

June 2019 Newsletter

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Middletown Township Historical Society: June 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](#) or [Twitter](#) for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.



**THE QUEST FOR PRIVATE
FALLON'S MEDAL OF HONOR**

presented by Glenn Cashion

Monday, June 17 at 7:00 pm

*Hosted by Middletown Township Historical Society at
Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Rd, Middletown, NJ 07748*

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"The Quest for Private Fallon's Medal of Honor" presented by Glenn Cashion

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosts Glenn Cashion as he recounts Thomas Fallon's life, including his exploits during the Civil War that led to him being honored with the Medal of Honor. That medal, however, did not

to him being honored with the Medal of Honor. That medal, however, did not end up in the possession of his family. Cashion, a Fallon relative, will explain how he helped bring it home. Mr. Cashion serves on the Monmouth County Historical Commission, and is a member of the Middletown Township Historical Society.

The event will begin at **7:00 pm** at the **Middletown Township Public Library** on **Monday, May 20, 2019**. *Please note this event will be held in the Computer Room and seating may be limited.*



Last Month's Event Recap

Author Linda Barth regaled us with tales of unique and interesting inventions that were spawned in the Garden State. For more details on Ms. Barth and her publications, [visit her website](#). Thank you to those who attended.

Newsletter Digitization Project: We Need Your Help!

MTHS has begun scanning copies of our printed newsletter that was published beginning in 1985. When the project is completed, the newsletters will be fully indexed and searchable via the internet.



These newsletters were sent to MTHS members and given to others in the community. They contain a trove of knowledge about Middletown and deserve to be seen again. Thanks to the Middletown Township Public Library, we have access to most of the newsletters from 1985 through 1991. However, we are missing some issues in that span, and have none prior to 1985 (if there were any) or after 1991. If you have any issues in your possession, we would like to borrow them or accept them via donation. [Contact us here.](#)

ation of an historic house in its early years. It withdrew from that site by 1976. The second phase consisted of meetings and other historical promotional activity done without the benefit of a society "home" or headquarters.

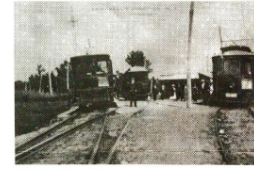
The third phase was begun in late 1983 with the lease of the ground floor of the former main building of Croyden Hall Academy for the purpose of establishing an historical museum. The museum opened on April 27, 1985 with the picture exhibit "Middletown - Then and Now". Separate commentary of the exhibit appears on this page.

The Society adopted in 1983 a four part guideline of purpose for furthering the aims of studying, preserving and publicizing Middletown Township history. Edited for brevity, they are:

1. Organize and Display Temporary Exhibits.
2. Build a Permanent Collection of Artifacts.
3. Collect and Maintain a Research Library.
4. Publish to further the other aims.

Our small group has ambitious plans. Our size has functioned well during the organizing period. We hope to increase our numbers as we expand our activities. What does this mean to a prospective

serious historical projects will take the talents of many people. We hope you join us.



"Then and Now" Continues through October

The Society's first exhibit of 65 pairs of older and contemporary views of the same sites in the Township is scheduled to show through October 27. Critical commentary has been favorable. Many have been impressed on how a simple theme was well-photographed and skillfully displayed.

The exhibit chronicles pictorially an ever-changing area. One scene has

Item Donations Welcomed

MTHS would like to know about any items relating to Middletown's past that you would like to donate. Before you throw or pack it away, please let us know about it, as we might like to add it to our collection! Gratefully accepted recent donations have included school yearbooks, maps, and photographs. [Contact us here.](#)



Your Membership Matters

Support Us in 2019!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE: Please Renew or Begin your

Membership Today!

In order to keep our Society going, we need your support. 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 couple of 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 or bring it to an upcoming MTHS event

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

Upcoming MTHS 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:

June 17: "The Quest for Private Fallon's of Honor" presented by Glenn Cashion

July 15: "Joshua Huddy" presented by John Fabiano

August 19: Twin Lights visit

Unless otherwise noted, all events will begin at 7:00 pm at the Middletown Township Public Library.

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!



Trivia Time

This Month's Question:

What Middletown resident was awarded the Medal of Honor and subsequently had a public building named after him?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

The first filly to win the Kentucky Derby was named Regret. She was raised on the Brookdale Farm in Lincroft.

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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