | 10:00 AM

Mar 4 [Register here](#)

Apr 1 [Register here](#)

May 13 [Register here](#)

In this monthly presentation, learn about events that took place in that month throughout our history. We share stories of discovery, politics, entertainment, and more. Presented by Marisa Bozarth.

Board Games at the Lyceum

Burlington County Lyceum

Select Saturdays | 11:00 AM—3:00 PM

Mar 21 | *THEME: St. Patrick's Day*

[Register here](#)

Apr 4 | *THEME: Work Placement* [Register here](#)

May 16 | *THEME: Dexterity* [Register here](#)

Join us at the Lyceum for themed Board Game Days! Games will be provided, or you may bring your favorites to share. Bring your own snacks. Bring your family and friends to a day of games and fun! **No alcohol is permitted.**

**2 EXHIBITS CELEBRATING BURLINGTON COUNTY'S
CONTRIBUTION TO 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY!**

250 Years of Burlington County History

Worker's House Gallery

Historic Smithville Park

January 30 - June 14, 2026

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Burlington County Joins the Revolution

Warden's House Gallery

150 High Street, Mt. Holly

January 30 - June 14, 2026

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Historic Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County New Jersey

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road, Bldg. #10 | Eastampton



Photo by Anthony Jacobsen

The Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County is designed to inspire contemplation and challenge preconceived notions of the Underground Railroad and more. Each timeline within its journey opens a window into spaces where empathy and understanding reign. Ordinary moments transform into extraordinary reflections of 'his' stories, 'her' stories, and 'their' stories — giving voice to the unknown and the unarchivable truths.

Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in these truths, thoughts, and depths of understanding, discovering not only history but also the enduring human spirit that shaped it. The Museum becomes more than a place of remembrance; it is a sanctuary of reflection, empathy, and transformative learning.

All audiences are welcome, especially those who have had limited access to historical truths.

The Museum is an independent organization. Please visit <http://www.hugrrmbc.org> or the Underground Railroad Museum Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HURMNJ for tour information.

Hours of Operation

Friday (Private Tours) 12PM - 4:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday 12 PM - 4:00 PM

To schedule a private tour please contact us at:

info@hugrrmbc.org or 609-233-7969

There are exciting volunteer opportunities and helpful platforms available which will help deliver unbelievable experiences!



Lighting the way with truths that connect the past with the present.

Art Exhibits

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road | Eastampton

Photo by Anthony Jacobsen



Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery

Located upstairs in the historic Smithville Mansion, the gallery features juried and themed fine art and photography exhibits, and also hosts the annual Burlington County Teen Arts Exhibit and Juried Art Show.

Gallery Hours: Friday-Sunday: 11 AM - 6 PM

January 11— April 10 The Annex Gallery will be closed for restoration.

Burlington County Senior Art Show

April 17 – June 14

Reception: May 1, 1-3 pm

The annual Burlington County Senior Art Show features many beautiful works of the County's seniors ages 60 and older. Throughout the exhibit, you will see a unique collection including original paintings, drawings, and photography. Come enjoy the talent of local senior artists, showcasing their art in the Annex Gallery.

New Jersey Teen Arts State Selections Exhibit

April 17 – June 14

Reception: May 17, 1-3 pm

Visit Historic Smithville Park to view works by the talented teens of Burlington County. Schools throughout the region participated in the Burlington County Teen Arts Festival in March and will be represented in the exhibit. The artwork was selected by professional adjudicators to be displayed in the exhibit and will move on to the state competition. This will be a great opportunity for students, families, and the community to see the artwork in a gallery setting.



Linoleum Block Print by Harry Mayer



Drawing by Sophia Shoff



Made possible by funds from the Burlington County Board of County Commissioners, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Burlington County Galleries located at Smithville are changing hours. Starting Friday, Mar. 6, 2026. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 11 am to 6 pm. Individuals requiring special accommodations and groups of 10 or more requesting other times should contact us two weeks in advance. 609-265-5858 | parks@co.burlington.nj.us

Art Exhibits

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road | Eastampton

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Worker's House Gallery

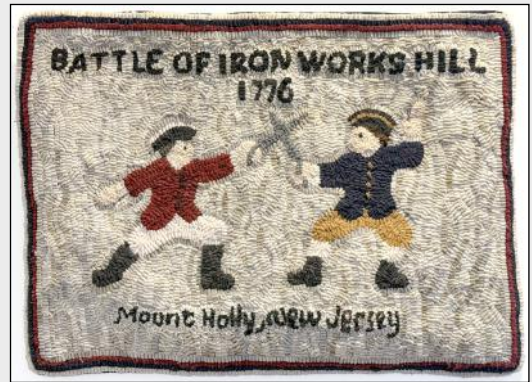
Built between 1865 and 1870, and nestled in Historic Smithville Village, housed H.B. Smith's workers and their families. Exhibits focus on handcrafts and group exhibits.

