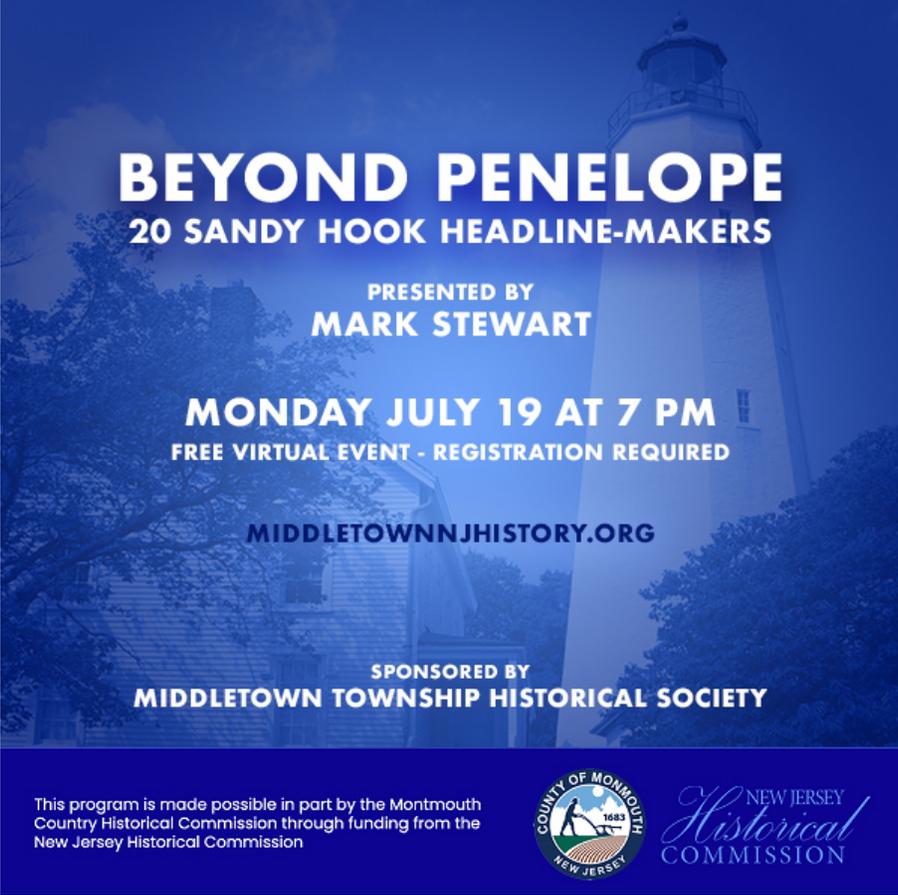


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## Middletown Township Historical Society: July, 2021 Happenings

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.



**BEYOND PENELOPE**  
**20 SANDY HOOK HEADLINE-MAKERS**

PRESENTED BY  
**MARK STEWART**

**MONDAY JULY 19 AT 7 PM**  
FREE VIRTUAL EVENT - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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**Online Presentation - Monday, July 19 at 7:00 pm:**

## Beyond Penelope: Twenty Sandy Hook Headline-Makers

*Presented by Mark Stewart*

Local history is replete with larger-than-life characters associated with Sandy Hook in the centuries following the familiar tale of Penelope Stout. Mark Stewart will conduct a get-to-know-them “speed dating” session covering the familiar, the unfamiliar and the controversial folks who have left an indelible impression on The Hook.

Mark, a longtime member of the Middletown Township Historical Society, is an author and editor who has written extensively for the educational market, including six books on New Jersey.

This will be an online-only event. Please [register for the event](#) and you will be emailed with the link to join via Zoom.

[Register for the FREE Event!](#)

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If you have already joined or renewed for 2021, thank you!

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## Event Recap: Stories of New Jersey Industrial Toxins

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosted Dr. Sandra Moss in June as she presented three stories about the negative effects of industrial toxins. It is safe to say we now know to stay away from mercury, radium, and asbestos. We thank her very much for her research and for sharing it with us.

If you would like to watch a recording of the presentation, please visit our [YouTube channel](#).

