One-Act Play Submissions Wanted at Mercer County's Lawrence Branch!

The Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library System will be hosting their annual PlayFest on Saturday, April 27, 2019. For the eleventh consecutive year, local directors will stage script-in-hand performances of one-act plays. This annual event is designed to showcase local original theater. Plays should be ten minutes in length, with a maximum of five actors. Playwrights should be of high school age or older and reside or work in the Delaware Valley. Submissions are limited to a maximum of two per playwright.

The Sarnoff Collection at The College of New Jersey Offers Rebroadcast Event of "War of the Worlds"

In October 1938, a news bulletin interrupted a CBS radio program and told of unusual activity that had been spotted on the surface of Mars. More news flashes told of ominous events: a strange cylinder falling on a farm in Grover’s Mill, NJ, and then the emergence of Martians intent on destroying the human race. All of this was part of the Halloween episode of the Mercury Theatre of the Air, and although an announcer did state at the start of the show that it was a dramatization of a story by H.G. Wells, its format accidentally spread terror across the country as listeners mistook the radio dramatization for actual news reports of a Martian invasion.

The Sarnoff Collection at The College of New Jersey will be hosting a broadcast of Orson Welles’ radio play, “War of the Worlds” on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 1:30 pm. Visitors to the museum will hear this play just like its original audience would have– from the speakers of a vintage 1936 RCA radio. Prior to the show, the Sarnoff’s curator will give a short talk about daily life and media habits in the 1930s United States and discuss the aftermath of this broadcast, explaining how and why it became such an important part of American broadcast history.

The Sarnoff Collection is located on the second floor of Roscoe West Hall at The College of New Jersey. Visitor parking is available at the entrance to Parking Lot 17 and on the circle in front of the Education School. For more information, contact Florencia Pierri at pierrif@tcnj.edu or 609-771-2654. This event is free and open to the public.
The New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show – Now on Display!

The New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show is now on display at the Meadow Lakes Gallery in East Windsor until October 25. The exhibit, which includes artists from all over New Jersey, features original artworks created within the past three years, from drawings to paintings to crafts, by New Jersey residents ages 60 or older. A huge thank you to all of the seniors that participated and congratulations to all our winners! For gallery hours or directions, contact Meadow Lakes at meadow-lakesonline.org or call 609-448-4100.

Celebrate the New Year with World Renowned soprano Carla Maffioletti

Celebrating the New Year with an evening of festive classical music is one of Trenton's most popular and beloved traditions. This year, the Capital Philharmonic is delighted to present world-renowned coloratura soprano Carla Maffioletti as their special guest artist. Join them on Monday, December 31 at 8 pm at Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, 1 Memorial Dr, Trenton. If you have ever watched André Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra on PBS, or maybe even live, you might have seen one of Ms. Maffioletti’s performances. She toured with André Rieu around the world for a dozen years, recording over 20 CDs and DVDs. She has performed in numerous prestigious venues like Radio City Music Hall, Waldbühne in Berlin, Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, Olympic Park in Seoul and International Forum in Tokyo, to name just a few. She is taking time out from her numerous engagements with some of Europe's major opera houses to appear at this gala concert. Experience the excitement that Maestro Spalding, the Capital Philharmonic, and Carla Maffioletti will be bringing to the New Year – a night to remember!

For tickets or for more information about other events visit capitalphilharmonic.org.

What's It Worth? at Pennington Public Library

What are your antiques, collectibles and household contents worth? And where can you sell them for as much as possible? Join the appraisal event at the Pennington Public Library on October 3, 6:30pm - 8:30pm and ask Michael Ivankovich to answer these questions. A professional appraiser, Ivankovich is the radio show host of WBCB 1490's "What’s It Worth? Ask Mike the Appraiser." He has over 40 years of experience in the auction, antiques and collectibles business.

