

Views From The Veranda



"2017 Preservation Award Meeting"

Thursday, May 18th at 6pm
609 Broad Street~Newark, NJ



On Thursday, May 18th at 6 PM, the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, will be presenting its **Preservation, Restoration and Adaptive Reuse Award** for the Hahne & Co. building, located at 609 Broad Street, Newark. The award will be presented at the building, and members will be able to see the amazing job that the developers, architects and major tenants accomplished in transforming this long vacant property.

Hahne & Co. was established by Julius Hahne in 1858 and expanded to 12,000 sq. feet in 1877. His sons, Richard, Albert and August grew up in the business and continued the tradition of the new concept of a "department store." The Hahne & Company department store that we know today was designed by architect Goldwin Starrett and built in 1901. This Art Deco store was the company's flagship and boasted a spectacular four-story atrium in the center of the building. It contained 441,000 sq. feet and was the largest department store in New Jersey. 1,200 employees were hired to run the store, which dominated the metropolitan area.

The store closed in the 1986 and remained vacant until its magnificent renewal into a commercial, educational and residential center, across from *Military Park* and the *New Jersey Performing Arts Center*.

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Judy Martorelli as
Princess Charlotte
Augusta of Wales

Greetings from the President

Dear Members:

At our last meeting we had a visit from Princess Charlotte, who would have ascended the English throne if she had not died in childbirth at age 21. Judy Martorelli came dressed as Princess Charlotte and gave a touching portrayal of this beloved princess as she was during her lifetime and in spirit. She clearly described the very complicated and scandalous line of heirs to the throne before Queen Victoria.

This will be our last newsletter for our membership year. We still have three wonderful events ahead. The trip to Philadelphia to the Barnes Museum and the Ebenezer Maxwell House, the May 18th Preservation meeting to be held at the old Habne's building in Newark, and in June we have a secret garden party.

Watch for your dues renewal in August.

~ Jane



League of Historical Societies of New Jersey Summer Meeting



*Hosted by the Liberty Hall Museum
1003 Morris Avenue~Union, NJ 07083
Saturday~June 10, 2017~9am to 4pm*



All VSANNJ members are invited to the summer meeting of the *League of Historical Societies of NJ* on June 10th starting at 9am. at the Liberty Hall Museum in Union, NJ. \$25/person includes registration, continental breakfast, program, lunch, and all afternoon tours and exhibits of the Liberty Hall Museum's historic home, gardens and grounds.

Any questions, please contact Bill Schroh, Jr. at 908-527-0400 or by email at wschroh@kean.edu. Registration and payment can be done over the phone by calling 908-527-0400, or by sending your name, address, phone, email and affiliation (VSANNJ) along with your \$25 check payable to *Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave, Union, NJ 07083*. Reservations required by May 27, 2017.

Visit the League's website at lbsnj.org and the museum's website at <http://www.kean.edu/libertyhall/> for more information.



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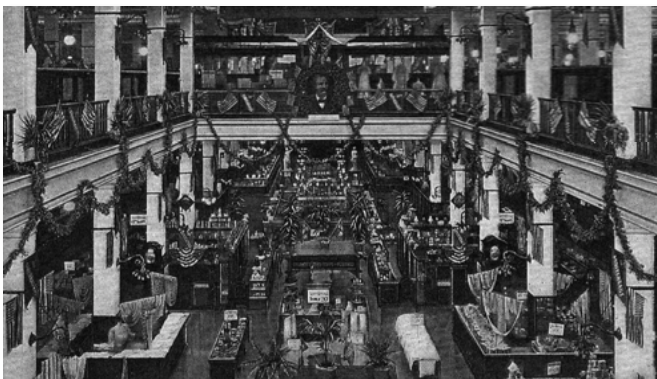
The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994. To honor the historic significance of the building, the project preserved key elements of the four-story former department store, including the facade, the original signage and the building's expansive skylight. The skylight was dismantled, fully restored and reinstalled piece-by-piece in the new retail arcade as a reference to the department store's dramatic former shopping atrium. New windows and retail storefronts were designed to closely match historic precedents and meet modern energy conservation requirements. All modifications and improvements to the building were reviewed and approved by both the *New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (NJSHPO)* and the *City of Newark Landmarks & Historic Preservation Commission*, with input and support from many local neighborhood and preservation community groups.

Reopened in January 2017, the building's tenants includes *Rutgers University-Newark*, the city's first *Whole Foods*, *Barnes & Noble* and others. Rutgers has opened an arts center on three floors of the building called "Express

Newark" which includes state-of-the-art learning spaces, media center, 3D print shop, portrait studio, lecture hall, as well as exhibition and performance spaces for artists.

The new residences at Hahne's offer open floor plans, spectacularly high ceilings, solid wood throughout, and many other amenities. Many of the residential units are dedicated low income housing to promote the healthy revitalization of Newark while serving those who already live in Newark. The block-long, 24-hour atrium is open to the public, with entrances at both ends, as a link between the university section on its Halsey Street side and the rest of downtown on Broad Street.

The Victorian Society in America, Northern New Jersey Chapter, applauds all those involved in the monumental preservation work done on the Hahne & Co. building. ***For those who wish to attend this well-deserved awards event and would like to go by bus, one will be provided at 5pm at the Montclair Women's Club on May 18th. There will be a charge of \$15 per person and will be returning, leaving Newark at 7:45pm.***



Above: Hahne & Co. celebrated shopping atrium in its early days as a department store.

Right: Hahne & Co. Building today as a commercial, educational, and residential center





Congratulations to VSANNJ member and internationally renowned Chinese brush painting artist Lynn Vergano as two of her paintings have been accepted into the Morris Museum's permanent collection. These gifts were generously donated by Ms. Lee Whildin, former mayor of Randolph Township.

"A View from the Bridge, Operation Sail" and "Manhattan Skyline"

were created in honor of our nation's bicentennial.

Both paintings will be on exhibit May 13 through November 13, 2017 as part of the museum's Patriotic Flag exhibit. Visit morrismuseum.org for info.



Do you enjoy all the events and programs here at our chapter? The Victorian Society in America is *"committed to historic preservation, protection, understanding, education and enjoyment of our nineteenth century heritage."* Come join us as a member, or help us serve on the Board! Anyone interested in joining the Board for the 2017-18 season should send an email expressing interest to Catherine Sullivan at cicisull@msn.com.



"New Jersey in the Civil War" by Bill Chemerka

Monday, February 17, 1992

8pm Montclair Women's Club

82 Union Street, Montclair, NJ

The program will center on the unique status of the state during the Civil War and Reconstruction (1865-1877). New Jersey was truly not the typical loyal Union State that many believe, although we proudly sent thousands of Union troops to support Lincoln's war effort.

Mr. Chemerka, an American History teacher for 20 years, is a recipient of a *DAR Outstanding Teacher of American History of New Jersey Award*, and serves as President of the *Alamo Society*, an international association of professional and non-professional historians. He recreates events of the English Civil War, the American Revolution, the Fur Trade Era, the American Civil War and the Texas Revolution. He is a member of the *Screen Actors Guild* and has performed in ten films, including the recent *"Naked Gun 2-1/2."*



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