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*Monthly  
Messages*

## Middletown Township Historical Society: March 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, March 16**

**7:00 pm**

(brief Annual Meeting will precede)

Hosted by

Middletown Township Historical Society at  
Middletown Township Public Library

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## **"Salvage Archaeology at the Hendrickson Farm in Middletown" PLUS Annual Meeting** **Monday, March 16, 2020, 7:00 pm**

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 Middletown Township Historical Society 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

A brief Annual Meeting of the Middletown Township Historical Society will precede the talk, where existing members who have not already submitted their vote for trustee will be able to vote in the election (see more information below).

The event will begin at **7:00 pm** at the **Middletown Township Public Library** at 55 New Monmouth Road on **Monday, March 16, 2020** in the Community Room. If you are a member who would like to vote, please arrive 10 minutes early. All are welcome free of charge.

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## 2020 Annual Meeting

Prior to our speaker presentation on March 16, we will conduct our brief Annual Meeting for 2020. This year, we have one Trustee position that is coming up for election. Members who have contributed at least \$10 between October 1, 2019 and March 5, 2020 are eligible to vote. If you did not already vote for the trustee on your 2020 membership form, you are able to vote at the the Annual Meeting. *Those wishing to cast a vote at the Annual Meeting are asked to **arrive by 6:50 pm** so that we can check you in.*

This year's nominee:

**James Hinckley (for term ending 2023):** Mr. Hinckley is the current Secretary and a past president of MTHS, a position he held for a number of years. He is chairman of the Middletown Township Zoning Board, and has worked in the recruiting industry

for many years.

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### **Join or Renew for 2020**

The Middletown Township Historical Society gets the bulk of its revenue from member contributions, so your support is vitally important. Your contributions make our initiatives possible, including our speaker series and essay contest for students, and are also essential for paying our administrative costs.

You may [join or renew online](#) or, if you were a member in 2019, you have been mailed a renewal form. You may also [print out the form here](#).

**Join or Renew Online**



### **Grant Received from Monmouth County Historical Commission**

MTHS was pleased to receive a grant of \$500 to help support our 2020 speaker series. The funds will go towards speaker fees and promotion of the events. Thank

you very much to the County Commission and to the State for making these funds available.

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## Essay Contest Winners Selected

Last fall, MTHS and the Middletown Township Historical Preservation Commission co-sponsored an essay contest for middle school students residing in Middletown. The topic was "Middletown's Impact Upon History." The response was overwhelming- 191 entries were submitted! At a Board of Education meeting on February 26, the three winning students (one from each grade) and three honorable mentions were recognized by the BOE, township, and MTHS. All the students received certificates, and the winners each received \$50 courtesy of MTHS. Below are the honorees and their topics:

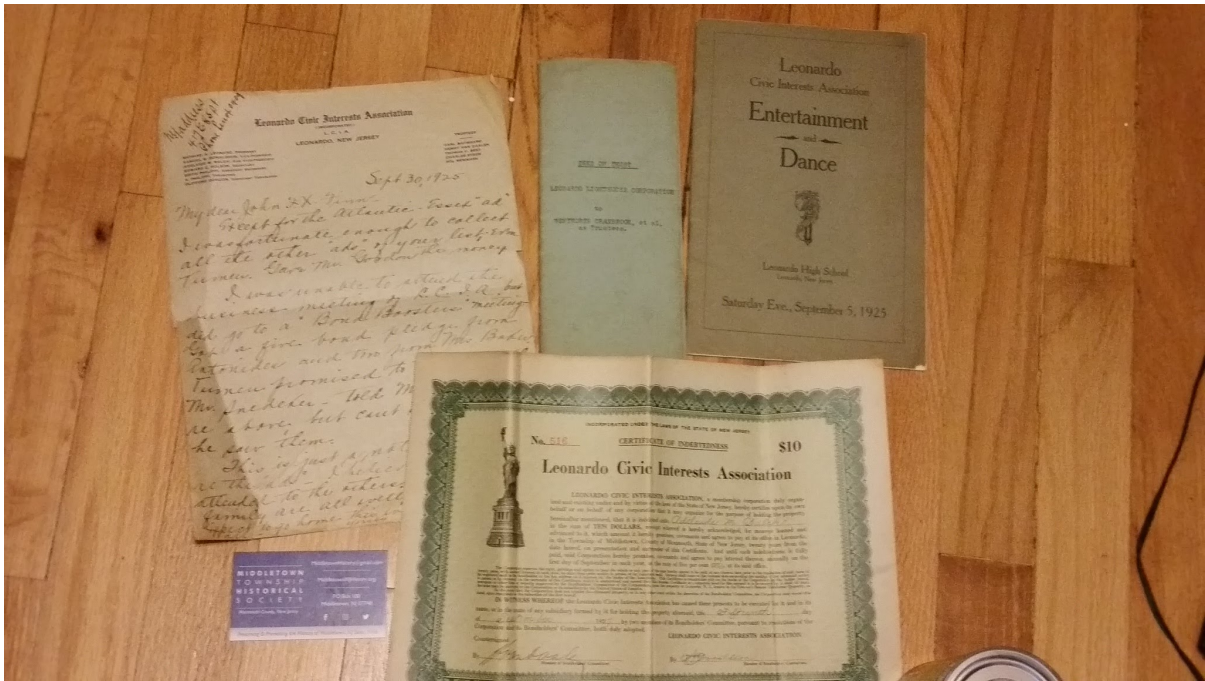
- Isabella Bossert- 6th Grade Winner- Navesink River.
- Sarkis Marrin- 7th Grade Winner- Battle of the Navesink
- Erica Vazquez- 8th Grade Winner- Corporal Horace "Buddy" Thorne
- Haleigh Robertson- Honorable Mention- Murray Farmhouse
- Braden Black- Honorable Mention- Fort Hancock.
- Adrianna Whelan- Honorable Mention- Poricy Park

