

Lecture Series at Readington Museums

The Readington Museums' popular summer lecture series returns. All programs take place the last Thursday or Friday evenings of June, July, and August from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead Barn, GPS address: 114 Dreahook Road Lebanon NJ 08833. Refreshments are served. For more information contact us at 908-236-2327 or readingtonmuseums@gmail.com. For directions please visit www.readingtonmuseums.org.

June 23, Thursday (a recently updated change)

“For Citizens and Strangers: New Jersey Taverns During the Early American Period

Dennis Bertland, architectural historian and historic preservation consultant, will share a vivid account of early New Jersey tavern life: the taverns and how they were furnished, tavern staff and patrons, and food and drink, as well as associated social and community activities. Bertland's firm Dennis Bertland Associates has been providing historic preservation services for a variety of Clients throughout New Jersey for over 30 years.

July 29, Friday

“Tea in the 18th Century”

Susan Plaisted, proprietress of Heart to Hearth Cookery, a food history business based in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, conducts a program using artifacts and slides to explore the experience of taking tea in the Colonies. Tea samples will be offered. Plaisted holds a B.S. in food and nutrition and an M.S. in health education. Her specialty is American and Native American food during the Colonial Period.

August 26, Friday

“Colonial Brewing”

Rich Wagner, colonial brewing interpreter, will share his brewing practices of antiquity in a power point format. For hundreds of years folks in Europe knew better than to drink the water, as everyone knew water could make you deathly ill. Instead, they brewed and drank beer, including children. So, it was a natural jump for immigrants arriving in the New World to bring their tradition of brewing and drinking beer here.