

# Notes, News & Nostalgia...



From *M. A. R. C. H.*

May, 2023

## *President's Letter*

Today I had an experience that clearly pointed out to me why MARCH and especially me are spending many hours of our time keeping the two houses we manage for the public to enjoy. I was working diligently on some minor repairs at the Nelden-Roberts House, when I heard a noise like a car pulling into the house parking area. I got up from my comfortable position to see if I was right about a car. To my surprise was a family of four with three children. Now remember we are not officially open yet to the public. Immediate question to me was "Are you open?" My response was no but come in anyway. The father and children were delighted. They were all happy at the inside artifacts and one room school setup. Questions kept firing at me and I had a hard time catching up. What is that hat? A dunce hat. He did not know what it was. Are the clothes real and from the early 1800's? Are the books old. We have a deer and black bear pelt. Are they real? Can I try on the black bear head? The questions kept coming. I encouraged them to come back in July to see the Foster-Armstrong House.

I could have said sorry come back in July when we were open, but it was that little bit of extra time I took from my work to make them happy, and they will remember us to other interested visitors. It also made me happy for what I did, for it fulfilled the reason why I and all of you do to spread a positive word to all who want to visit us.

Please take a look at the calendar of events on the back page and pick an event that you like. I am certain you will love the program and the presenter. This is one way you can help support us and encourage us to keep adding new programs to our openings. Another way that you can help us is remember your membership commitment and send us your annual amount as soon as possible. I know that many of you have sent yours in and we are grateful, but there are a few who are taking a little longer to make that decision.

Just one more request to all of you. Volunteers are very welcome in our organization. It is important that you, when possible, share with us some of your talents. Beth and I cannot do it all. There are a few who help us out but we need more. We will not ask you to do more than you can, a little will help.

Enjoy visiting us this summer and see you soon. President, Richard Jones

## *Curators Corner*

The Cole Room has had some more items added. In addition to the cameras in the display case and our small collection of movie cameras, more sheet music has been added. The Thompson record player from in the front Armstrong room, the old record player from the Jones family, as well as a third newer model from the 50's from the Heise family will all be open so that you can see how they worked. Many of you commented on the large records from the Reinhardt family, so we got more of them, and added other assorted size records to that display. Even the huge handkerchief collection has expanded. All of these items will bring back many happy memories to all who see them, I know it sure did for me!

As always, there are lots of things to see at both museums, so please plan on visiting this summer. The summer schedule is printed on page 2, so mark your calendars. Like us on MARCH's Facebook page for any changes, additions, and emergency closings.

And as a reminder, if you are interested in having your newsletter e-mailed to you instead of a paper copy mailed to you, please let us know. We will need your email address for sending. Beth Jones

## M.A.R.C.H. 2023 Summer Programming

Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>: Montague Days from 4pm-8pm. Veterans Display on trifold boards and Bill Tracy's DVD presentations on the FAH and NRH; in the new Montague Township Community Room.

All the following dates will be at the FAH. The FAH will be open each of these days from 1pm - 4pm. The program times, titles, and presenters are listed below. All programs and demonstrations will be at the FAH. In addition, the NRS will be open on the Sundays that we are able to have 2 docents to volunteer.

July 2: 2:00pm. Book Presentation and Signing; David Pierce, Tocks Island: Damned If You Do. The Homegrown Movement that Defeated the Delaware River Dam.

July 9: House/Museum will be open for docented tours from 1pm - 4pm.

July 16: 2:00pm. Anna Grismer, National Park Service Education Technician. "The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the USA: The NPS Through Those Years, Past to Present".

July 23: 1:00pm. Frank Salvati, Interpreter of Colonial Indian Affairs. "The Worst Day in Delaware Indians History".

July 30: 1pm-4pm. Cindy Colianni, Montague's own local expert. Spinning & Weaving Demonstrations on the front porch or inside if it's raining.

August 6: House/Museum will be open for docented tours from 1pm - 4pm.

August 13: 1:00pm. Norma Schadt, Deerpark, NY, Town Historian, "The Little Black Dress", also known as "LBD", which was created by Coco Channel in the 1920's. A power point presentation about women's fashions over the years and how the "LBD" became a staple item in every woman's closet. Wear your favorite "little black dress"!

August 27: 2:00pm -2:45, Skylands Dulcimer String Band Concert. Come early and watch them set up and practice, stay after for encores with all questions answered!

August 20: 1pm-4pm, Rich Jones, President of M.A.R.C.H, Chair Caning Demonstrations

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