Gallery Hours: Friday-Sunday: 11 AM - 6 PM

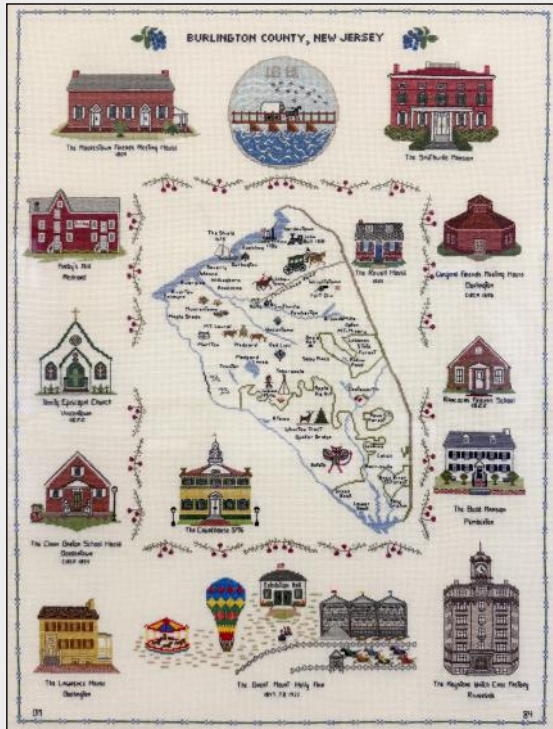
250 Years of Burlington County History

January 30 - June 14, 2026

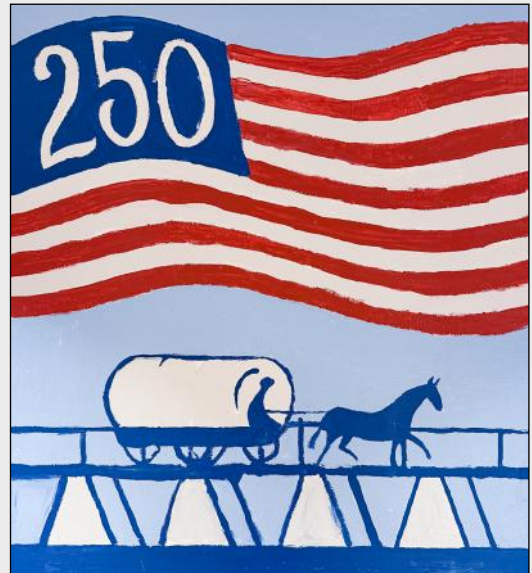
Join us as we celebrate America's 250th Anniversary by exploring the ideals of freedom through art and artifacts. Witness evidence of the discoveries within the natural world that inspired enterprising individuals to build industry and community throughout Burlington County. This exhibit explores how the desire to be free and the power of the unified effort enabled our nation achieve independence.



Hooked rug made by Susan Murray



Cross Stitch made by Dorothy McGraith



Community made painting



Follow the Arts!

Art Exhibits

150 High Street | Mount Holly

Photo by Anthony Jacobsen



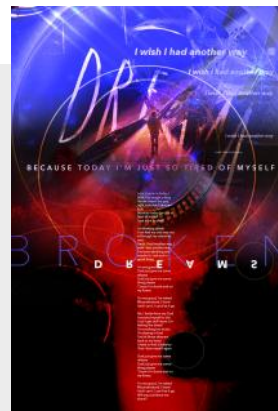
Warden's House Gallery

Completed in 1888 and attached to the Historic Prison Museum, this house served as the warden's living quarters. It is the permanent home of the Hugh Campbell collection and highlights works by emerging artists.

Gallery Hours: Thursday—Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM

The Narrative Experiment: Billy G. Harvey and Tiffany Ruocco January 30 - May 17

This project consists of digital compositions that push the boundaries of creative photographic manipulation and break the norm of traditional design. Text originates from streams of consciousness, favorite song lyrics, and journal entries to cleanse mind and soul. Every narrative is visually illustrated with personal photography, coupled with manipulated typography. Using both digital and traditional means, the narrative comes to life through shape, color and texture. Not meant to be read from beginning to end but instead to be felt and experienced.



Broken Dreams by Billy G. Harvey

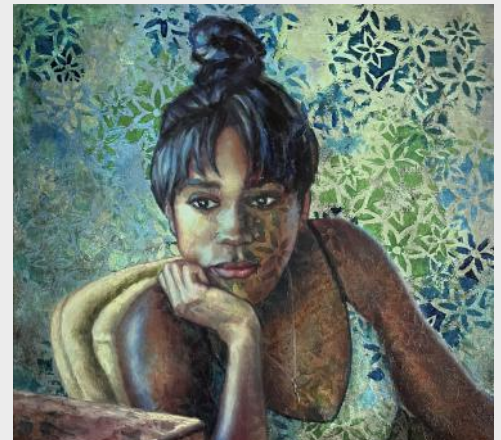


Life's Anthem by Tiffany Ruocco

The Art of Lisa Hendrickson

May 22 - August 23

Lisa Hendrickson is a figurative artist based in the Philadelphia area. Heavily influenced by human expression, her work captures the mood and emotion of the moment. She combines traditional oil painting techniques with textural mixed media materials to tell her subjects' stories. Her works incorporate unconventional materials like cardboard, newsprint, paper bags, and cork, revealing the beauty in ordinary and discarded objects. Hendrickson's community volunteer work informs her artwork, resulting in pieces that raise awareness about the societal issues of homelessness, gun violence, and gender equality.

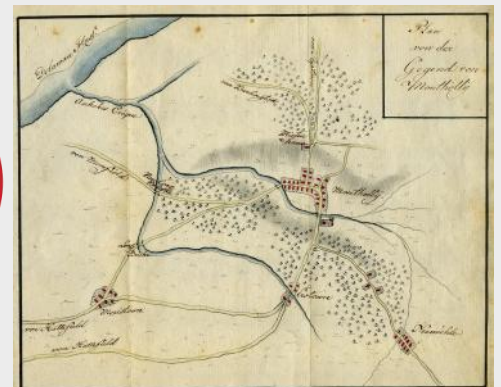


Burlington County Joins the Revolution

2ND Floor Exhibit

January 24—June 14, 2026

Burlington County and its citizens served a crucial role in the war effort. Discover our role in the American Revolution through artifacts, documents, and stories of those who lived it.



Art Classes & Workshops



Explore Drawing: Modern Masters Series

Smithville Annex Gallery

Tuesdays | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

[Register here](#) Mar 31 | *Mary Cassatt—Pastel Fan Still Life*

[Register here](#) Apr 21 | *Pablo Picasso—Collage Portraits*

[Register here](#) May 19 | *Arthur Dove —Wax & Colored
Pencil Landscapes*

Adults & Teens 12 +

Each month, use drawing to explore a different Modern Master's style of art. Taking inspiration from the master, discover new techniques and materials by using different mediums with each theme. After a short review of the Modern Master's style, create your own work in that style. All materials provided. All artistic levels welcome.

Instructor: Leannwyn Stoner

Hooks 'N Needles Club

Smithville Park Building 6/7

Conference Room

Thursdays | 6:00 —8:00 PM

Mar 12, 26 | Apr 9, 23 | May 14, 28

Love to crochet, knit, or weave? Join Parks' Ashley Park for this social fiber artist club every other Thursday evening. Bring your own materials and enjoy creative time, conversation, and community with fellow makers. Ages 16+ (under 18 must attend with an adult). Not an instructional class. Register per session. [Register here](#)

Hooks 'N Needles: Beginners Instruction to Crochet

Smithville Park Building 6/7 Conference Room

Thursdays | 5:00—7:00 PM

Session One: Mar 19

Session Two: May 21

Ready to learn crochet or hone your skills?

Join Parks' Ashley Park for this two-part beginner class covering how to read patterns, hold your hook, work basic stitches, and start a simple blanket. For ages 18+. Bring your own supplies. Must register for both sessions to attend. [Register here](#)



Art Programs are made possible by funds from the Burlington County Board of County Commissioners, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

CALLING ALL CREATIVES!

As part of the Arts After Dark celebration on September 19th, we're inviting artists to bring color, creativity, and a touch of whimsy to our event through yarn bombing!