A limited number of free appraisals will be available to attendees of this program. Appraisals limited to first 40 items registered. If event registration is not filled, appraisals may continue until 40 item limit is reached. (So it doesn't hurt to have a few extras with you just in case!) Registration required for appraisals. Limit of 2 tickets/appraisals per person. Registration isn't required if you simply wish to attend without any items for appraisal.

To register visit https://whatsitworthpennington-library.eventbrite.com or for more information about other events at the Pennington Public Library please visit www.penningtonlibrary.org, 30 North Main Street, Pennington or call 609) 737-0404.
Dear Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed a safe, healthy and fun-filled summer. As the seasons change, we can all look forward to the rich assortment of cultural activities that autumn brings to Mercer County.

This edition of our Culture & Heritage News Update takes a look at some events taking place throughout the fall, including a rebroadcast of Orson Welles’ radio play “War of the Worlds” hosted by the Sarnoff Collection at The College of New Jersey in Ewing; the 52nd annual New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show at the Meadow Lakes Gallery in East Windsor; and the first New Jersey presentation of Joe McGill’s Slave Dwelling Project hosted by Morven Museum in Princeton. Also featured is an article about the Lawrence Library’s call for one-act play submissions for its annual PlayFest that showcases local original theater.

Abundant opportunities to enrich our lives through history, arts and culture can be found in this newsletter, from choral concerts to theatrical productions to art exhibits and more. I encourage you to explore all that Mercer County has to offer this season.

Sincerely,
Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

On October 30, 1938, Orson Welles’ dramatization the “War of the Worlds” on CBS Radio affiliates across the nation, brought to life the book of the same name by H. G. Wells through a dramatic reading that was taken to be a news announcement of Martian aliens landing in the sleepy, rural town of Grover’s Mill, New Jersey (a part of current day West Windsor). People throughout the region believed the broadcast, panicked, and hastily fled the area. In Grover’s Mill there were even reports of a resident shooting at the water tower (which approximated the description of the Martian space ships). Today, we embrace this unique history and celebrate it as a moment of true belief of life from outer space and the power and influence of the arts.

For the 50th anniversary of the radio broadcast, West Windsor Township held a festival. A plaque at the

Sketch by Eric Schultz of his sculpture. Installation is scheduled for completion by October 27, 2018.

Van Nest Park adjacent to the Grover’s Mill Pond and across the street from the water tower (still existing, but on private property), commemorates this “fake news” story that caused a sensation in 1938.

Working together with community partners, the West Windsor Arts Council (WWAC) is commemorating the “War of the Worlds” radio broadcast with the announcement of a permanent, outdoor, town-wide, family-friendly, public sculpture installation, collectively called The mARTian Project. The sculptures will be installed in various highly trafficked locations in historic West Windsor. When complete, this installation will help build a stronger sense of community identity, encourage people to remember the township’s history and create a permanent outdoor sculpture installation for all to enjoy.

So far, WWAC has published an open call for sculptors to submit proposals for their designs. This open call will be ongoing but artists are encouraged to submit their proposals in time to be highlighted during the 80th anniversary celebrations. WWAC has commissioned local artist Eric Schultz to create the first sculpture inspired by this story to be installed at the West Windsor Arts Center. WWAC is also seeking sponsors and locations for future sculpture installations.

Together with several community groups, small businesses, and volunteers, the West Windsor Arts Council (WWAC) has spearheaded the creation of a full line-up of events tied together with a Martian landing theme and leading up to the 80th anniversary on October 30, 2018. Most activities will be free to the public and designed to accommodate all ages and interests, including art activities, film screenings, lectures, a bike ride, music, an Orson Welles séance, and much more.

More information on The mARTian Project and the full schedule of events can be found online at www.themartianproject.org.
**Art Happenings**

**November 3, Art All Day, Artworks.** Located at 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. For more information visit artworkstrenton.org / (609) 394-9436.

