

January 2019 Newsletter

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Middletown Township Historical Society's January Happenings

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on the latest events and news of the Middletown Township Historical Society. Also, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.

Your Membership Matters

Support Us in 2019!



Renew or Begin your Membership!

Now that the New Year is upon us, we ask that you please renew your membership in our Society, or that you become a member for the first time. In order to keep our Society going, we do need your support. The Middletown Township Historical Society is completely reliant upon membership dues, as we

typically receive no other funding. Our funds go towards securing speakers for our events and for administrative fees. We'd also like to undertake new initiatives that could expand our reach, but without proper funding, this will be difficult to achieve.

We now offer a few ways you can renew or start your membership:

- [Contribute online](#) and pay via credit or debit card. This is the quickest and easiest way!
- [Print out the membership form](#) and mail to us. If you were a member in 2018, you will be mailed a form in mid-January that you can mail back to us.
- Bring us your contribution in person at an upcoming MTHS event (first one will be February 18).

We appreciate you renewing or becoming a member as promptly as you can, and if you would like to be able to vote in our Annual Election to be held in March, we will need to complete processing by the beginning of that month.

Thank you for your interest in Middletown's history, and for your ongoing support.

Upcoming Events

2019 is shaping up to have a great slate of events! All events are free and are held on the third Monday of the month, February through November. Here is what has been confirmed so far so you can reserve the dates:

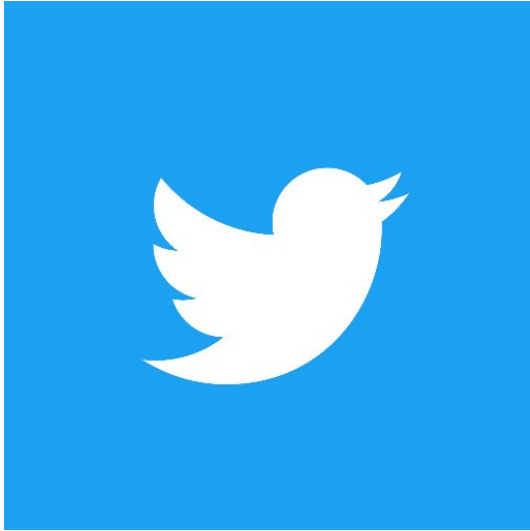
February 18: Share Your Treasures Night

March 18: "Mary Wooster Sutton – First Woman to Practice Law in Monmouth County" presented by Randall Gabrielan, plus MTHS Annual Meeting & Election

April 15: "The Top Ten Middletown World-Class Athletes" presented by Mark Stewart

May 20: "New Jersey Originals: Technical Marvels, Odd Inventions, Trailblazing Characters, and More" presented by Linda J. Barth

All events will begin at 7:00 pm at the Poricy Park Nature Center.



You Can Now Follow Us on Twitter

Unless you follow us on [Facebook](#), you may be missing out on our announcements and other items of historical interest! For those who prefer to use Twitter, we are now pushing our Facebook feed into our new Twitter account at [@MiddletownHist](#).

Would You Like to Help?

Your local historical society could use your ideas and talents! If you have an interest in fundraising, communications, or in growing our membership, [please let us know](#) your ideas or your willingness to become involved. Our volunteer trustees would like to work with you to strengthen and expand our organization!

Thanks to Our Hosts

We continue to be thankful to the [Poricy Park Conservancy](#) and to [Middletown Recreation](#) for allowing us to use the Nature Center for our monthly events. Please visit their websites for info about their upcoming events.



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Trivia Time

This Month's Question:

What were the first three railroads to arrive in Middletown Township, and when did they arrive? (This is a bit tricky!)

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

Emil H. Schwed built Somerset Lodge in 1916-17 on the south side of Navesink River Road, opposite the present country club and located west of Lufburrow Lane. The house was designed by Ernest A. Arend and constructed by Hugh Getty & Son. Sold in 1928, the present status of the place has not been determined.

Thanks for reading! The Middletown Township Historical Society will be in touch again soon! If you know others who would be interested in receiving communications from us, please forward this email and ask them to [join this list!](#)



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