We're seeking vibrant, imaginative proposals for yarn installations that wrap our trees in art and wonder—got a bold idea? A funky fiber vision? We want to see it! Just send us your preliminary designs, which will be reviewed by a committee from Burlington County Cultural Affairs.

Save the Date! **JUNE 11, 2026**
INTERNATIONAL YARN BOMB DAY!

Join us to create fun granny-squares to be included in our Community Tree.



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All programs are FREE. Registration required.

Art Classes & Events

Mixed Media Masterpiece

Smithville Annex Gallery

Friday, March 27 | 7:00—9:00 PM

[Register here](#) | Adults & Teens 12 +
Perfect for the non-artist and artist alike. Learn how effortless mixed media art can be using a combination of stenciling, doodling, abstract painting, and collage. Attendees will work on their own piece which can be framed as a beautiful work of art. Parks' own Tiffany Case leads this workshop.



Mixed Media Art by Tiffany Case
Painting by Leeannwyn Stoner



Photography Workshop: Phytograms

Worker's House Gallery,
Historic Smithville Park

Saturday, Apr 25 | 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

[Register here](#) | Adults & Teens 12 +
Phytograms are photographic images made on silver-based film that one would normally use inside of a camera. In this eco-friendly workshop, students will make plant-based developers from plant materials found in nature. Using additional foraged plant materials, students will compose and expose directly onto photographic film using the sunlight or ultraviolet light. Instructor: Laurie Beck Peterson. She has taught alternative process photography & eco-friendly plant based photo printing for nearly 20 years.

Painting Workshop: Floral Expressive Still Life

Mansion Annex Gallery

Tuesday, Apr 7 | 5:30—7:30 PM

[Register here](#) | Adults & Teens 16 +
Celebrate Spring! Be inspired by the colors of spring florals in this 2-hour workshop that will have you loosening your brush stroke. Reviews of composition, acrylic color and paint brush moves will guide you to create your painting. Additional mixed mediums will be available to further your interpretive work. We supply ALL materials; you supply the creativity. Any artistic level welcome! Instructor: Leeannwyn Stoner



Pinhole Photography Workshop

Workers House Gallery, Historic Smithville Park

2 Wednesdays | Apr 29 & May 6 | 5 PM - 7 PM

[Register here](#) | Adults & Teens 14 +

Join Heather Palecek and Parks' Sandra C. Davis for this two-session workshop and learn the basics.

On Apr 29, Heather leads an immersive 2-hour workshop, where you make your own pinhole camera, explore history of pinhole photography, composition and technique. Take your new pinhole cameras home to make pictures.

On May 6, meet with Sandra and learn to develop your pinhole photographs in a darkroom. Note: We are not building cameras on May 6.



Follow the Arts!

All programs are FREE. Registration required.

Health & Fitness

Zumba

Burlington County Lyceum

Select Mondays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | [Register here](#)

Mar 2, 9, 30 | Apr 6, 13, 20

Historic Smithville Event Tent

Mondays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | [Register here](#)

May 4, 11, 18

Join instructor Aldona for a fun and fantastic workout! Zumba incorporates dance moves that tone muscles, improve cardio, promote flexibility, and decrease stress. Continue Zumba outdoors starting in May!

TOBATA by Toby

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | [Register here](#)

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Apr 7, 14, 21, 28

May 5, 12, 19, 26

Tobata is an exciting interval class focused on cardiovascular fitness and muscle endurance with movements in intervals, followed by rest. Bring an exercise mat, exercise resistance bands, and dumbbells.

Beginner Line Dancing

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | [Register here](#)

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Apr 7, 14, 21, 28

May 5, 12, 19, 26

Here is your chance to learn the basics in this beginner's Country Line dancing class! This class is geared towards people who never Country Line danced before. Instructor Jeremy Duncan will be giving dance lessons throughout this hour-long program.

Wellness Walk | Historic Smithville Park

Mondays | 9:30 AM | Mar 16, Apr 20, May 11

[Register here](#)

Start your day with movement, mindfulness, and community. Walking outdoors is an excellent opportunity to exercise, appreciate nature, and meet new friends. Lace up your walking shoes and let's move!

Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Audience: Adults only 18+. Miles: 2.5 Difficulty: moderate; includes stairs/some elevation change/floating walkway.

Yoga

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | [Register here](#)

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Apr 7, 14, 21, 28

Vinyasa-style Yoga with Roshni Ladden remains indoors through April. Nourish your mind and body as you cultivate focus, alignment, stamina, and flexibility. Yoga mat required, yoga blocks encouraged.



Outdoor Yoga

Historic Smithville Park

Tuesdays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | [Register here](#)

May 5, 12, 19, 26

Vinyasa-style Yoga with Roshni Ladden begins outdoors in May. Join this class on the lawn in Historic Smithville Park. Yoga mat required, yoga blocks encouraged.

Chair Yoga

Burlington County Lyceum

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | [Register here](#)

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 | Apr 1, 8, 22, 29 | May 13, 20, 27

Chair yoga offers similar benefits to traditional yoga practice, but can be done while sitting at your desk! Benefits include increased flexibility, improved strength pain management, reduced stress, and better sleep. Chairs provided.



All programs are FREE unless noted. Registration required.



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Culinary Arts Classes & Workshops

Krazy About Kebobs

Wednesday, Mar 4 | 6:00 PM

\$60 | Working with Chef Chetna, The Curry Blossom, participants learn how to make seasoned, Indian-style ground meat kebobs, with a garlic chutney and cumin yogurt sauce. A veggie kebob option will be available using Paneer (Indian curd cheese) for any vegetarians in the class. Naan/Bread rolls will be provided, if desired, to eat with your kebobs.

Strudel Making Workshop

Thursday, Mar 5 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Join us for a hands-on German Apple Strudel class with Davia from Ravencakes Bakery! Discover traditional techniques for creating a thin, flaky pastry. As dessert bakes, we'll prepare a rich vanilla sauce to complement your strudel. We will taste and enjoy our handmade creation, one bite at a time while enjoying a cup of tea. Suitable for beginners and experienced bakers alike, this class offers a joyful experience in German & Austrian culinary traditions.

Tea Tasting: Tea is grown in the USA

Tuesday, Mar 10 | 6:00 PM

\$35 | Yes, tea is growing on farms across the USA. Explore tea farms from the East Coast, the Southern States and the West Coast, as well as Hawaii with local experts, Deb and Mike Raab from Tea For All. Travel the US and learn about the farming practices while we taste the teas from these American farms.

