2016 Four Centuries in a Weekend

TOUR THE HISTORIC SITES OF UNION COUNTY

Where New Jersey History Began





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Tours, Exhibits & Special Events

BERKELEY HEIGHTS

Deserted Village of Feltville / Glenside Park

Cataract Hollow Rd. 908-527-4900 ucnj.org/dv



- · Colonial-era children's games
- · Freshly pressed cider
- **Sunday, 2 pm:** Panel discussion about the murals painted in historic house #7 by Nicaraguan artist Roberto de la Selva, circa 1927

Littel-Lord Farmstead

31 Horseshoe Rd. 908-219-4715

- · Historic site tour
- Saturday, 1 pm 3 pm: Colonial kitchen tools demonstration



CLARK

Dr. William Robinson Plantation-Museum

593 Madison Hill Rd. 732-340-1571 DrRobinsonMuseum.org



- Civil War re-enactors
- Native Americans
- · Open-hearth cooking and butter churning
- Evening "Paranormal Investigation" (tickets required)

CRANFORD

Crane-Phillips House Museum

124 North Union Ave. 908-276-0082 cranfordhistoricalsociety.com



 "Cranford Chronicle: 120 years" — excerpts, stories and local pictures from the newspaper

ELIZABETH

Boxwood Hall State Historic Site

(Boudinot Mansion)

1073 East Jersey St. 908-282-7617



- Discover Boxwood Hall's 250-year history, and admire the completed Phase II of the interior facelift: the second-floor hallway and two additional rooms
- An exhibit illustrates the how's and why's of the interior upgrade and reconfiguration

First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth & Snyder Academy

42 Broad St.
First Presbyterian:
908-353-1518 • www.fpcenj.org
Snyder Academy:
908-353-2131 • snyderacedemyj.org



- Saturday, 1 pm & 3 pm: One-hour campus tours including the First Presbyterian Church, historic burial grounds and The Snyder Academy, focusing on the remarkable history of these sites during the colonial period and Revolutionary War
- Saturday, 12 pm 3 pm: Re-enactment of the 1780
 Battle of Elizabethtown, hosted by The Snyder Academy, on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church; organized by the Historic Midtown Elizabeth Special Improvement District

KENILWORTH

Nathaniel Bonnell Homestead & Belcher-Ogden Mansion

1045 & 1046 East Jersey St. Daytime: 908-581-7555 Evening: 908-591-1893 visithistoricalelizabeth.org

Historic site tour



FANWOOD



Historic Fanwood Train Station

230 North Ave. 908-322-8236 fanwoodnj.org

· Historic site tour

HILLSIDE

Evergreen Cemetery

1137 North Broad St. 908-352-7940

 Self-guided tour only (pick up a booklet at Woodruff House)



Woodruff House / Eaton Store Museum

111 Conant St. 908-353-8828 hillsidehistoricalsociety.org

- · Historic site tour
- Mini apple festival



Oswald J. Nitschke House

49 South 21st St. 908-276-9090 kenilworthhistorical society.org



- Meet colorful characters from the past, in a "living history" program set in the late 1800s, the time of Kenilworth's first building boom, when builder James Arthur contracted to build 100 houses in 100 days.
- Exhibit: "James Arthur: The Story of 100 Houses in 100 Days," the third in a series of exhibits
- Light refreshments

MOUNTAINSIDE

Deacon Andrew Hetfield House

Constitution Plaza 908-789-9420 mountainsidehistorical.org



- Miniature re-enactment of Revolutionary War battle
- Exhibit of private photo collection showing Mountainside's past
- Display of historic figures scarecrows made by Mountainside's 5th-grade students
- · Ongoing tours and costumed docents
- Next door, see the ongoing renovations of recently saved and relocated Levi Cory house (circa 1818)

NEW PROVIDENCE

Salt Box Museum

1350 Springfield Ave. 908-665-6465 newprovidencehistorical.com



- Spinning wheel demonstration
- Pine-needle basket coiling

RAHWAY

Drake House Museum

602 West Front St. 908-755-5831 drakehouseplainfieldnj.org



• Saturday & Sunday, 2 pm: "Colonial African-Americans" Contributions to America," presented by Nancy Piwowar, President of the Historical Society of Plainfield, with commentary by Leanne Manna, Kean University honors history student. Hear stories about African-American men and women who lived in the Plainfield area during colonial times, including people such as Robert Aaron and Ambo, who risked their lives during the Revolutionary era.