**Concerts**

**October 1, Trenton Children’s Chorus, Trinity Church, 7:30pm.** For more information visit tervletonchorus.org

**October 11, Jerusalem String Quartet, Princeton University Concerts, 8pm.** Richard Auditi- rium, 68 Nassau St, Princeton, (609) 258-9220, $10 to $45. princetonuniversityconcerts.org

**October 21, Bach Cantata Fest, Dryden Ensemble, 3pm.** Located at Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, 6 Mer- cer St, Princeton. For more information visit the drydenensemble.org / 609-466-8541.

**October 26, ONE VOICE, Trenton Children’s Chorus, Morven Museum, 6pm.** For more information visit tervletonchorus.org

**October 27, Beethoven Piano Concertos, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 8pm.** Located in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton. For more information visit princeontsymphony.org

**November 3, Baby Got Bach, Princeton University Concerts, 1pm.** Richard Auditorium, 68 Nassau St, Princeton, (609) 258- 9220, $10 to $45. princeontuniversityconcerts.org

**November 10, Bach Organ Recital, Dryden Ensemble, 7:30pm.** Located at Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, 6 Mercer St, Princeton. For more information visit the drydenensemble.org / 609-466-8541.

**November 18, Rachel Barton Pine Plays Paganini, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 4pm.** Located in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton. For more information visit princeontsymphony.org

**December 1, Mill Hill Home Tour, Trenton Children’s Chorus, 7:30pm.** For more information visit tervletonchildrenschorus.org

**December 2, Winter Songs XII, Capital Singers of Trenton, 4pm.** Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton. For more information visit capitalsingers.org

**December 8, Winter Concert, Trenton Children’s Chorus, 7pm.** For more information visit tervletonchildrenschorus.org

**December 9, Holiday Harp Performance, Ewing Branch of the Mercer County Library, 61 Scotch Rd., Ewing, 2pm.** Presented by Liudmila Ivanova, who will perform for a special afternoon of lovely holiday music performed by the former principal harpist with the St. Petersburg Opera Theatre and the Mariinsky Theatre in Russia. Ms. Ivanova, who holds a Master’s degree in Harp from the St. Petersburg Conservatory, has performed in more than 4,000 concerts and possesses over 20 years of experience as a harpist. Registration required. Call 609-682-3148.

**December 10, Performance with Princeton Pro Musica, Trenton Children’s Chorus.** For more information visit tervletonchildrenschorus.org

**December 15, Holiday POPS!, Princeton Symphony Orches- tra, 3&6pm.** Located in Richard- son Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton. For more information visit princeontsymphony.org

**December 15-16, “At Home For the Holidays”, New Jersey Gay Men’s Chorus, 4pm.** Princeton United Methodist Church, 7 Vandeventer Avenue (At the corner of Nassau Street) Princeton. For more information visit www.ngmchc.org

**December 29, Kwanzaa Celebration, Trenton Children’s Chorus, 7:30pm.** For more information visit tervletonchildrenschorus.org

**October 20, Celebrating ghe Legacy of Leonard Bernstein, Capital Philharmonic, 7:30pm.** Located at Patriots’ Theatre, 1 Memorial Dr, Trenton. For more information visit capitalphilharmonic.org

**December 31, New Year’s Eve with Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey, 8:30pm.** Located at Patriots’ Theatre at the War Memorial, 1 Memorial Dr; Trenton. Carla Maffioletti is their special guest artist. For more information visit capitalphilharmonic.org

**Dance**

**Every Tuesday night, International Folk Dance, Prince- ton Folk Dance, 7:30pm.** Kristi Johnson Pop-Up Studio, Princeton Shopping Center, (609)921-9340. Lesson followed by dance. $5. princeontfolkdance.org

**Every Wednesday night, New- comer Dance, American Ball- room Dance Company, 7pm, $10. (609) 931-0149.** For more information visit americanballroomco.com

**Every Thursday night, Viva Tango, 8pm.** Suzanne Patterson Center, Princeton. (609) 948-4448, $15. For more information visit vivatango.org