Honing your Knife Skills: Tuna Poke Bowls

Thursday, Mar 12 | 3:00 PM

\$55 | A knife is the most valuable tool in your kitchen. It's your workhorse, and the more comfortable you are using it the more work you will get out of it. In this class we're building Chef Tamara's favorite meal, the Hawaiian poke bowl. We'll start with a discussion of knives and move on to the Polynesian approach to marinating tuna, then create a variety of toppings to dress our bowls. Eat as a class or enjoy at home.

Please bring your favorite knife from home. Knives are provided in the farmhouse kitchen but its best to work with a familiar tool.

Margarita Hand Pies Comfort

Thursday, Mar 12 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Let's start with a quick, easy pastry dough. While your dough is resting, working with Chef Tamara, we'll stretch fresh curd into fresh tender mozzarella. Then, you will choose your fillings and spices from our flavor bar and learn to make a hand pie. You can bake in class to enjoy right away, or take home. Bring a container for transport.

NEW! Family Table Classes

These classes are geared toward children 6-11 years of age and their favorite grownup. Each registration covers a child and an adult.

Family Table: Cozy Comfort Foods

Tuesday, Mar 3 | 5:30 PM

\$60 | Get warm this winter with a cozy family cooking adventure! Young chefs and their parents will make homemade soup and bread bowls from scratch with Jamie Zwier from Oh How Healthy. Discover the joy in cooking wholesome, comfort foods while building confidence in the kitchen. Nourishing meals can be simple and satisfying, leaving kids and parents inspired to create more meals together.



To register, visit: www.burlcoagcenter.com/class-schedule/



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Swedish Cardamom Buns

Tuesday, Mar 17 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Learn to make authentic Swedish Cardamom Buns (Kardemummabullar) from scratch – from mixing and kneading a soft yeast dough to shaping and baking these aromatic twists. Each bun is filled with a fragrant cardamom butter, made with freshly ground cardamom pods for that true Nordic flavor and irresistible aroma.



Pasta 102: Stuffed Pastas

Thursday, Mar 19 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Pasta 102 explores filled pasta featuring two different fillings and sauces. Chef Ed will demonstrate the pasta making process and discuss the history and technique of various shapes and fillings. Guests will make and fill pasta while the chef makes the sauces. Evening includes antipasto, make and eat two pastas, and finish with tiramisu. (can accommodate vegetarian)

Altered Book Workshop

Sunday, Mar 22

10:00 AM

\$55 | Transform an old book into a unique work of art! Taking an unwanted book and upcycling it into a work of art is a beautiful way to honor a book; the book is our canvas. In this 2-hour workshop, you will learn how to re-purpose pages, add texture, color and meaning, creating a one-of-a-kind altered book that reflects your personal story and creativity. No experience needed – just bring your imagination! All art materials are provided.



The Indian BBQ

Wednesday, Mar 25 | 6:00 PM

\$60 | Learn how to make Tandoori Chicken and Tandoori Paneer (veggie option) with Chef Chetna from The Curry Blossom. Guests will also learn how to make a quick roasted potato side dish called Achar Aloo. Go home with a bottle of your own marinade made during class.

Chef Chetna's Childhood Favorites

Thursday, Apr 2

6:00 PM

\$55 | Learn how to make a few of the Chef Chetna's favorite dishes fusing African and Indian flavors from her family traditions. First, we'll make Sweet Corn Curry with a sweet, spicy, creamy sauce. Then Farari Curry, a potato curry with peanuts and chili in a thick tomato-based sauce, crispy toppings and garnishes. We'll also tackle refreshing saffron milkshakes to enjoy with our meal.



Authentic German Pretzels

Wednesday, Apr 8 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Let's craft authentic German pretzels from scratch! Learn the history and tradition as you knead, shape, and bake delicious pretzels. Discover the secrets to a perfect golden crust and chewy interior. Take home your own ready to bake pretzel and gain skills to recreate this iconic snack at home. We will end our class tasting fresh pretzels from the oven, learning about the German way to eat your pretzels.



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Roman Pasta Traditions

Thursday, Apr 9 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Join Chef Ed as we explore the classic pastas of the eternal city. Chef will guide you through the history, technique, and process of making two of his favorite Roman pastas— Carbonara and Amatriciana. Guests will make and roll pasta while chef demonstrates the sauces. They will be greeted with antipasto, make and eat two pastas, and finish with tiramisu.

Expressive Process Painting

Sunday, Apr 12 | 10:00 AM

\$55 | Tap into your inner flow and express your energy through paint in this 2-hour process painting workshop. Let go of expectations and allow your energy to guide you as you create a painting that reflects what you need to release, explore or manifest. We'll let our hearts lead the way in this expressive journey. No artistic experience necessary – just bring an open heart and a willingness to explore! All art materials are provided.



Tea Tasting: Tea 101

Tuesday, Apr 14 | 6:00 PM

\$35 | Come into the Farmhouse Kitchen to discover what tea is, where it is grown, and how black, green, oolong, white and dark teas are made from the same plant. The experts from Tea For All will share their knowledge and lead a tasting of two variations of each type of tea, exploring how techniques and terroir create unique results.

Honing your Knife Skills: Farro Grain Bowls

Wednesday, Apr 22 | 3:00 PM

\$55 | A knife is the most valuable tool in your kitchen. It's your workhorse, and the more comfortable you are using it the more work you will get out of it. Chef Tamara will guide you through building grain bowls focusing on knifework. We'll start with a discussion of knives and get a lesson on getting those blades lightening sharp. Then we'll slice, chop and carve our vegetables to assemble a tasty (and healthy) lunch to enjoy as a class or enjoy at home. Please bring your favorite knife from home. Knives are provided in the farmhouse kitchen but it's best to work with a familiar tool.

LITTLE GARDNERS (Ages 5-11)

Little Gardeners Vermicomposting

Saturday, Apr 18 | 11:00 AM

\$25 | Little gardeners ages 5-11 will get their hands dirty harvesting Miss Mindy's vermicomposting bin and make worm tea. As we go through the process little gardeners will learn how important wiggly worms are in the garden. Come back to class the following week to use our worm compost to make seed bombs!



Little Gardeners Seed Bombs

Saturday, Apr 25 | 1:30 PM

\$25 | Little gardeners ages 5-11 get your hands dirty making seed bombs. Working with Miss Mindy, we will mix and mold seed bombs using fresh compost and seeds native to NJ. Gardeners will learn how to use the seed bombs responsibly. Then we will play games and do activities to learn about pollination.

