Somerset County’s Weekend Journey through the Past

2018 Weekend Journey Tours, Exhibits & Special Events

Saturday,
October 13, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday,
October 14, 2018
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
NORTH COUNTY TOUR

Boudinot-Southard-Ross Estate
135 North Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
• Tour the house, grounds and Boudinot’s Giving Garden
• Actors portraying historical characters
• 19th Century barn will be open
• Paint Out! for artists of all media
• Historical Displays
• Seavenger Hunts
• Kite flying
• Kids’ Crafts
• Boudinot’s Café

Codington Farmstead
15 Mount Horeb Road
Warren, NJ 07059
• Guided tours

Jacobus Vanderveer House
3055 River Road
Bedminster, NJ 07921
• Games and crafts for children
• Patriotic tie-dye
• Guided house tours
• Film on the Pluckemin Cantonment

Dr. John Vermeule House
223 Rock Avenue
Green Brook, NJ 08812
• Interpreted house tours
• Display of historic household artifacts
• Local historians will be on hand to discuss the homestead and the history of Green Brook

Kennedy-Martin-Stelle House*
15 Mount Horeb Road
Warren, NJ 07059
• Hands-on Colonial pottery interactive workshops with potter Debbie Limoli
Saturday ONLY at 1:00, 1:45 and 2:30:
  Live performance of acoustic, contemporary folk songs by Gordon Thomas Ward

Kirch-Ford-Terrill House
1 Reinman Road
Warren, NJ 07059
• Guided tours

Mount Bethel Baptist Meeting House
Mountainview Road and Mt. Bethel Road
Warren, NJ 07059
• Guided tours

Texier House Museum
10 Mountain Boulevard
Watchung, NJ 07069
• Viewings of the film Reflections of Watchung
• Displays including a copy of Captain Parlin’s Civil War Diary

USGA Museum
77 Liberty Corner Road
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
• Museum scavenger hunt
• Tour of Test Center
• Clay golf course architecture project
• Pynes putting and SNAG golf (Starting New At Golf!)
• History of the Pope Mansion presentation

Vermeule Mansion*
614 Greenbrook Road
North Plainfield, NJ 07063
• Friends of Vermeule Mansion will discuss the history of the Vermeule family, the property, and their organization and programs
• Youth activities
• Tours of the home
• Fleetwood Camera Museum (photography)
Saturday ONLY at 11:30 and 1:30:
  200 Years of Popular Song, performance by musical historian and balladeer Linda Russell
Saturday ONLY at 3:00: Gotcha! Snapshots that Made History, presentation by photographer and educator Jim Del Giudice
Sunday ONLY at 2:00: 200 Years of Popular Song, performance by musical historian and balladeer Linda Russell

Washington Rock Park
One Rock Road West
Green Brook, NJ 08812
• Local historians will be on hand to discuss the history of Washington Rock
• Free brochures and pamphlets describing the area’s history
• Facilities available for picnicking, hiking and photography
Abraham Staats House*
17 Von Steuben Lane
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880
- *American Quilting & Sewing Arts* with Dana Bala
- Guided house tours by interpreters in period clothing
- Period music performed by Tom Harabin
- Exhibits on the Middlebrook Cantonment and 18th century life

Andrew Ten Eyck House
671 Old York Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876
- Costumed interpreters
- Antique sale and flea market

Historic Brook Theater, also known as the Somerset Cultural Arts Center*
10 Hamilton Street
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
- Tours of the historic theater and organ serenades
- *Saturday ONLY at 11:00 and 2:00:* Silent film shorts accompanied with live music performed by Bernie Anderson
- *Sunday ONLY at 1:00:* Silent film shorts accompanied with live music performed by Brett Miller

Daniel Robert House, also known as Somerville Borough Hall
25 West End Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876
- Guided tours with access to rooms and areas not normally open to the public
- Photographs of Alexander Jackson Davis structures

General John Frelinghuysen House, also known as the Raritan Public Library*
54 East Somerset Street
Raritan, NJ 08869
- *Sunday ONLY at 12:30:* Musical performance by Erik Lichack and 18th Century Fashion demonstration by Eliza Vincz

