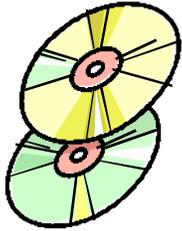


# New Gift Shop Items



## New Boonton Postcards DVDs!

Joe Strelec and his son have put some of their wonderful postcard collection on DVD: \$5 for the single DVD, \$9 for the double DVD

## Come in for 1 day only Boonton Day Discounts!

We will be open on Boonton Day, Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



- The Gift Shop is open Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm and by appointment -

### CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

If, due to bad weather, it is necessary to cancel an afternoon or evening program or close the museum, we will inform you in one or all of these ways:

- A message will be left on the museum message line (973-402-8840).
- A notice will be sent to the local radio stations (WMTR / WDHA).
- A sign will be posted on the door of the building where the event was originally to be held.

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – AFTERNOON TEA AT THE MUSEUM!



It's the autumn of 1898 and Dr. and Mrs. John Taylor are hosting a tea at their home on Saturday, October 29 and Saturday, November 19. You are invited!

Scones, cakes, sandwiches and a choice selection of imported and herbal teas will be served; music will be provided by Rosemarie Sprouls on the Celtic harp and Stephen Kupka on the piano; a tea leaf interpreter will be ready to predict your future, and there is a table prize to be won.

Because of the popularity of this event last year, the Historical Society will again sponsor an "Afternoon Tea". We suggest you get your tickets early, as last year's Tea was completely sold out, and many were disappointed.

### AFTERNOON TEA RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) at \$20 each for the Afternoon Tea at The Museum. A check is enclosed in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (10% discount for groups of eight or more). Please make checks payable to: "Boonton Historical Society and Museum."

Please choose one:

- Saturday, October 29 at 12:30 PM:
- Saturday, October 29 at 3:00 PM:
- Saturday, November 19 at 12:30 PM:
- Saturday, November 19 at 3:00 PM:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with remittance to: **Boonton Historical Society and Museum**  
210 Main Street  
Boonton, New Jersey 07005



# Gem of the Mountains

The Newsletter of the Boonton Historical Society and Museum

September 19, 2005

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## OUR MAP IS BACK!

Our 1848 Serrell survey of Boonton has just come back from the Conservation Center for Arts and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia. During the six months that it was there, it was cleaned and repaired. Tears were mended and missing pieces were recreated. It was placed on archival-quality backing and encapsulated in an ultraviolet-filtering, acrylic glazing. It is now safely preserved for the next 157 years.

We are grateful to the Morris County Heritage Commission for awarding us the grant to pay for the restoration.

The map was drawn by James E. Serrell just 18 years after Boonton was founded. It shows the streets that existed then and the buildings located on them. You can learn something new each time you study the map.

We plan to have an open house on the day that we officially present the map to the public, and then it will be kept on permanent display at the museum for all to see, and use, and enjoy.

## NEW EXHIBIT! READ ALL ABOUT IT: PAGES FROM THE PAST

Opening October 1, this exhibit will offer Boonton Museum visitors a comfortable library/reading room environment to settle in and page through the history found in the newspapers of Boonton's past.



Boonton has printed news since John Grimes, using a printing press he built himself, published "New Jersey Freeman" in 1844. Grimes printed the paper in Liberty Hall, now home to Dominoes Pizza. Until 1850, the paper furthered the cause of the abolitionist movement.

It was twenty years later, on March 3, 1870, that "The Boonton Weekly Bulletin" was printed. The paper, printed in the Holmes Library from 1895, was owned and edited by S L. Garrison and continued until 1911. A third paper, "The Little Paper Called Boonton", was printed at 506 Main Street from 1894 until 1921. Meanwhile, in 1895, "The Boonton Times" was founded by Charles L. Grubb and eventually owned by Thomas Hiram Trenholm Jr. in 1921.

"The Times Bulletin", a 1923 merger of Garrison's "Boonton Weekly Bulletin" and "The Boonton Times" in 1923 is featured in the upcoming exhibit. Various articles about Boonton's weather, local teams and organizations, parades, celebrations and other topics have been assembled for closer inspection. Long time Boontonites will find familiar names and faces within these pages, and more recent residents will learn a lot about Boonton's history.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Boonton Historical Society and Museum has acquired its entire collection through the generosity of people. Through the years, we have received donations of photos, documents, and other artifacts relating to the Town of Boonton. Each donation gives us another piece of our history, and we are always happy to receive it.

Some of the donations that we have received in the past 18 months are: a hand-painted light fixture from the kindergarten classroom in the old School Street School, certificates from the Sokol Hall on Cedar Street, commemorative certificates from a Boonton soldier who fought in the Civil War, subdivision drawings from the office of Nelson Doland, receipts and invoices from Walt Sikora's magazine shop, photos and memorabilia from Mayor Toner's tenure, and photos used in The New Jersey News. These schools, clubs, businesses, and people no longer exist, but their memory will go on because we have something tangible to help us remember.

If you come across a "find" as you are cleaning out or sizing down, would you consider donating it to our museum?

Thanks, **Monica Scozzafava**

## HALLOWEEN CEMETERY TOUR!

Meet some of the prominent town leaders from the 1800's in Boonton's oldest cemetery. The tour begins at the entrance of the Boonton Avenue Cemetery on Boonton Avenue and will take place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.



**FEATURED VOLUNTEER: JENNIFER COULTAS**



Educated in the United Kingdom and in America, Jennifer Coultas remembers history lessons in England when “we all had to memorize the never ending list of the dates of reigns of all the kings and queens.” Nevertheless, her interest in history was embedded. When Jennifer moved to Boonton, it was inevitable she would join the Historical Society.