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Honing your Knife Skills: Fish Tacos

Wednesday, Apr 22 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Let's make classic Mexican tacos with Chef Tamara. It's all about the knifework. We start with a discussion of knives and how to choose the best knife for the task, followed by a lesson on keeping those blades lightening sharp. Then we will slice, chop and carve our toppings and make corn tortillas from scratch. We'll assemble and eat as a class. Please bring your favorite knife from home. Knives are provided in the farmhouse kitchen but it's best to work with a familiar tool.

Mommy and Me Aromatherapy Spritz Blitz

Saturday, May 2 | 1:30 PM

\$55 | Blend, mix and spritz your way through this fun hands-on time together. Grab a special little person in your life for this relaxing afternoon event with Miss Mindy of Mindy's Den. Each person will mix up 3 glass spray bottles to take home. Your finished products are great to use as perfume and also as a room freshener. An assortment of essential oils will be available to select from with suggestions for combinations to blend. Squeeze lemons for homemade lemonade and enjoy some light refreshments.



Indian Bread Basics

Wednesday, May 6 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Get hands-on making two types of Indian breads with Chef Chetna of The Curry Blossom – wheat Rotli and wheat Paratha. Rotli is a flatbread that is hand rolled thin and cooked on open flame. Paratha is a thick buttery bread that is pan fried until crispy. We'll taste what we make, and you will take dough away to practice at home.

Vietnamese Vegan Specialty Rolls

Tuesday, May 12 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Learn about veggie staples in Vietnamese cuisine, specifically for vegan dishes. We'll make two vegan Vietnamese rolls: a summer roll and baked veggie wontons, and get hands-on with pineapple, Thai basil, jicama, wood ear mushrooms, tofu and carrots. Prepare simple yet flavor-packed and nutritious specialty rolls with Chef Loan Nguyen.



Family Table: Earth Day Celebration

Tuesday, Apr 21 | 5:30 PM

\$60 | *Its Earth Day! Let's cook with care for our planet in this hands-on, family-friendly cooking adventure!*

Kids and their favorite grown-ups will join Jamie Zwier from Oh How Healthy to build their own edible Earth bowls, layering wholesome, colorful whole foods to represent the Earth's layers -- crispy bread as the "crust," grains and legumes as the "mantle," and fresh vegetables and greens as the "soil and greenery." As we layer, we'll discover how fun and visually stunning healthy foods can be, all while learning how thoughtful food choices can support a healthier planet. All recipes are nut-free, with allergy-friendly options available upon request. Kids and parents will leave proud of what they create together—and inspired to make more wholesome, layered meals at home! **Each registration covers a child and an adult.**

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Vegan Bread: From Dough to Loaf

Wednesday, May 13 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Join Chef William in the Farmhouse Kitchen to learn the fundamentals of plant-based bread making from start to finish. We'll cover yeast activation, proper dough creation, proofing, shaping and baking for a soft interior and golden crust. This session uses simple vegan ingredients that can be found in every grocery store.

Gnocchi and Gnudi

Thursday, May 14 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Pasta 103 features gnocchi and gnudi, two classic dumplings that are found all over Italy. Guests will be greeted with antipasto while Chef Ed discusses the gnocchi making process from start to finish. Guests will make and roll pasta while chef demonstrates the sauces.

Tea Tasting: Tea with Attitude for the Coffee-devoted

Tuesday, May 19 | 6:00 PM

\$35 | Trying to reduce or eliminate coffee intake? Or just looking for some alternatives? Let Mike and Deb from Tea for All introduce you to a world of bold teas and herbals that may just satisfy that yearning for a full mouth feel and bold taste.

Vegan Soup Classics

Wednesday, May 27 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Join Chef William in the Farmhouse Kitchen making warm, flavorful and 100% plant-based soups. We'll be hands on learning how to build deep flavor without meat or dairy, covering the foundations of great soup-making including aromatics, seasoning, layering, broth building and thickening techniques. Chef will also touch on meal prep, storage and reheating so your soups taste even better the next day. Bring containers to take home leftovers.

Watercolor Affirmations

Sunday, May 30

10:00 AM

\$55 | Join this soothing creative 2-hour workshop combining the calming flow of watercolor painting with the power



of positive affirmations. As you paint, choose from pre-drawn empowering words or phrases (or create your own!) that resonate with you. Allow them to guide your artistic process. and connect with your inner self while creating beautiful, personalized art. This session is perfect for those looking to boost confidence or simply relax. No experience needed – just bring your intention and creativity! All art materials are provided.



Family Table: Mother's Day Cooking Workshop

Tuesday, May 5 | 5:30 PM

\$60 | Celebrate Mother's Day with a heartfelt "Mom and Me" cooking adventure. Kids and their favorite grown-ups will learn how simple, healthy ingredients can be transformed into delicious dishes perfect for sharing with the whole family. As they mix, assemble, and taste side by side, families will enjoy quality time, laughter, and the joy of cooking together. Designed for ages 4–10, this class uses kid-friendly tools and appliances. All recipes are nut-free, with allergy-friendly options available upon request. **Each registration covers a child and an adult.**

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• PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES • • CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS •

Interpretive Trail Hike

Sundays | 1:30 to 2:30 PM | Mar 8 & May 3

Join Rancocas Nature Center for an interpretive hike through our varied habitats. It's a great way to become familiar with the trails. Bring a camera and/or binoculars as we'll be sure to stop at scenic spots along the way. The hike is suitable for all ages 5+, so you'll need a child carrier to transport younger children. Registration is limited to 20 participants. The program is free. A Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

School's Out: Drop in & Meet the Rancocas Animals

Friday, Apr 3 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, Apr 9 | 12:30 to 2:00 PM

Are you home from school this week? A naturalist will be available at the center to share a hands-on session with the Rancocas resident reptiles and tree frogs. All visitors are welcome. If the weather is nice, bring your lunch and enjoy a hike on the trails. Our picnic area will be open and free trail maps are available in the Visitors Center. NOTE: The nature center is a carry-in/carry-out facility. The program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation/per family/guest is suggested. Registration is not required.

Nature Journaling for Families

(parent/adult w/child ages 5 - 12)

Sunday, May 31 | 12:30 to 2:30 PM

Prep for the 2026 vacation season! Learn how nature journaling can enrich your family's summer experiences by recording your adventures and explorations. In this workshop, each family will receive a nature journaling kit that includes basic supplies and activity ideas packaged in a weatherproof bag for on-the-go ease. The program includes designing a cover, practice time on trails, and journaling tips guaranteed to create a meaningful keepsake for your family. Led by Teacher Naturalist Robin Sperry. Cost: \$25/per parent/child. Up to 2 additional children (ages 5-12) can be added per adult registrant for \$10/per child.



