

Gift Shop Sale!



\$2 Off!
Any Sweatshirt
Or T-Shirt In Stock!

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"Boonton Was An Irontown"
By Peter C. Wendt, Jr.



- Sale Ends April 30th -

- 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.
- An e-mail message will be sent our members who have provided us with their e-mail address.

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers are essential in our Museum community. We can tailor activities to your talent and interest. Opportunities such as greeting and providing information to visitors, working in the Museum Gift Shop, cataloging museum files and acquisitions, taking part in seasonal decorating or assisting with the facility's improvement are just a few of the many areas needing volunteers. No previous experience is needed, as training will be provided. The benefits of being a volunteer are invitations to Museum events and parties, interactions with guests from other towns and states and an increased knowledge of local history. Join us today!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Renewals were due in November. We don't want to take your name off our mailing list, so if you haven't done so, please send in your dues with the form below. We welcome new members as well!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Individual \$15: Family \$20: Senior/Student \$10: Life \$200: Business \$25:

I would like to be contacted to serve as a volunteer: Yes No

Make check payable to: **Boonton Historical Society and Museum**
Please mail to: **Boonton Historical Society and Museum (attn: Gail Yorkston)**
210 Main Street Boonton, New Jersey 07005

Moving? New email address? Please send or call us with your updated information so that we can continue accurate delivery our newsletter and flyers.

- The Society has a new e-mail address! boontonthistory@yahoo.com -



Gem of the Mountains

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MUSEUM HOSTS AFTERNOON TEAS FOR SECOND YEAR!

As with most non-profit organizations, the museum has to be creative in raising funds over and above the many generous donations received from townspeople.

Our Afternoon Teas at the Museum

have been an outstanding success with some of our guests already booked again for 2006!!

Of course, this success did not just happen and much planning and hard work went into the organization and logistics of having two afternoon teas in one afternoon and doing so on two separate Saturdays.

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Rosemarie Garrett, Olga Dennett, Jennifer Coultas, & Elizabeth DeVincenzo

GORDON HENDERSON STAINED GLASS EXHIBIT!

Gordon Henderson is a third-generation stained glass artist from a Scottish family, whose artistic presence in the United States, dates back to 1872. Much of his career was spent restoring the work of other artists. In doing so he was able to study and collect the work of important stained glass companies. This material now comprises the Gordon Henderson Collection of American Stained Glass Design. The Museum is most fortunate to be able to offer an exhibit of Gordon Henderson's designs beginning February 18.



Rose window in the library at Drew. This window had been in storage for 40 years and was installed in 1978 by Gordon and his son. It took them six months to piece together the glass.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jennifer Coultas was installed as our new president in November. She comes to us with a wealth of experience, having served in several capacities on the Board of Trustees and as chairman of several committees. She has also been active with a number of fund-raising events. Welcome, Jennifer!

I have been most fortunate to have inherited a legacy of community involvement as well as many innovative programs and exhibits which have been held over the past several years. It is my goal to build upon these achievements by instituting some new endeavors and refocusing on some programs long on our drawing board.

An integral part of our ability to succeed is the willingness of our many volunteers to participate in our various programs. This year we intend to reach out to our membership on a more personal level to identify some hidden, and perhaps not-so-hidden, talents, which benefit the Society. Included in this newsletter is information for potential volunteers. There are many benefits to be gained by working as a volunteer and being involved in the community. I hope you will join us in making this another successful year.

Jennifer Coultas, President

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: JAYME JANUSZANIS



Without the talent of Jayme Januszanis, the Boonton Historical Society would be in sad shape.

As a third term trustee, he has served as Recording Secretary, but his prime area of responsibility has been as Chairman of the Building Committee charged with the maintenance and improvement of the John Taylor building, home of the Boonton Historical Society.

Ever mindful of keeping the integrity of this historic building, he has overseen the installation of new windows, a new heating and air-conditioning system and, with a committee, the full restoration of the third floor, which was in disrepair and had been underused for years. Jayme has also volunteered as a member of the Fund Raising, Grant and Nominating Committees.

Jayme, a self-employed carpenter, grew up in Parsippany until moving to Boonton in 1993. Attracted by the town's historical homes, he bought one on Cornelia Street. The house was built in 1911 in the "grand manner" and was featured on a Boonton Historical House Tour a few years ago.

