

Views From The Veranda



“Hudson River Lighthouses: An Illustrated History”

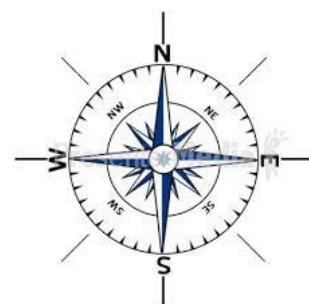
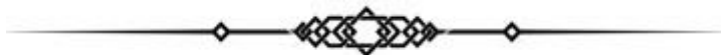
Monday, September 17th

New time! 7:30 PM

82 Union Street ~ Montclair, NJ



The Victorian Society Northern New Jersey Chapter is pleased to present an illustrated lecture by **Kevin Woyce** on his book, [*Hudson River Lighthouses*](#). Join us for a tour of the Hudson River's lighthouses, past and present –from the long lost lights at Cossackie and Stuyvesant to New York City's beloved “Little Red Lighthouse.” Discover how and why these lighthouses were built, and hear the stories of brave men and women who kept them shining. The Hudson River's first lighthouse was built in 1826 at Stony Point. By the early 1900's, more than a dozen lighthouses guided ships on the Hudson River past islands and shallows. Seven of them still exist. The program will be illustrated with his original photographs of the lighthouses and landmarks, plus vintage images of historic people, places and events.



Meetings of The Victorian Society in America, Northern New Jersey Chapter are normally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Montclair Women Club - 82 Union Street – Montclair, NJ. Meetings are free for members - Non-members \$10 – Yearly membership only \$40! Why not consider joining today or giving a gift membership to a friend? Call Catherine Sullivan at 973-762-6453, or send her your contact info to Box 717, Montclair, NJ 07042. If your last name begins with the letters **A, B, or C**, **please bring refreshments to the next meeting**. Any questions please contact Christina at 973-744-5916 or at christinapmayer@gmail.com

WINTERTHUR



SPRING TRIP TO WINTERTHUR

Those of us who attended the Victorian Society's 2018 spring trip on May 9th to Winterthur had a very special day.

Named after the Swiss city of Winterthur, this magnificent home and grounds are located in the Brandywine Valley in the State of Delaware. It was the childhood home of collector and horticulturist Henry Francis Du Pont (1880-1969) and was opened to the public in 1951 when Henry Du Pont moved into a small cottage on the grounds. That cottage is now a gift shop. The house has 175 rooms with a collection of nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America between 1640 and 1860, and is a major museum of the decorative arts. The collection is displayed much as it was when the Du Pont family lived there and is set amidst a preserve of 1,000 acres of gardens, rolling meadows and woodlands.



The weather on the day of our visit was perfect. We first took a tram ride through the grounds to see the spring flowering bulbs, shrubs and trees and the special exhibit of "Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden." Follies are architectural constructions, often extravagant or picturesque, positioned within the landscape to amuse or frame a view. Thirteen follies are scattered throughout the grounds.

After lunch in the Garden Café, we visited the second special exhibit, which was located in the museum – "Dining by Design: Nature Displayed on the Dinner Table." This exhibit looks at the history of dining from the 1600s to date and shows how hosts and hostesses brought the material world into their dining rooms. Many of the dishes and serving pieces were in shapes of birds, animals, fruit and flowers and the table settings were elegant. There was also a fascinating exhibit of napkin folding, featuring cloth leaves, butterflies and even a turkey.

Our visit ended with the highlight of the day – a docent-led tour of several major rooms in the house itself.

Thank you, Alice and Jane, for a truly memorable day. We look forward to seeing what you have planned for our fall trip.

Pat Sanders





Save the date



The Victorian Society Fall Trip will be Thursday, November 15, 2018. We will have a day at the **Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Rodin Museum**. The special exhibits we will see that day will be **Fabulous Fashion from Dior's New Look to Now**, **Little Ladies Victorian Fashion Dolls** and the **Feminine Ideal** and the magnificent sculptures of Rodin housed in an elegant Beaux-Arts style building and garden.

Members: \$95.00 and non members \$105.

Lunch is included. Complete information at the September meeting.

ALICE

JOIN US!

The South Orange Senior Center will begin a new season on September 20th with a new planning group! Suggestions from members are welcome. Also welcome are male seniors. Watch for announcements in local papers!

MAY I INTRODUCE MYSELF...

Hello,

I am Liana Torrice Volpe. I have taken the board position of Rose Shaw on the Victorian Society Northern New Jersey to publish the monthly newsletter. I know that I have big shoes to fill but I am very excited and hope I will gain the reputation that Rose has left. I have been a member of the Victorian Society for several years along with my mother Gloria Torrice who joined decades ago. I have several interests, especially the Victorian era and shipwreck expeditions during that time. I also play classical flute and enjoy collecting tea cups. I look forward to publishing many issues of our wonderful newsletter.

Thank you so much for the opportunity!

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Upcoming Occasions and Events

Lynn Vergano

Pan-Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of the U.S.A. New York Chapter, announces that Lynn Vergano will present an art exhibit and lecture about Chinese Painting, entitled "Beauty In the Brushstroke". Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 2:30 PM at the United Nations Church Center, 777 1st Ave at E 44th St., NYC.

Lynn's work has been exhibited globally, her paintings displayed nationally. She has lectured, exhibited, judged, and served on the panels at international conferences and across the country. Ambassador Lilly Hsu from Taiwan, purchased a limited edition Giclée of "Manhattan Skyline," after Lynn's presentation at the Taiwan Consulate in New York City.

Victorian Society members and friends are welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow Lynn's presentation, and please RSVP to Lady Francesca Todd 212-245-0652



Lynn Vergano (at extreme left), introduces her historical painting, "Manhattan Skyline," held by Ambassador Lily Hsu of Taiwan (center-left), and Vera Olichney, President of PPSEAWA-USA, NY Chapter (on the right).



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