Tales & Trails (Ages 3+)

Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM | Mar 4 & 11

The Rancocas Nature Preserve welcomes spring! Join us for this free family-friendly children's program. Each session will include a nature-themed storybook and a hike on the trails to explore the Rancocas habitats and is geared toward families with children 3 years and up—but babies in backpacks are welcome! This program is free (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership). Inclement weather cancels.

Woody Wonderers (Ages 3 - 5) (parental participation required)

Fridays | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Mar 13, 20, 27 | Apr 17, 24 | May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Let's explore the outdoors and discover the wonders of nature! Each class will include a story, a nature exploration, student-led inquiry, and free play. Based on the "forest school" concept, this outdoor education model focuses on student interactions with natural spaces and offers hands-on learning in a woodland environment. This program is ideally outdoors and will take place in most types of weather including light drizzle/rain and cooler temperatures. The exception is heavy rain/winds, thunderstorms, or other unsafe weather when the class will be held indoors. Cost (with a current Rancocas membership): \$15/per child/per class, Register for 5 or more classes for \$12/per child/per class

Little Sprouts (Ages 2 - 6)

Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Mar 18, 25 | Apr 1, 15, 22, 29 | May 6, 13, 20, 27

This gardening program is for children ages 2 to 6 years old accompanied by an adult. Each session will focus on a different aspect of gardening and include work time in the garden, composting, a story, and a craft/activity. Please dress accordingly. This program is free (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership). Inclement weather cancels

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Scouting America Merit Badge: Bird Study

Sunday, Mar 8 | 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

All About Birds & Birding Workshop

Sunday, Mar 29 | 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Birding Field trip

Would your scout like to earn their bird study badge? Join Rancocas certified Merit Badge counselors to complete this badge with the nature center. Scouts will learn about birds, their connections to the natural world, tips for identifying them, go on a bird field trip with other scouts, use binoculars and a scope, and see birds in their natural habitats. This year's field trip will focus on winter ducks and possibly raptors. One parent is required to join their scout for the field trip for the purpose of driving to 2-3 locations, locally within a small geographic area.

Equipment will be provided. Participation on both days is required. Cost: \$45/per scout. Visit our website for more details and to register. For questions/information, contact meritbadges@rancocasnaturecenter.org.



Scouting America Merit Badge: Environmental Science

Sunday, Apr 26 | 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday, May 17 | 12:30 to 3:30 PM

Is your scout looking to complete the Eagle required Environmental Science merit badge? Our certified merit badge counselors have backgrounds in the environmental science field. In these workshops we consider real-life scenarios to better develop an understanding of some of today's environmental issues and challenges, as well as some of the successes. Scouts (recommended for 6th grade or older) must attend and participate in both workshops and complete all activities. Most activities will be done together. Some independent work will be required between the two workshops. Scouts and parents will be invited to our Google classroom, where most communication outside of the workshops takes place. Cost: \$50/per scout. Register online. For questions and information, contact meritbadges@rancocasnaturecenter.org.

Teen & Scout Conservation Volunteer Days (Ages 13-17)

Saturday, Mar 7 | 12:30 to 3:30 PM

Saturday, Apr 4 | 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sunday, May 3 | 12:30 to 3:30 PM

The Rancocas Nature Center hosts monthly volunteer opportunities for supervised stewardship conservation projects. It's a great way for scouts and other youth 13 to 17 years-old to get out into nature and accumulate service hours. Parental consent is required and parents are welcome to help, as well. Activities vary depending on the season but often include removal of invasive species and mulching native plant enclosures and gardens. Volunteers should bring water, work gloves, and dress in work clothes, including appropriate footwear. Upon request, letters can be provided for youth needing proof of service for Scouts, 4-H, Honors Society, etc. Details and sign-up links can be found on the Rancocas Nature Center website.

Maple Sugaring for Scouts

Sunday, Mar 1 | 12:30 to 3:30 PM

(staggered times)

What a tasty way to spend a late winter afternoon! Bring your scout or the whole troop/pack and enjoy a program about maple sugaring, the oldest continuous industry in North America. On this self-guided walk, visit multiple interactive stations along the Rancocas trails. Learn about the Sugar Maple tree and the history of maple sugaring, observe a tapping demonstration, and enjoy a maple syrup tasting. Please limit adults and extra siblings as this is a scout program. To ward off the chills, we'll have an old-fashioned campfire burning. Scouts will receive a keepsake Maple Sugaring Badge. Cost: \$15/per scout/ /sibling; \$10/per accompanying adult. Start times are staggered.

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Woodcock for Beginners: American Woodcocks & Their Aerial Displays

Tuesday, Mar 3 | 5:30 PM

Each year in the late winter, the American Woodcock move northward at the beginning of their breeding season. One of their migration stops is the Rancocas meadow— a reliable spot to catch the male of the species performing a fascinating aerial display to impress the female Woodcocks. Rancocas naturalist Patti Rehn will share an informative PPT presentation at the Center, then lead an outdoor session in the meadow—a unique viewing opportunity. Program is free; Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.



Hump Day After Work Hikes

(Ages 18+)

Wednesdays | 5:30 to 7:00 PM (daylight dependent)

Mar 11, 18, 25 | Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Like to hike, but don't like doing it alone? Come out for a brisk hike in nature—the perfect way to get some exercise incorporated into your day. Breathe deep, relax, and enjoy the weekly changes you observe as the season progresses. The program is free. A Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Seasonal Strolls (Ages 55+)

2nd Friday of the Month | 10:30 AM

Mar 13, Apr 10 & May 8

(Meet at Rancocas Nature Center Parking Lot)

4th Friday of the Month | 10:30 AM

Mar 27, Apr 24 & May 22

(Meet at Rancocas SP-Westampton Parking Lot)

Join a 45-minute to 1-hour guided stroll to observe the seasonal changes in the Rancocas Nature Preserve and Rancocas State Park's meadows, waterways, and woodlands with one of our teacher naturalists. We'll use one of our easier trails—mostly flat ground with some roots. The program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Hump Day Afternoon Hikes

(Ages 18+)

Wednesday, Mar 4 | 2:30 to 4:00 PM

Like to hike, but don't like doing it alone? Come on out for a brisk hike in nature—the perfect way to get some exercise incorporated into your day. Breathe deep, relax, and enjoy the weekly changes you observe as the season progresses. The program is free. A Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

FIELD TRIP: Birding Sandy Hook

(Members Only)

Saturday, Mar 7 | 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM

This coastal location is excellent in late winter/early spring for seabirds, waterfowl, and the possibility of spotting seals and other wildlife. Who knows, maybe we will get lucky and see Horned Larks or Snow Buntings. We'll be driving to various locations, but also be prepared for walking on the beach, with possible windy conditions. Spend the day exploring and birding this incredible place with knowledgeable Rancocas staff and associate naturalists including Mary Belko, Audrey Dorofy, and John McElroy. The exact meeting spot will be sent to participants via email the week before. Cost: \$15/per person. Space is limited. Inclement weather cancels.



