



BOONTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

(210 Main Street, Boonton, NJ)

Educational Outreach Private Tours and Presentations



As Museum Educator for the Boonton Historical Society, I wanted to share with you presentations I've developed. The presentations can be modified for any age group. The time frame can be adjusted to meet the needs of the audience. Boonton's history is amazing, and Boontonians represent what makes New Jersey special. FYI: I come to your location with a memory stick (.ppxs) and a clicker. Displaying the PowerPoint/Slides is the location's responsibility unless it is held at the Boonton Senior Center.

Private Tours are available. For a formal presentation at the museum (no PowerPoint), email me: lmkatsakos@gmail.com. If a group wants to tour the museum without a formal presentation, just someone to answer questions and provide brief highlights, this can be accommodated with ease. Call the museum's phone 973-402-8840 and leave a message for a private tour or email me.

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MUSEUM TOUR: COLONIAL BOONTON

Essential Questions: *How is a town born? How does our history shape who we are as a community?*

Content:

- Welcome to the John Taylor House and information about the building and its occupants.
- Brief history of New Jersey: 1664-1740
- Boonton's start: 1742 - 1787; the Colonial Period and 1st Iron Works
- Boonton and the American Revolution
- 1821 - 1830: William Scott's Deal of the Day and Boonton's Rebirth
- Time to explore the museum

PRESENTATION AT YOUR LOCATION COLONIAL BOONTON AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

In honor of the USA 250th Birthday of the Declaration of Independence, a PowerPoint/Google Slides presentation has been created. The PowerPoint takes approximately an hour. Q&A concludes the presentation. Again, this can be adjusted accordingly depending upon time available.

Added Content to what is listed above:

- Lenape and the Settlers
- The beginning of Colonization
- Morris County's Birth

MUSEUM TOUR: BOONTON TOWN LEADERS My Five Guys

Essential Questions: *What are the characteristics of successful town leaders? What does it mean to be a productive citizen?*

Content:

- Welcome to the John Taylor House and information about the building and its occupants.
- Highlights of Five Town Leaders who've made a difference:
 - The Hon. John L. Kanouse; Educator Personified
 - The Hon. John Hill; The Statesman
 - William Lathrop; The Ultimate Manager
 - Dr. John Grimes; The Abolitionist
 - Charles Hopkins; An American Hero
- Time to explore the museum

**PRESENTATION AT YOUR LOCATION
BOONTON TOWN LEADERS: My Five Guys**

If you would rather learn about the leaders listed above at your site, a PowerPoint/Google Slides presentation has been created. Note: It has been well received by multiple groups. The PowerPoint takes approximately an hour. Q&A concludes the presentation. Again, this can be adjusted accordingly depending upon time available.

**PRESENTATION AT YOUR LOCATION
SLAVERY AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
~ With a Focus on Local Contributions**

A PowerPoint/Google Slides presentation has been created. Note: It has been well received by multiple groups. The PowerPoint takes approximately an hour. Q&A concludes the presentation. Again, this can be adjusted accordingly depending upon time available.

Essential Questions: *From this presentation, what do you find the most surprising? How can oppression be stopped?*

Content:

- Brief History of Slavery
- Slavery in New Jersey
- Morris County Slave Records
- Boonton's contributions to fight slavery and help runaways
- Dr. John Grimes: Anti-Slavery Society, New Jersey Freeman, Underground Railroad ○ Charles F. Hopkins and his personal experience.
- Harriet Tubman
- Modern Slavery

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

- Our Permanent Exhibit contains a timeline from Boonton's inception to the beginning of the Twentieth Century with related artifacts and information.
- The Changing Exhibit highlights a specific topic. "Say YES to the Dress" "Joshua S. Salmon, Boonton's Forgotten Statesman," and "Boontonware" are past examples.
- Boonton's Police Department Exhibit is housed downstairs.
- We offer two gift shops. In the upstairs gift shop you will find a collection of books about Boonton as well as other interesting products. The Annex Gift Shop offers second-hand, donated items at great prices. Sales regularly run in the Annex.