Since then, she has served as Chairman of the Refreshment, and Program Committees, on the Nominating Committee, as Treasurer, Vice President of the Society and as a museum volunteer.

She has been involved with many of the museum’s revolving exhibits and is currently serving as co-chairman of the new exhibit, “Read All About It: Pages from the Past.”

Jennifer’s expertise on the etiquette for a proper English Tea was indispensable last fall when the Historical Society hosted a tea party. As one of the chairman, she and her committee’s energy and imagination transformed the ground floor of the museum into Dr. and Mrs. John Taylor’s 1898 parlor and invited the townsfolk in for afternoon tea.

Jennifer holds a BA in English and an MBA in management. She is a former senior vice president of human resource systems in the banking industry and a human resource systems consultant. Jennifer lives in Boonton with her two rescued beagles.

The Boonton Historical Society and Museum is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer with abounding talent. Thank you, Jennifer!

**OTHMAR AMMANN BRIDGE OPENING**

On August 24, the new reservoir bridge was opened. An estimated three hundred people attended the ceremony where the Boonton Historical Society presented a condensed exhibit of Othmar Ammann’s professional life in New York and his personal life in Boonton where he lived on Rockaway Street for many years. Mr. Amman was the designer and builder of the George Washington Bridge among many others.

Edward Marlatt, former president of the Boonton Historical Society, proposed the new bridge be named for this distinguished Boonton resident, and the idea was accepted by the town fathers.

Present at the opening was Margot Amman-Durrer, Mr. Amman’s daughter. She was presented with a proclamation from Morris County and gave special thanks to Norman Stedmann, the chief engineer/architect of the bridge, Edward Marlatt, Richard Seabury, Alphonse Scerbo and Douglas Cabana who were initial supporters of the naming of the bridge in Mr. Ammann’s honor.



Monica Scozzafava, Margot Ammann-Durrer, and Ed Marlatt

**ALL AROUND THE TOWN: YESTERDAY’S HOMES TODAY**

It was a perfect day in May for the Historical Society’s House Tour. The tour’s ten locations included restored homes from the late 1800’s, a 1980 townhouse and two artists’ studios. Over two hundred and forty enthusiasts turned out for the event, and many took advantage of a pre-tour brunch at the museum.

The three chairmen of the house tour, Jennifer Coultas, Pam Hance and Ed Marlatt thanked more than thirty volunteers for making the tour an overwhelming success. Claire Hance and her team served the brunch and Dee Kromka-Johnson organized the volunteer docents. The Historical Society is especially grateful to the homeowners for inviting the public to view their homes.

Tour spokesperson, Pam Hance, said the good weather and extensive coverage by the local press contributed to the excellent turnout this year.

**EDUCATIONAL VISITS TO THE MUSEUM**

Approximately one hundred fourth grade students have visited the museum. They have been given a guided tour annually since 2000 as a part of the Historical Society’s program for students and scouts. The students are given a brief history of Boonton prior to the tour. Many enjoy shopping at the museum’s gift shop following the tour, and some have returned on Saturdays with their family and friends.

## - 2005 & 2006 Calendar Of Events -

### AFTERNOON & EVENING PROGRAMS

<b>2005</b>	November 16	Evening Program: The Annual Membership Meeting and Program <i>(program to be announced)</i>	Boonton Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
<b>2006</b>	January 18	Evening Program: "Read All About It: Pages From The Past"	Boonton Senior Center	7:30 p.m.
	February 15	Evening Program (program to be announced)	Boonton Senior Center	7:30 p.m.
	March 15	Afternoon Program: "William H. Meadowcroft, Edison's Assistant and Boonton Resident"	Boonton Senior Center	2:00 p.m.
	April 10	Evening Program with The Montville Township Historical Society: "George Washington: The Man Nobody Knew"	Montville Library	7:30 p.m.
	October 9	Evening Program with The Montville Township Historical Society: "The Witches of Salem Massachusetts"	Montville Library	7:30 p.m.
	November 15	Evening Program: The Annual Membership Meeting and Program <i>(program to be announced)</i>	Boonton Senior Center	7:30 p.m.

### WALKING TOURS

**Saturdays; suggested donation \$5.00**

<b>2006</b>	April 15	Ironworks and Morris Canal	Meet at the boardwalk on Main Street	10:00 a.m.
	July 8	Main Street	Meet at Canalside Park overlook	10:00 a.m.
	August 12	Historic Residential District	Meet at the boardwalk on Main Street	10:00 a.m.
	September 9	The Park	Meet at the gazebo in Grace Lord Park	10:00 a.m.

### CHANGING EXHIBITS

**Museum is open Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and by appointment. Free parking in the rear of building.**

<b>2005</b>	June 11 – September 24	World War II on the Homefront
	October 1 – February 17	Read All About It: Pages From The Past
<b>2006</b>	February 18 – June 16	History of the Boonton Police Department
	June 17 – October 27	Boonton Fire Department

### OTHER EVENTS

**2005 October 22 Halloween Cemetery Tour Boonton Avenue Cemetery 3 to 5 p.m.**  
Meet some of the prominent town leaders from the 1800's in Boonton's oldest cemetery. The tour begins at the entrance of the Boonton Avenue Cemetery on Boonton Avenue.

**2005 Oct 29 & Nov 19 Afternoon Tea at the Museum 210 Main Street 12:30 & 3 p.m. seatings**  
We are repeating the very popular afternoon teas from last year. Your ticket will offer you the chance to sip tea and delicately nibble scones with clotted cream. The downstairs floor of the museum will be transformed into a Victorian tearoom.

**2005 December Holiday Open House 210 Main Street 1 to 4 p.m.**  
Come and enjoy the good treats, good music and good people as we usher in the Holiday Season! Please see the Holiday Open House flyer for the date.