

2016 Four Centuries *in a* Weekend

TOUR THE HISTORIC SITES OF UNION COUNTY

Where New Jersey History Began



Saturday, October 15
10 am – 5 pm

Sunday, October 16
Noon – 5 pm

Free Admission

**For a free booklet & map,
contact the Union County Office
of Cultural & Heritage Affairs**

908-558-2550 | NJ Relay 711
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Tours, Exhibits & Special Events

CRANFORD

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)

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 • snyderacademyj.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

ELIZABETH

Nathaniel Bonnell Homestead & Belcher-Ogden Mansion

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

- Historic site tour



KENILWORTH

Oswald J. Nitschke House

49 South 21st St.
908-276-9090
[kenilworthhistorical
society.org](http://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

FANWOOD



Historic Fanwood Train Station

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

- Historic site tour

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)

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



NEW PROVIDENCE

Salt Box Museum

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



- Spinning wheel demonstration
- Pine-needle basket coiling

PLAINFIELD

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/rahway-
and-plainfield-friends-meeting



- Learn about this historic Quaker meetinghouse from current members

Merchants and Drovers Tavern

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

- Museum tour and gravesite of Abraham Clark



RAHWAY



Rahway School for Colored Children and The African American History & Learning Center

253 Central Ave.
732-382-0541
ebenezeramechurch.com/aahhlc.html

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

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 Reservation Battle of the Short Hills Historic Site

1776 Raritan Rd.
ucnj.org/trails



- Take a guided walk (Saturday only) or receive docent tips to explore independently (either day) to learn about events here during the Battle of the Short Hills



Elizabeth & Gershom Fraze 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” Fraze and British General Cornwallis
- Refreshments

Osborn Cannonball House

1840 Front St.
Weekends: 908-757-1885
Weekdays:
908-322-6700, ext. 230
historicalsocietyspfnj.org



- “Beautiful Blushing Brides” — bridal fashions, accessories and photographs from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries

The Shady Rest & Country Club

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](http://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



- Informal tours of Carter House
- Visit the new garage — being converted to a fire museum — featuring a 1927 Summit Chemical Engine and firefighting equipment, memorabilia and photos

Reeves-Reed Arboretum

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

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



UNION

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 quilts 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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