Look for Jayme in his big shiny truck heading to and from local jobs or at the Museum lending his indispensable abilities.

BOONTON

By Sara Teasdale
(1884-1933)

I know a bright world of snowy hills at Boonton
A blue and white dazzling light on everything one sees
The ice-covered branches of the hemlock sparkle
Bending low and twinkling in the sharp thin breeze,
And iridescent crystals fall and crackle on the snow crust
With the winter sun drawing cold blue shadows from the trees.

AFTERNOON TEAS (continued from page 1)

Together with her committee, Pamela Hance, Claire Hance and Margaret Gilmer, Jennifer Coultas begged, borrowed, stole and - yes, even imported, from friends in England, the china, teapots, sugar tongs, tea strainers and other accoutrements to make the events authentic. Perhaps you saw the tea committee at the many garage sales held around town during the summer hunting down appropriate china and the like.

No detail was spared: A piano player at one tea, a harp player at another, and throughout, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, (portrayed by Society members Tom McGuinness and D'Ann Harris-Blevin) in period costume, greeted guests and led a sing-a-long of patriotic music from the Victorian era. A tealeaf reader, for those inclined to see good things in the future, was a highlight of the teas.

Local shopkeepers and restaurants were generous in their support of this endeavor, notably another English expat, Susan Chappell, of the Upper Crust Restaurant on Main Street in Boonton. English friends made lemon curd and one member came from as far away as Virginia bearing extra teapots and table prizes to support the event.



Tom McGuinness and D'Ann Harris-Blevin

DO YOU WANT TO RESEARCH THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOUSE?

Here are some helpful hints.

After finding the block and lot numbers of the house, go to the Tax Assessor's office in the Boonton Town Hall and ask for the deeds to the house.

If the town information isn't enough, note the book and page of the newest deed and take this data to the County Clerk's office in Morristown. There you can continue your research, beginning with the present owner and working backwards.

Consult maps. Depending on the age of the house being researched, it might be noted on maps available at the Boonton Holmes Library. Also available at the library are two informative books: **Profile of Boonton**, by Lawrence Korinda and **Splinters From The Past**, by Alex D. Fowler.

The Boonton Historical Society expects to be able to offer assistance in researching historical homes later this year and will make an announcement when this service is available.



- Calendar Of Events -

AFTERNOON & EVENING PROGRAMS

2006	March 15	Afternoon Program: "William H. Meadowcroft, Edison's Assistant and Boonton Resident" A program about Mr. Meadowcroft, Boonton resident, who was Thomas Edison's Personal secretary and biographer, and about Thomas Edison, the great inventor and New Jersey resident. Presented by Dr. Edward Marlatt	Boonton Senior Center	2:00 p.m.
	April 10	Evening Program: "George Washington: The Man Nobody Knew" George Washington looks back on a lifetime of achievement following his first term as president. He anguishes over the effect his absence would have on his family as he considers running for a second term. Funded by New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Co-sponsored by Montville Township Historical Society	Montville Library	7:30 p.m.
	October 9	Evening Program: "The Witches of Salem Massachusetts" Presented by Karen Sue Hybertson, PhD. Funded by New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Co-sponsored by Montville Twp. Historical Society	Montville Library	7:30 p.m.
	November 15	Evening Program: Annual Membership Meeting and Program (entertainment to be announced)	Boonton Senior Center	7:30 p.m.

WALKING TOURS

Saturdays; suggested donation \$5.00

2006	April 15	Ironworks and Morris Canal	Meet at the Boardwalk on Main Street	10:00 a.m.
	May 6	The Park	Meet at the Gazebo in Grace Lord Park	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.

2006	Until February 11	Read All About It: Pages From The Past
	February 18 - June 10	Gordon Henderson: Craftsman in Stained Glass
	June 17 - October 21	Boonton Fire Department
	October 28 - February 2007	Boonton Police Department

OTHER EVENTS

2006	October	Cemetery Tour at Boonton Avenue Cemetery	3:00 p.m.
	October 28	Afternoon Tea at the Museum	Seatings at 12:30 and 3:00 p.m.
	November 11	Afternoon Tea at the Museum	Seatings at 12:30 and 3:00 p.m.

If you would like a ride to our meetings, call us or e-mail us at: boontonhistory@yahoo.com. Also, please contact us if you are willing to give someone else a ride.