Congratulations to all the students who were honored, and thank you to everyone who participated! Special thanks goes to District Supervisor of Social Studies and Technology, Wendy Morales. We hope we can run this again the next school year to keep building this interest in our history.

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## Latest Addition to Our Archive





This collection of documents relating to the Leonardo Civic Interests Association was donated to us by member Chris Brenner. The Association was active for a number years, and these documents circa 1925-1927 include its deed for the lighthouse keeper's residence next to Conover Beacon that was later used as a community center. Thanks!

If you have any items of local interest that you might like to donate, [please contact us](#). Don't let them become lost or thrown away!

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## We are Now on Instagram

We're expanding our social media presence with the addition of [Instagram](#)! Now you can follow us there [@MiddletownHistory](#) in addition to [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



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### **Last Month's Event Recap**

As usual, our annual Show & Tell event was a fun time thanks to the interesting items brought by the attendees. We learned about an old telephone, a Sandy Hook board game, a prize from a Lincroft horse show, an old Middletown sign, and more. We were also fortunate to have some of the items donated to our archive. Thank you to all who attended!

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The site features our events, provides an easy way to become a member, and affords free access to our library of official newsletters dating back to 1985. Please [check it out](#) and spread the word!

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## Upcoming MTHS Events

**March 16:** Annual Meeting of Members and "Salvage Archaeology at the Hendrickson Farm in Middletown" by Kristen T. Hohn, MA, RPA

**April 20, 2020:** "Hidden Valor: Female Soldiers in the Civil War" by Glenn W. LeBoeuf

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

## Other Upcoming Local Events

**March 18, 2020:** "Life on the Monmouth County Frontier in 1777" by author Michael Adelberg, sponsored by Navesink Maritime Heritage Association. 7:30 pm at Bahrs Landing Restaurant.

**March 19, 2020:** All Saints' National Landmark Trust hosts presentations by Joe Grabas, Muriel Smith, and Donald Burden speaking on how local churches have impacted the history of Monmouth County and the importance in the transition from slavery to freedom. 6:00 pm at All Saints' Memorial Church Parish Hall.

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### Trivia Time

#### *This Month's Question:*

Do you know the name of the golf course that once was situated alongside the Navesink River?  
Extra credit: what was the name of the nearby golf driving range?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

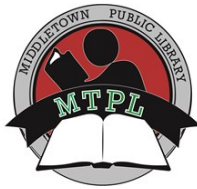
#### *Answer to Last Month's Question:*

Bill Kunkel Memorial Park in Leonardo is named after the local resident who was a respected community member, American League umpire, and major league baseball player. His son Jeff, the highest-ever draft pick from New Jersey, also played in the major leagues for a number of years, and son Kevin also played professionally.

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In Addition to Our Members, Thank You to the Following for their Assistance and Support:





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