**Every Friday night, Friday Night Social, American Ball- room Company, 7:30pm.** Located at 1523 Parkway Ave, Ewing. (609) 931-0149. For more information visit americanballroomco.com

**Every Friday, Friday Dance Social, Jersey Dance, 8:30pm.** West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Rd, West Windsor. For more information visit jerseydance.com

**Every Saturday, English Coun- try Dance, Princeton Country Dancers, 8pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, Princeton.** $11. For more information visit princeontcountrydancers.org

**Exhibitions**

**Now - November 9, 52 Annual New Jersey Senior Art Show, Meadow Lakes.** 300 Meadow Lakes, East Windsor. Call Mercer County Culture & Heritage (609) 989-2712.

**Now - November 11, Pushing 40, Trenton City Museum.** For more information visit ellarslie.org

**Now - November 26, Serenity Art Exhibition at Capital Health.** Capital Health-Hopewell, in partnership with the Hopewell Valley Arts Council, will be presenting “SERENITY,” an art exhibition featuring the artworks and personal reflections of the Artists of Yardley (AOY), a non-profit organization, dedicated to nurturing the creative spirit of the community. Located on the 2nd floor Atrium at Capital Health. For more information visit htvarts.council.org. (W)

**Now - January 2019, 40 for 40 Exhibit, Trenton City Museum.** For more information visit ellarslie.org

**Now - January 13, A Look at the Architectural History of the Trenton Area, Trenton City Mu- seum.** For more information visit ellarslie.org

**Opening October 6, Objects Count: A Decade of Collecting.** New Jersey State Museum, 205 West Street Street St, Trenton. People love to collect objects. Some seek items of aesthetic beauty. For others, the motivation is to gather hundreds of examples of one particular type of object. For still others, the need to collect goes hand-in-hand with scientific categorization and wonder about the natural world. The New Jersey State Museum also collects objects. In this exciting new exhibition, visitors will experience an eclectic selection of artifacts and specimens collected over the past ten years. See a caribu- boant from Ice Age New Jersey, a painting by artist Ben Shahn, a 1930s flight suit from a South Jersey female pilot, Native American projectile points and much more. For more information visit state.nj.us/state/museum. (W)

**October 13 - January 6, Na- ture’s Nation: American Art and Environment, Princeton University Art Museum.** The exhibition traces evolving

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ideas about the environment - and our place within it - from colonial beliefs about natural theology and biblical dominion through the 19th-century notion of manifest destiny to the emerging place of modern ecological ethics. This pioneering exhibition will gather over 100 works of art by a broad range of artists – including iconic masterpieces as well as rare and seldom exhibited works - and interpret them through an interdisciplinary lens that unites art and environmental history with scientific analysis, using ecocriticism as a tool to see the history of American art in a new light. For more information visit artmuseum.princeton.edu (W)

October 20 - February 24, Pictureing Place in Japan, Princeton University Art Museum. The exhibition centers on a set of exceptional loans from the renowned Manyo’an College at the University of Tsukuba. It includes a group ofexceptional loans from the Princeton University Art Museum, and features some twenty works of varying scale, medium, and subject that together showcase the distinguished tradition of depicting landscapes in Japanese painting. For more information visit artmuseum.princeton.edu (W)

October 29 - December 20, I kinda live where I find myself, Mercer County Community College Art Gallery, opening reception November 7, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. mccc.edu (W)

November 3 - November 24, ARTWORKS Art All Day Exhibition, Artworks. Opening reception November 3, 6pm. Located at 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. For more information visit artworkstrenton.org / (609)984-9436 (WA)

November 7 - December 9, Caroline Kent, The College of New Jersey Art Gallery. For more information visit tnjartgallery.tcnj.edu (W)

Farmers Markets & Festivals
Every Thursday in October, The Capital City Farmers’ Market, Mill Hill Park, Trenton, 11am. For more information visit destinationtrenton.com/events/event-markets/