Plainfield Meetinghouse

225 Watchung Ave. 908-757-5736 fgcquaker.org/cloud/rahwayand-plainfield-friends-meeting



 Learn about this historic Quaker meetinghouse from current members

Rahway School for Colored Children

and The African American History & Learning Center



Closed for renovation.

Union County Performing Arts Center

1601 Irving St. **Administration Office:** 732-499-0441 Box Office: 732-499-8226 ucpac.org

· Historic site tour







ROSELLE

RAHWAY

Merchants and **Drovers Tavern**

1632 St. George Ave. 732-381-0441 merchantsanddrovers.org

· Museum tour and gravesite of Abraham Clark





Abraham Clark Memorial House

101 West Ninth Ave. 732-221-7211

· Historic site tour



ROSELLE PARK

Roselle Park Museum

9 West Grant Ave. 908-245-1776

 The Park Theatre art and entertainment in Roselle Park

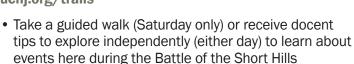


SCOTCH PLAINS

Ash Brook ReservationBattle of the Short Hills

Historic Site

1776 Raritan Rd. ucnj.org/trails





Elizabeth & Gershom Frazee House

1451 Raritan Rd. frazeehouse.org

- Displaying the route of the Battle of the Short Hills Historic Trail, and the legendary confrontation between "Aunt Betty" Frazee and British General Cornwallis
- Refreshments

Osborn Cannonball House

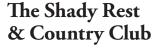
1840 Front St.

Weekends: 908-757-1885

Weekdays:

908-322-6700, ext. 230 historical society spfnj.org

• "Beautiful Blushing Brides" — bridal fashions, accessories and photographs from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries



820 Jerusalem Rd. 908-490-1577

The clubhouse is closed for renovations.



SPRINGFIELD

Cannon Ball House

126 Morris Ave. 973-912-4464 springfieldhistorical society.webs.com

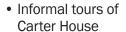


 Exhibit on Springfield and Baltusrol Golf Club (site of the 2016 PGA Championship)

SUMMIT

Carter House

90 Butler Parkway 908-277-1747 summitnjhistory.org



 Visit the new garage — being converted to a fire museum — featuring a 1927 Summit Chemical Engine and firefighting equipment, memorabilia and photos



165 Hobart Ave. 908-273-8787 reeves-reedarboretum.org

- Video presentation of archival materials, plus a viewing of "The Clearing"
- Self-guided tour of the grounds
- Historic photos and more from the Reeves-Reed archives, including landscape drawings from noted architects Calvert Vaux, Ellen Biddle Shipman and Carl Pilat
- Self-guided tours of the current art installation, "The Blue Planet"
- Saturday, 10 am 1 pm: Drop-in children's workshop



UNION SUMMIT

Summit Playhouse

10 New England Ave. 908-273-2192 summitplayhouse.org

· Historic site tour



Twin Maples

214 Springfield Ave. 908-273-0301

· Historic site tour



Liberty Hall Museum

1003 Morris Ave. 908-527-0400 kean.edu/libertyhall

· Historic site tour





UNION

Caldwell Parsonage

909 Caldwell Ave. 908-687-7977 unionhistory.org or uniontwphistoricalsociety. webs.com



- Student-interpreters from the National Junior Honor Society of Kawameeh Middle School in Union
- Saturday, 2 pm 5 pm: Appearance by Meridoc Burkhardt as Rev. James Caldwell
- · Historic games for children of all ages to enjoy

The Connecticut Farms Church

888 Stuyvesant Ave. 908-688-3164 ctfarms.org

- Saturday, 10 am 3 pm: Tours of the church and cemetery; desserts available for purchase, based on recipes from the 1700s
- Sunday, 12 noon 3 pm: Tours of the church and cemetery; special lunch available for purchase, based on recipes from the 1700s



WESTFIELD

Miller-Cory House Museum

614 Mountain Ave. 908-232-1776 millercoryhouse.org



- · Open-hearth cooking using 18th-century recipes
- · Gardens with plantings typical of early America
- "Quilts A Work of Art," featuring guilts ranging from antique to modern

Reeve History & Cultural Resource Center

314 Mountain Ave. 908-654-1794 westfieldhistoricalsociety.org

· Historic site tour



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