Old Presbyterian Graveyard
Corner of East High and East Streets
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
- Reenactors portraying 19th century stone carver Henry Sillcocks and women of 18th and early 19th century Bound Brook

Presbyterian Church of Bound Brook
409 Mountain Avenue
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
- Guided tours of the church and sanctuary
  *(Tours stop by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday)*

Relief Hose Company No. 2 Engine House
16 Anderson Street
Raritan, NJ 08869
- Firefighter-guided public tours
- Displays of vintage fire apparatus

Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament
52 West Somerset Street
Raritan, NJ 08869
- Guided tours

Somerville Exempt Fire Museum
23 North Doughty Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876
- Firefighter and Historical Committee tours and artifact exhibits
- *Saturday ONLY at 2:30 (apx.):* Horses will arrive to pull the museum’s 1880 Amoskaeg Steam Pumper in a parade for Somerville Fire Department Inspection Day; the 1850 Downs & Company hand pumper will be pulled by firefighters

South Branch Schoolhouse
2120 South Branch Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876
- Photographic exhibit of the history of the schoolhouse
- Photographic displays of local wildlife and scenery by naturalist and Branchburg News columnist, JJ Mish
- Display of Neshanic Station history by the Neshanic Historical Society

Van Vechten House
9 Van Vechten Drive
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
- The Somerset County Historical Society will conduct tours by costumed docents

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**SOUTH COUNTY TOUR**

**Griggstown Bridgetender’s House**  
2 Griggstown Causeway  
(Franklin Township) Princeton, NJ 08540  
• Display of antique farm tools

**Griggstown Schoolhouse**  
1065 Canal Road  
(Franklin Township) Princeton, NJ 08540  
*(In the Griggstown Historic District behind the Griggstown Reformed Church)*  
• Local history exhibits  
• Continuous showing of the films: *Griggstown: Then and Now; The Griggstown Schoolhouse Story; The D&R Canal; The Restoration and Rededication of the Griggstown Schoolhouse;* and *The Millstone Scenic Byway*

**Harlingen Reformed Church**  
2142 US Highway 206  
Belle Mead, NJ 08502  
• Volunteers will be available to answer questions about the church and its archives  
• Demonstration by the Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild on traditional rug hooking; materials will be available for visitors who would like to try it  
• Historical reenactor and milliner Erin Wyckoff Brown; she will making and selling her Colonial bonnets  
• Hymns played on the church Carillon  
• Games table for children  
• Homemade Dutch cookies, cider, tea and coffee will be served. Some of the recipes will be available to take home  
**Sunday ONLY at 12:30:** Selections played by church organist Regina Koebele-Demaree

**Historic 1860 School House,**  
*also known as Millstone Borough Hall*  
1353 Main Street  
Millstone, NJ 08844  
• Learn about 19th and early 20th century rules for teachers and students, and the development of school architecture in New Jersey  
• Display of 18th, 19th and 20th century map reproductions  
• View early American scenes in 3D through a vintage stereoscope!  
• Exhibition of vintage children’s books and schoolbooks  
• Children’s fashion through the years coloring activities

**Old Millstone Forge**  
9 North River Street  
Millstone, NJ 08844  
• Skilled blacksmiths working in the traditional manner  
• Display of original tools and machines used in different eras  
• Hands-on experience when time allows

**Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum**  
*NEW!*  
189 Hollow Road  
Skillman, NJ 08558  
**Saturday ONLY at 1:00:** Hands-on Fall Fabric Coasters Crafting Project  
**Sunday ONLY at 2:00:** Hands-on Fall Fabric Coasters Crafting Project

**Van Liew-Suydam House**  
280 South Middlebush Road  
Franklin Township, NJ 08873  
• Interactive display of games and toys that people enjoyed during the formation of our country  
• Hands-on display of everyday household items that are not so recognizable now  
• Display of the Meadows Foundation photo albums and historic house structure reports  
• Light refreshments will be served!

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