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Middletown Township Historical Society: July Happenings

This newsletter keeps you updated on the latest events and news of the Middletown Township Historical Society. Also, be sure to follow us on social media for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.

Salvage Archaeology at the Hendrickson Farm in Middletown

Presented by Kristen T. Hohn, MA, RPA

Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm

Virtual Event - Registration Required



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VIRTUAL EVENT: Monday, July 20, 7:00 pm

"Salvage Archaeology at the Hendrickson Farm in Middletown," presented by Kristen T. Hohn

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosts Kristen T. Hohn as she presents "Salvage Archaeology at the Hendrickson Farm in Middletown." In May 2019, members of the local historical community joined the Archaeological Society of New Jersey and Monmouth University to volunteer at a salvage archaeological survey at the Charles Hendrickson farmstead, just north of the Middletown Village Historic District. While the 18th century cottage has since been demolished, this presentation focuses on the history that lives on through the cultural material recovered at the site.

Ms. Hohn is a Historic Preservation Specialist and Archaeologist working for the Monmouth County Park System. Over the past decade she's performed surveys across the Mid-Atlantic region, specializing in the contact and colonial history of New Jersey and early domestic textile production. She is currently on the board of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey.

As always, the event is free to attend, but it does require [registration](#). After you complete the brief [registration form](#), you will receive an email that includes a link to the virtual event. Just click that link on July 20 a few minutes before 7:00 pm, enter the Password that will also be provided within your registration email, and you'll be welcomed into our event! You may be asked to download a Zoom application, if you don't already have it installed. You will watch the presentation on your screen, and can listen either through your device or your phone (instructions will be provided).

[Register for the Free Event](#)

What's New with the Society?

As much of our area has been ramping up from the pandemic lockdown, MTHS has remained active behind the scenes.

- When the Middletown Township Public Library allows groups to meet in their facility again, we plan on resuming our monthly in-person events

(assuming we can comply with the guidelines). In the meantime, we hope you take advantage of our virtual offerings!

- For the past couple of months we have asked you to be part of our planned [Middletown Memories](#) video series, but unfortunately due to distancing concerns, it might be a little while before we can actually begin conducting the interviews. Still, we'd like to hear from you if you'd like to [participate](#). See the section below for more info.
 - We have applied for a grant to digitize old Middletown school yearbooks, so that they can be searched and viewed on our website. If you are in possession of any yearbooks that you would let us borrow to fill in our gaps, especially ones that are pre-1970, [please let us know](#) the years and schools that you have.
 - We are also working on creating an interactive map of the town that shows the history of the housing developments and streets. We'll be sharing that with you in the near future, and asking for the help of volunteers.
 - As always, we remain on the lookout for a permanent place for our archive so that we can properly catalog it and make it available online or for in-person inspection. If anyone knows of potential locations, [we'd love to hear about them](#).
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Participate in Our Video History Project!

Thank you to all who already expressed interest in this project!

We are all familiar with Oral Histories- interviews with people captured on audio. MTHS is starting a new project similar to that, but we're going to use video instead of audio. This will allow us to reach a larger base and include interesting visuals such as old photographs and contemporary locations. This project will help broaden our reach and will be an excellent collection of first-person memories for generations to come.

For this to be a success, we need your help! If you'd like to impart your experiences of Middletown, [please complete this brief questionnaire](#). Whether you've been here for many decades, lived through a unique experience in more recent times, or have a collection of local memorabilia you'd like to show us, we'd like to hear from you. Do you know someone who has lots to share, such as a parent, friend, or neighbor? Please feel free to let them know about this opportunity!

The process will probably consist of a brief pre-interview over the phone or via email, followed by the on-camera interview at a location we mutually select. [Complete the questionnaire](#) and we'll get back to you if we need more information.

Take the Questionnaire!

Contribute to Our Archive!

Our Society has a collection of items and documents related the history of Middletown and the surrounding area. Do you have anything that you'd like to add? Please don't let a treasure be forgotten or thrown away!

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Trivia Time

This Month's Question:

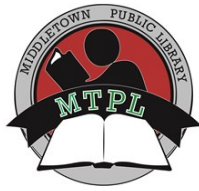
The focus of our July speaker event is a demolition of an old house that was once in the Hendrickson family. Can you name another Hendrickson house in Middletown that was destroyed not too long ago?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

Stephen Sondheim wrote the lyrics for an advertising recording for Jacob Lefferts' Oak Hill housing development, circa 1960.

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