

# East Amwell Historical Society NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

With 2016 upon us, the EAHS has many events planned throughout the year. We welcome everyone to enjoy our 2016 Program. Stay connected for exciting Society news, events and updates!

#### **Historical Society EVENTS – NEWS – UPDATES**

New!! EAHS Website coming soon!!

The EAHS will be unveiling its new website in the coming weeks. The launch date will be announced soon!



## Friday, February 26 -

"Beer, Bluegrass & Bootleggers" – A fun and entertaining evening!!

Hosted by the Sourland Conservatory with a presentation by Jim Davidson, Historian and President of the EAHS

Hillbilly Hall, Route 607, East Amwell NJ Doors open at 6:30pm, Talk starts at 7:00pm, followed by Entertainment – Seating is limited....

The first fun event kicking off the New Year will be our participation in "Beer, Bluegrass and Bootleggers". The event is hosted by the Sourland Conservancy at Hillbilly Hall on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Jim Davidson will be starting the night off with a talk, "**The Dark Side of the Sourlands**", where he will reveal stories of the many murders, missing people, and bootlegging that took place on the mountain up until modern times. He will talk about the ax murders of Richard Wyckoff and his housekeeper, the infamous Put's Tavern, Charles Sutphin and his warning to Lindbergh not to build on the mountain because it was an evil place, finishing up with some of the strange, little known events associated with the kidnapping itself. Doors open at 6:30 for the talk at 7pm followed by a live bluegrass band in the main dining room. Get there early, seating is limited.

## Friday, March 11 –

"History Mapping the American Revolution in New Jersey"

Presented by John Allen, Historical Preservationist and EAHS Committee Member

East Amwell Township Municipal Building, Rt 202 South, Ringoes, NJ Doors open at 6:45pm, Presentation starts at 7:00pm

David Munn's bicentennial publication "Battles and Skirmishes of The American Revolution in New Jersey" was "history mapped" using Google Earth, a free geographic software program. Each conflict event has been located (to the extent possible). The program then provides links to external websites which provide the user with access to additional content explaining key events, locating sites which include markers and/or monuments, and an understanding of troop movement. John Allen's presentation brings a fresh historical perspective on the ebb and flow of military events in the 1774 - 1783 timeframe in Hunterdon County and Statewide. The demonstration includes 'how to' download and use the software, and getting the most from the files that have been created.

## April 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday -

#### Clawson House Update and Open House Planned

Work at the Clawson House is on hold for the winter. The Township and Historical Society are hoping to raise \$150,000 this year to put on a new front porch, finish the rear of the building with an addition and new entrance, and repair the flooring on the first floor. Work is anticipated to start in the summer. In the fall of 2015 we completed Phase II which was rebuilding and securing the basement. The house again will be open to the public to see the progress we have made on Saturday and Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. More information is forthcoming.

#### Historic Bus Tours!!

We are reviving our popular East Amwell Historic Bus tours to show off the many historic sites in the township. This year - for the first time – a tour, "The Churches of East Amwell" has been added to the 2016 EAHS Program.

And naturally, our Fourth Annual Holiday Historic House Tour is part of the EAHS 2016 Program.



#### **Special Mention –**

The Lindbergh Exhibit - continuous through 2016

Moven Museum, Princeton NJ 08540

Hours of Operation: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00am – 4:00pm

If you have not seen the fantastic Lindbergh exhibit "Charles and Anne Lindbergh: Couple for an Age" at the Moven Museum in Princeton, by all means get there! It is a six room exhibit coving the life of the couple with never before displayed artifacts and pictures. The museum is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10-4pm. Check out their website historicmoven.org.

Stay Tuned for more upcoming events....

#### **East Amwell Historical Society Committee**

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