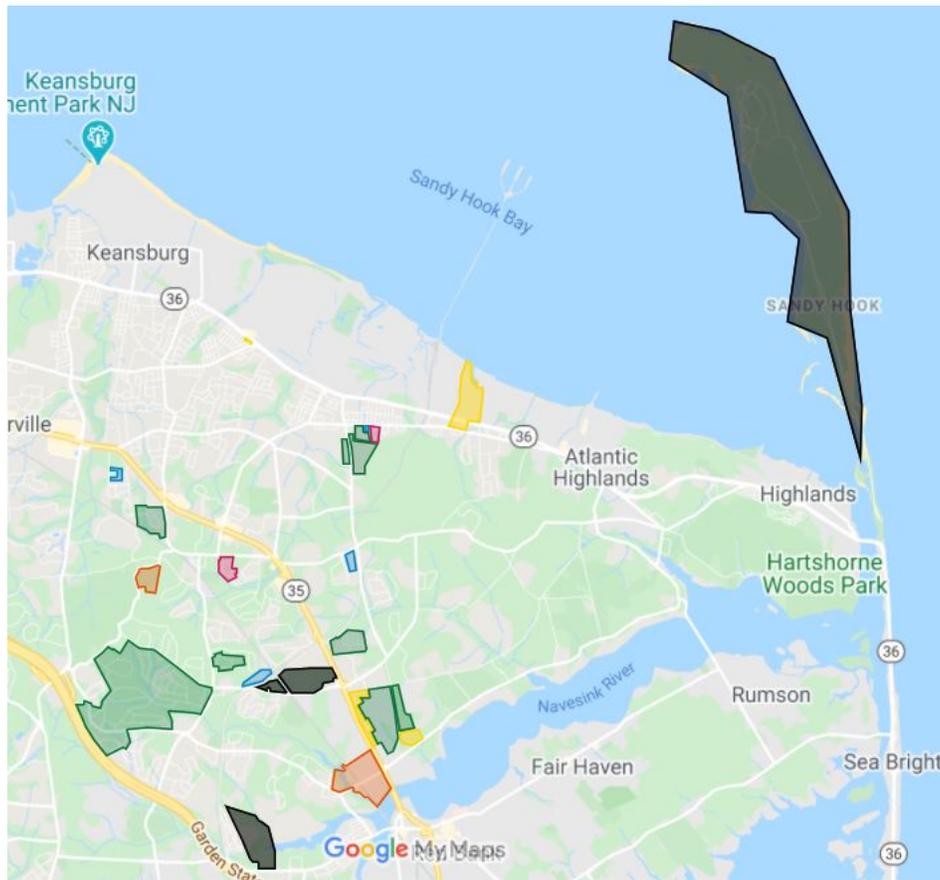
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## A Call for Graphic & Video Artists!

We could use some assistance with creating graphics and also with video creation or editing. If you have the interest and skills, [please let us know!](#)

MTHS is run by volunteers, and if you'd like to become more involved as a trustee, chairperson of a committee, or as a lending hand on anything else, please let us know. We are working on a few different projects and could always use help from those willing to dedicate some time and talent. [Contact us here](#).

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## Middletown Land Development Map

If you are curious about when/why/how your housing development or local park was constructed, take a look at our [interactive map](#)! Just click on a shaded area to read the history and see the images. The entries are color-coded so you can see when the various pieces of land were developed. Please note that the map is best viewed on computer or tablet.

Given Middletown's size, this map is a work in progress, so check back in the future if you don't yet see an entry for the land you are interested in. Our goal is to fill the entire map. If you'd like to contribute any entries, [please let us know](#).

[Land Development Map](#)

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### 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

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### Trivia Time

*This Month's Question:*

The recently deceased prominent criminal lawyer F. Lee Bailey had his stature elevated by his defense in the 1960s of a Middletown resident accused in a notorious murder trial. Who were the accused and the defendant, and what was the accusation and claimed manner of death? For extra credit, where did the accused and

defendant live?

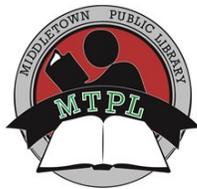
Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

*Answer to Last Month's Question:*

Gertrude Neidlinger, early in her career known as the “Beach Comber” when she made jewelry from seashells, enjoyed a stage career performing commedia dell'arte: pantomime and song. She later had a dedicated, albeit controversial, run as the curator of the Shoal Harbor Marine Museum and Spy House, as the Wilson-Seabrook House used to be known.

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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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