

Views From The Veranda

The 2019

Preservation Award Meeting



Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 pm

41 Park Place, Bloomfield, New Jersey



The Bloomfield Township Council recently presented a proclamation to Lou and Cynthia Mandarakas for their restoration of the Theodore Ward House at 41 Park Place, Bloomfield, NJ. The Mandarakases purchased the 130-year-old home in 2008 and financed the cost of interior and exterior restorations.



"I want to thank Lou and Cynthia Mandarakas for their hard work and tireless dedication in restoring this beautiful house. Bloomfield is fortunate to have so many beautiful homes that tell the story of various architectural styles and influences such as this house which combines elements of Second Empire Victorian, Italianate and Eastlake architecture. This house is historically significant because it was built by the Ward family, one of Bloomfield's prominent founding families. The house was also the home to Dr. Gertrude Ward, a pioneer as a women in the medical profession known for her service in caring for victims of the smallpox epidemic in 1903," said Councilman Rich Rockwell, Liaison to the Bloomfield Historic Preservation Commission the Vice President of the Historical Society of Bloomfield. *continued on next page.....*

Built in 1887 by Theodore Hastings Ward, an early president of the Bloomfield Saving Bank, the Victorian style home has been recognized by the Society of Architectural Historians for its design. One of the prominent residents of the house was Dr. Gertrude Ward, town benefactor known for her service in caring for victims of the 1903 smallpox epidemic and for founding the welfare agency, League for Friendly Service in 1910.



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...continued from page 1 John Ward came to Bloomfield in 1666. He was a founding ancestor of the large and prominent Ward family. Theodore H. Ward was a direct descendant and was born in 1842 on the Town Green in Bloomfield in his grandfathers house, which was built in 1839. An active lifelong resident, paper merchant and Bloomfield Savings Institute president, he built his own house in 1887 on the lot next to his grandfathers. New York City architect Clarence W. Smith designed Theodore's three story, 12 room house with elements of East Lake, second empire and Italian era styles. An early photo shows iron roof cresting and clapboard siding. Theodore died in 1914 and the home remained in his family until his daughter sold it in 1949 to a doctor and his family. They converted half the first floor into the doctors 1950s modern office, added a rear addition and covered the exterior with aluminum siding. Nearly 60 years later the third and current owners purchased the home and began loving and painstakingly accurate renovations bringing it back to the original layout and removing the aluminum siding, discovering the old clapboard and some paint still intact.



Cynthia and Joe are pleased to welcome you into their home and they hope you will enjoy seeing it on this special evening with the Victorian society of northern New Jersey.

Message from the President



Dear Members,

I can't believe that it is almost the end of the membership year. We still have two exciting programs to go. The May preservation meeting to be held in Bloomfield and the June beach party that will feature Kevin Woyce speaking on the Jersey Shore.

We have had a wonderful year with lecture topics covering Hudson River Lighthouse, Feminists in the Victorian Era, Upper Montclair Business District, The Holiday Party with lecture on Christmas traditions, The Golden Age of Magicians, Frances W. Harper 19th Century activist and Lambert Castle. We also held a silent auction and had a trip to Philadelphia.

Our busy and successful year was made possible by all the board members whose contributions and hard work make all these programs happen.

Thank you board members, I would also like to thank all of our members for their support. **JANE**



GET TO KNOW these Victorian women!



The **Penny Black** was the world's first adhesive postage stamp used in a public postal system. It was first issued in Great Britain on 1 May 1840, but was not valid for use until 6 May. It features a profile of Queen Victoria.



Trailblazer for Women Journalists and Syndicated Columnist

Jane Cunningham Croly (1829–1901) was a journalist, editor, and women's club pioneer, better known by her pseudonym, Jennie June. She was the first woman to syndicate her column in cities across the country. Croly's writing often indicated that she believed a woman's true place was in the home, but also supported women's access to better education and employment opportunities.

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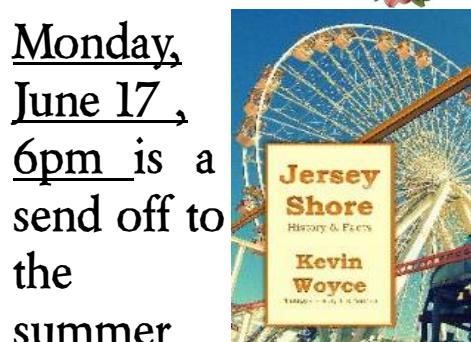


Saturday and Sunday May 18-19 Civil War Weekend at Lambert Castle, 10am-4pm The Historical Society is teaming up with New Jersey 2nd Brigade to bring the Civil War to life all weekend long. Join us for infantry, artillery and signalcorp demonstrations as well as a chance to experience camp life and even visit a field hospital.

Free and open to The public.



Monday, June 17, 6pm is a send off to the summer party! Our meeting will be **ALL THINGS JERSEY SHORE!**



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