Every Thursday in November; 11am, Princeton Farmers Market, 55 Witherspoon Street, Hinds Plaza, Princeton. For more information princetonfarmersmarket.com


Every Saturday through November, West Windsor Farmers’ Market, Windsor Athletic Club, 10am, Clarksville Road, West Windsor. For more information visit westwindsorfarmers-market.org

October 7, Festival Cultural Latino, Arts Council of Princeton, Hinds Plaza, 2pm. The rich cultural life of Princeton’s Latino community is celebrated with an afternoon of music, dance, food and crafts. Free. Co-sponsored by the library, the Arts Council of Princeton and Mi Pueblo Lindo. For more information visit arts councilofprinceton.org

October 10 – 14, The AMAZing Pumpkin Carve Weekend, Hopewell Valley Arts Council at Woosley Park. After working your way through a corn maze, come and see an awesome display of giant pumpkins, carved by juried artists and craftsmen! For more information visit hvartscouncil.org (W)

October 10, Hightstown Home-town Harvest Fair; North Main Street/Rt. 33 in Hightstown, 10am. Rain or shine. Food trucks, live music and performances all day long featuring dance, yoga and many more. FREE Autumn crafts and pumpkin painting. For more information visit hightstownfair.org

October 13, Finding the Great Pumpkin, Arts Council of Princeton, 3pm. Fall crafts, activities, and live music. Free. For more information visit arts councilofprinceton.org

October 20, Punk Rock Flea Market, 10am, 675 S. Clinton Avenue, Trenton. For more information visit trentonpunkrockleamark.com

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November 4, Take the Trolley Genealogical Club, Hamilton Library, 7 pm. For more information visit cigenj.com (WO)

October 2, 16 & 30, Early Modern Era & Its Impact on Western Society, Old Barracks Museum. For more information visit barracks.org (W)

October 17, The Jazz Age and the Dawn of America’s Culture Wars, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm. In 2018 America is more divided than ever before...or is it? In fact, the culture wars raging around us are not new. They have a history, and it is one that goes farther back than you might think. Come hear Dr. Erica Ryan, Associate Professor of History at Rider University, discuss the deep divisions of the Jazz Age as she presents timely information from her new book The World Broke in Two: The Roaring Twenties and the Dawn of America’s Culture Wars. Registration required. For more information visit mcl.org / 609-882-3148.

October 21, Revolutionary War/ Ten Crucial Days Tours of the Park, Washington Crossing State Park of New Jersey. For more information washingtoncrossingparkassociation.com/events

October 28, The War of the Worlds, Martians Attack!, The Sarnoff Collection at TCNJ, Roscoe West Hall, Room 204, 1:30pm. Martians attack! Come to the Sarnoff Collection on Sunday, October 28, 2017 at 1:30 pm to Orson Welles’ iconic 1938 radio play, War of the Worlds. You’ll hear it just like its original listeners would have--from the speaker of our vintage 1936 RCA radio. For more information visit

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December 27, Dark Days of the American Revolution, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville 7pm. Samuel Davis, a first-person interpreter of George Washington, will discuss the period of time from the Battles of the York to the Battle of Princeton. Registration is suggested. Call 609-989-6920 or email lawproj@mcl.org. For more information visit mcl.org.

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seum, 11am & 3pm. The Old Barracks Museum annually hosts two free reenactments on the same day in December: The Battle of Trenton and The Battle of the Assunpink. For more information visit barracksmuseum.org / patriotsweek.com (W,V)

Howell Farm

Now - October 28, Corn Maze, Howell Living History Farm. For more information visit howellfarm.org (W)

October 6, Old Time Auction & Sale, Howell Living History Farm. For more information visit howellfarm.org (W)

October 13, Fall Hayrides, Howell Living History Farm. For more information visit howellfarm.org (W)

October 20, Corn Harvest, Howell Living History Farm. For more information visit howellfarm.org (W)

November 3, Cider Making, Howell Living History Farm, 10am. For more information visit howellfarm.org (W,V)