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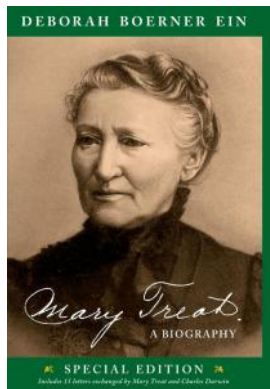
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:

Meet the Author:

Deborah Boerner Ein

Sunday, Mar 15 | 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Join us for Women's History Month with a presentation by Deborah Boerner Ein, author of *Mary Treat: A Biography and Mary Had a Little Zoo: All About Pioneer Scientist Mary Treat and Her Ants, Plants, and Spiders*. Mary Treat was a 19th century naturalist whose studies coincided with those of Charles Darwin. She corresponded with the esteemed British scientist more than any other woman scientist, yet her life and contributions to the field of environmental studies have gone largely unrecognized for more than a century. Much of Treat's research was done in the New Jersey Pine Barrens. With access to the Treat files at the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society, Deborah conducted in-depth research to bring Treat's story to light in her book. After the presentation, Deborah will sign copies of the book—a paperback version as well as a hardcover special edition that includes the 15 letters exchanged between Treat and Darwin. Books are also available from the publisher at [MT BOOKS](http://MTBOOKS) or from links provided at www.marytreat.com.



Saturday Guided Walks

Saturdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Mar 21 | Apr 18 | May 16

Studies show that taking a walk in a natural area is good for your physical and mental health. Adults and interested teens can join Rancocas Nature Center for a Saturday guided hike in the preserve. The program is free. A Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

ESCAPE ART SERIES (Ages 16+)

Reverse Glass Painting: Insect Images

Sunday, Mar 22 | 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Let's think backwards! Join us as we paint in reverse on the back of a piece of glass. This surprisingly easy technique yields beautiful results! No experience necessary (we will be tracing photos, so don't worry if drawing isn't your strong suit). You can choose from a wide variety of insect images, but feel free to bring your own 4" x 4" photo. All supplies will be provided, including the frame. Workshop cost: \$28/per person.



Rancocas Nature Center Volunteer Spring Cleaning

Sunday, Mar 29 | 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Volunteer to help with a myriad list of smaller inside and outside center projects. For adults and youth ages 13 to 17 (with parental consent). Volunteer time can be applied toward community service hours. Registration is required. Details and sign-up links can be found on the Rancocas Nature Center website at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org



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CONNECT WITH NATURE SERIES



How to Handle Brush & Dead Wood on Your Property

Sunday, Mar 22 | 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

In March and April, when we do spring clean-ups in our yards and/or local parks, down trees and branches can pose a problem for homeowners and park stewards needing to make decisions about how to deal with all the debris. This midday talk/walk will share how park stewards deal sustainably with dead wood and how these ideas can be applied in your own yard or local preserved area. Staff Teacher Naturalist Robin Sperry will lead the presentation. The program is free—Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested.

Establishment of and Care for Young Trees

Sunday, May 30

2:00 to 3:00 PM

The benefits of planting trees are well-known, but it's important to understand what they need to remain healthy. Join staff from the New Jersey Tree Foundation as they share information on the proper care and pruning techniques required for successfully growing young trees. Topics will include how to correctly plant a tree, young tree care and maintenance, and pruning small branches using hand saws and pruning shears. After a short presentation indoors, we'll head outside to look at trees in the field and view a demonstration of correct practices. Dress for the weather including proper footwear. The program is free. A Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation suggested. Register through Rancocas Nature Center. For additional information on the presenting organization visit www.njtrees.org.



FIELD TRIP: Nature Conservancy Walk and Talk

Saturday, Apr 4 | 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Join Rancocas Conservancy trustee, Steven Elliot and Rancocas Nature Center Teacher Naturalist, Mary Belko as they explore the trails in the Conservancy's Black Run Preserve and recently acquired, adjacent Cold Spring Property in Evesham. Mary is knowledgeable about Pine Barrens habitat and Steve will share the history of the sites and the importance of their preservation, as well as the ongoing work the Rancocas Conservancy does locally in the Rancocas Watershed. The program is free. Donations to the Rancocas Conservancy at www.rconservancy.org are suggested. Directions to the site and meeting location will be sent to registrants beforehand. Register online at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org. Inclement weather cancels.



Photo courtesy of Friends of the Black Run Preserve

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Spring Nature Journaling Walk (Ages 16+)

Sunday, Apr 12 | 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Bring your nature journal/sketchbook and join Teacher-Naturalist Robin Sperry for a hike on trails in the Rancocas State Park and nature preserve while journaling some of the wonders of spring. The program is free. A Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Weekday Bird Walk at Rancocas

Thursday, Apr 30 | 8:00 AM

New Jersey and Burlington County fall within the eastern flyway for spring migration. This is an amazing time of year to see many species of birds not in our area at other times. Rancocas associate naturalists will lead a spring walk through various habitats to see how many species of birds we can observe. All skill levels are welcome! Possible sightings will include migrants, seasonal species, and year-round residents. This is a relaxed pace, 1 to 1.5 hours walk. All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars and wear walking shoes. Loaner binoculars are available—reserve a pair ahead of time. The program is free. A Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Meet in the nature center parking lot. Inclement weather cancels.

ESCAPE ART SERIES (Ages 16+)

Watercolor With Plants

Sunday, Apr 19 | 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Spring has sprung! Join us as we start this class with a short stroll to collect plant materials to use for this project. We will then arrange these natural items on watercolor paper and paint around them using watercolor paints, creating the most beautiful natural designs! No experience necessary. All supplies will be provided, and participants will be able to create multiple pieces of art on paper, including greeting cards, if interested. Workshop cost: \$25/per person.