November 24, Thanksgiving Hayrides; Wreath & Sleigh Bell Sale, Howell Living History Farm. Sleigh bells will ring when the Farm Store opens its annual Thanksgiving program featuring free horse drawn hayrides, a wreath and sleigh bell sale, and a special children’s craft program. Horse drawn hayrides /sleigh rides will be offered throughout the day. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to area food banks as a thank you for the wagon ride. howellfarm.org (W,V)

December 1, Christmas on the Farm, Howell Living History Farm. Children can climb aboard a horse drawn work wagon for a ride to the woods to cut down a Christmas tree. All children will be given a chance to take a turn helping farmers cut the tree with a 2-man saw. Afterwards, help decorate the tree with ear corn, pinecones and other natural ornaments. Gift baskets, sleigh bells, wreaths and other items will be available for sale in the Visitor Center gift shop. Share the gift of giving by bringing an unwrapped toy to the farm. howellfarm.org (W)

Literary Events

October 22, November 26, December 19, Poets at the Library, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, room 45, 7pm. Please bring 7-10 copies of your poem. For more information please visit delawarevalleypoets.org / mcl.org (W,V)

Performances

December 4 & December 6, Trenton Circus Squad, Roebling Wireworks, 12:30pm. 675 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton. Formation unicycling, acrobatic basketball, aerial antics, juggling, and trick bicycling performances. For more information visit trentoncircusquad.org

Photography

October 28, Black & White Photography, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

December 8, Make Better Pictures with Your iPhone, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

Theatre

Kelsey Theatre

October 5 & 12 at 8pm; October 6 & 13, 8pm; October 7 & 14 at 2pm, Green Day’s American Idiot by The Pennington Players, Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. $20. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (W)

October 19 & 26, 8pm; October 20 & 27, 8pm; October 21 & 28 at 2pm, A Raisin in the Sun, Repertory Ballet’s Nutcracker, McCarter Theater. November 23 - November 25, A Christmas Carol, McGregor Theatre. For more information visit mccartertheater.org

December 4 - December 29, A Christmas Carol, McGregor Theatre. For more information visit mccartertheater.org (W,A,S,B,V)

Passage Theatre

Now - October 14, Salt Pepper Ketchup. Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, 205 East Front Street, Trenton, 609-392-0766. Wednesday nights join forces with other super-powered kids to save his mother and unmask a criminal hiding in plain sight. For more information visit passegate.org

Workshops

October 4, 11 & 18, Drawing From Your Imagination, Hickory Corner Branch, Mercer County Library, 9:30am. Thursdays, Three part series of lessons. Learn to draw your own picture using felt-tip pens with the guidance of local artist Marge Rosen. All materials provided.

November 2, 3 & 17, Handblown Glass Ornaments, Grounds For Sculpture, 10:30am. Experiment with a fun and easy glass blowing technique. No experience needed! Learn the old-world craft of using Glastobien tubes and a torch to make up to 10 glass ornaments. Bring a shoebox and packing materials (tissue paper, bubble wrap, etc.) to transport your ornaments home. All other materials provided.

Opportunities

History

• New Jersey Council for the Humanities: Public Scholar Project. Accepting applications for subsidized PSP programs that take place between November 2018 and October 2019. Eligible organizations will be able to apply for one subsidized program that takes place during this period. For more info. Visit the site below.
https://njhumanities.org/humanities-to-go/public-scholars-project/

Literature

• New Jersey Poetry Out Loud. Learn how to bring poetry into your classrooms with this FREE series of workshops for teachers. Registration Deadline: November 20, 2018. To learn more visit https://www.wtnj.org/njpoold/

November 2-3, The Real Life Adventures of Jimmy De Las Rosas. Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, 205 East Front Street, Trenton, 609-392-0766. Jimmy joins forces with two other super-powered kids to save his mother and unmask a criminal hiding in plain sight. For more information visit passegate.org

Opportunities - 6 -
Slave Dwelling Project is Hosted at Morven this Fall

In Conjunction with the Historical Society of Princeton, Princeton Public Library, Arts Council of Princeton, and Witherspoon-Jackson Historical and Cultural Society, Morven Museum is honored to host a Slave Dwelling Project www.slavedwelling-project.org/ Program Oct. 12 and 13, bringing Mr. Joe McGill’s program to New Jersey for the first time. Mr. McGill’s Slave Dwelling Project brings historians and the public together to educate, collaborate and organize resources to illuminate and often, save, important African American history related to slave ancestry.