RANCOCAS AFFILIATED CLUB MEETINGS Outdoor Photography Club

Thursdays | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Mar 5, Apr 2 & May 7

All Are Welcome! Club meets the first Thursday of every month in the Rancocas Nature Center classroom or at a designated alternative outdoor location. Contact rncphotoclub@gmail.com for details.

FIELD TRIP: Birding at Michael Huber Warbler Preserve

Saturday, Apr 25 | 7:30 to 10:00 AM

Join associate naturalists, Patty Rehn and John McElroy in search of warblers and early spring migrants at this Pine Barrens location. We will also be making a local side trip to look for the Red-headed Woodpecker. Directions will be emailed to registrants the week before, along with further directions/instructions. Cost: Free to Rancocas Nature Center members; \$10/non-members. Space is limited. Inclement weather cancels.



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Weekday Bird Walk in Rancocas State Park, Westampton

(Irick Road entrance)

Tuesday, May 5 | 8:00 to 9:30 AM

Join Rancocas Nature Center associate naturalists in search of birds in the western section of the state park. In addition to year-round resident species, we hope to see seasonal migrants passing through. The trails are mostly hard sand or gravel, occasional hills, and a mix of wooded and open areas. This is a relaxed pace, 1 to 1.5 hours walk. All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars and wear walking shoes. Loaner binoculars are available—reserve a pair ahead of time. The program is free. A Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Meet in the Irick Road parking lot. Inclement weather cancels.

SAVE THE DATES Summer Programs for Kids

JUNE 23—AUGUST 6

7 Weeks of Summer Morning Outdoor Fun for Ages 4-12
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays | 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Kids have fun while learning about the world around. Mornings at Rancocas Nature Center blend natural sciences with active, outdoor experiences under the guidance of knowledgeable educators.

This summer themes to explore are:

Take to the Trails

Globe Trotting

Journey Into the Earth

Up, Up, and Away

Connect the Drops: Water, water everywhere!

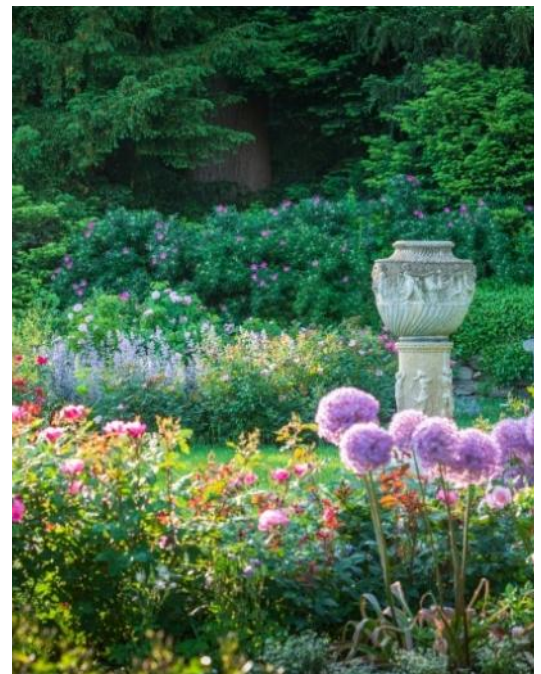
Travel Through Time

Forging Ahead with Fun

BUS TRIP: Morris Arboretum & Gardens

Wednesday, May 27 | 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

The Philadelphia region is designated as America's Garden Capital! Join us for a spring bus trip to the Morris Arboretum of UPENN. This 92-acre expanse features an ever-changing landscape of colorful gardens, champion trees, winding paths, sculptures, and water displays. Upon arrival at the arboretum, the group will participate in a guided "Garden Highlights" tour with stops at popular art, floral, and architectural features. We will use a reserved area for lunch—bring your own or purchase a box lunch. There will also be time for self-exploration of the arboretum. The trip is sponsored by the Rancocas Nature Center and includes charter bus transportation (from and to Prospector's Restaurant, Mt. Laurel), admission, guided garden tour, and driver gratuity. Cost: \$84/per person; Box lunch: \$15/per person. Payment secures registration. All sales are final. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org. Or mail a check to Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Road, Westampton, NJ 08060 or in person at the center. Final trip information and box lunch choices will be sent via email to all registrants. Visit www.morrisarboretum.org for details about the gardens.



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EVENT RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES



GROUNDS OF SMITHVILLE MANSION 803 SMITHVILLE RD, EASTAMPTON, NJ

Built in 1840, the Greek Revival building is surrounded by stone and brick courtyard walls that encompass a picturesque formal parterre garden, grape arbor, and well-manicured lawns. The Mansion is not available for rent, but the courtyard grounds within the walls and a 40 x 80 event tent, with sides, may be reserved for catered affairs. The tent can accommodate up to 160 people.

LYCEUM OF HISTORY & NATURAL SCIENCES

307 HIGH ST, MT. HOLLY, NJ

The stately two and a half story Georgian building on over two acres of landscaped grounds offers a 24 x 43 foot community room and grounds available to rent for catered events. Maximum capacity is 72.



BURLINGTON COUNTY AMPITHEATER

5 PIONEER RD,
EASTAMPTON, NJ

With seating for 500, the amphitheater is perfect for a variety of entertainment.



PARK PAVILIONS

For casual open-air events, eight of our parks offer picnic areas with grills and pavilions that accommodate 25 to 80 people.



GROUNDS AT THE BURLINGTON COUNTY PRISON MUSEUM

128 HIGH ST, MT. HOLLY, NJ

The Burlington County Prison Museum is a national historic landmark. While the museum is not available, the 114 x 148 foot courtyard may be rented for catered events. Tents may be rented from a private vendor or through the selected caterers.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.co.burlington.nj.us/953/weddings



COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER 500 CENTERTON RD, MOORESTOWN, NJ

The Agricultural Center is nestled on a 62-acre preserved working farm. Our Market Barn, perfect for an outdoor rustic celebration, measures 105 x 40 feet and is covered with one open side. The Market Plaza, a 30 x 60 event tent on a concrete pad, in combination with the barn accommodates up to 175 people. Also the 1850 renovated farmhouse is available for indoor events with a maximum capacity of 49 people.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.burlcoagenter.com/event-rentals/

BURLINGTON COUNTY

FESTIVALS 2026



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CELEBRATE

AMERICA'S
250TH ANNIVERSARY
IN **MOUNT HOLLY**



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Historic Smithville Park*
803 Smithville Road
Eastampton, NJ



Made possible by funds from the Burlington County Board of County Commissioners, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts

Note: Burlington County's Celebration of America's 250th is in Mt. Holly

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