Shirley Satterfield will kick off the weekend’s activities with a walking tour of Princeton’s Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood on Friday afternoon at 2pm. ($8 per person, limited to 20 people. All funds for this tour will go to Witherspoon-Jackson Historical and Cultural Society.) The tour is approximately two hours long and requires participants to be able to comfortably walk or stand for the duration of the tour. At 6pm, members of the public, of all ages, are invited to gather for supper and conversation with Mr. McGill. He will lead a participatory program reflecting on the need to preserve memories which live in the homes of enslaved ancestors and the ways in which Morven is affecting this through its reinstalled galleries.

For those who wish to continue the conversation, participants will adjourn to a circle around a fire pit to continue the conversation, fielding questions fielded by Mr. McGill. A select number of guests will sleep over in the Mansion on Friday evening with Mr. McGill. Sleeping spaces are extremely limited with participants bringing their own sleeping bags and resting on the floor in the West Wing – near where we believe Morven’s slaves would have lived and worked. To be included in the lottery for Friday night’s sleepover, email Morven’s Curator of Education and Public Programs at dlampetrudman@morven.org and include a line or two describing why you are interested in the sleepover. The public is invited on Saturday morning at 10 am for a light breakfast. Reflections of the night will be shared by those who slept over and questions fielded by Mr. McGill.

Saturday hosts a number of meaningful and interactive events stemming from an examination of Morven’s slave narrative and expands into everyone’s historic narrative from 10 am to 2 pm including:

- A variety of musical performances by ethnomusicologist and fiddle/banjo scholar Jake Blount
- Presentation of the Stockton Papers and other rarely viewed Stockton materials by Izzy Kasdin, Executive Director of Historical Society of Princeton
- Princeton Public Library’s providing genealogy and ancestry research materials for use by the public
- A liberty-themed interactive chalkboard art wall
- Children’s hands-on take home paper quilt project led by Dressler Smith of Arts Council of Princeton

To register, please contact Morven’s Curator of Education and Public Programming, Debra Lampert-Rudman, at 609-924-8144 x.106.

A Place In Time: The Morven Mansion, Princeton

Home to one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and to five New Jersey governors, Morven has played a role in the history of New Jersey and the nation for more than 250 years.

Richard Stockton (1730-1781) built Morven in the 1750s on land granted to his grandfather by William Penn in 1701. After a fire in 1758, the home was rebuilt and christened Morven, (“big mountain” in Gaelic) by Richard’s wife Annis Boudinot Stockton (1736-1801). Richard was a graduate of the first class of The College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) and became a prominent lawyer. He was one of five New Jersey delegates appointed to the Continental Congress where he signed the Declaration of Independence. The British ransacked Morven later that year, capturing and imprisoning Stockton. He was released in January 1777. Annis is one of America’s earliest published female poets, immortalizing heroes of the Revolution such as George Washington, who called her “the elegant Muse of Morven.”

Four more generations of Stocktons resided at Morven through the early 20th century before the property was leased to General Robert Wood Johnson, Chairman of Johnson & Johnson and the first non-family member to live there (1928-1944). He was followed by five New Jersey governors when Morven served as the state’s first Governor’s Mansion (1945-1981).

After the Governor’s Mansion was relocated in 1982, Morven went through an extensive restoration and archaeological investigation. Morven re-opened as a museum and garden in 2004.
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