

Views From The Veranda

Of Bible & Bloomers:

The Impact of American Religion on Leading
Feminists of the Victorian Era
Monday, October 15, 2018, 7:30pm
82 Union Street, Montclair, NJ



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Cynthia has served on the Boards of many local organizations, including the Junior League of Montclair-Newark (president), the League of Women Voters of the Montclair Area, HOME Corp, the Adult School of Montclair, and the Montclair Art Museum. Her husband John is the director of the Mental Health Players of New Jersey, and her children, Julie and John, are UCC ministers in Boston and Montclair.



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 **D, E, or F, please bring refreshments to the next meeting.** Any questions please contact Christina at 973-744-5916 or at christinapmayer@gmail.com

Message from the President

Dear Members,

Welcome Back. I want to thank all of you who renewed their membership so promptly. Your membership supports our organization and enables us to have seven outstanding lectures with fabulous refreshments, a holiday party, a garden party, the preservation meeting, discounts on the biannual trips to wonderful destinations sometimes, access to places not normally open to the public and monthly copies of the award winning newsletter Views from the Veranda.

Thanks again for your support. Get your friends to join.

Our first meeting of the New Year featured Kevin Woyce. He gave an informative lecture on the lighthouses of the Hudson. Who knew how many lighthouses lined the Hudson River? Although many were not preserved there are still a few left where community influence stepped in to find alternate uses for these structures and thus preserve them. Lighthouse keepers save lives not only by their relentless attention to their duties but by risking their own lives to save people stranded in the River. Our October speaker is Cynthia Rogers, looking forward to that.

The Fall trip is scheduled for November at the nation's premier museum the Philadelphia Museum of Art. (Get your Rocky running shoes on). See below for more information.

The League of Historical Societies of NJ will be having its fall meeting on October 28th, hosted by the Jewish Historical Society of NJ at the Jewish Center in Whippany. The meeting will feature Susan Forgosh, author of Louis Bamberger: Department Store Innovator and Philanthropist. Lynn Magnusson of the American Society of Appraisers will speak of the value of having a qualified appraisers appraise historical artifacts. For more information go to: www.lhsnj.org.

Would you like to travel back in time? The Grover Cleveland Birthplace is recreating Grover Cleveland's 1893 Inaugural Ball on November 10th at the Upper Montclair Women's Club. Grover Cleveland's great grandson will attend and play the part of Grover Cleveland. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of other US Presidents will be attending. If you would like a formal invitation contact Alice Gibson at 973 747 2794

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting...*JANE*



The Victorian Society Fall Trip

Save the Date

Thursday November 15, 2018. Members: \$95.00 and non members \$105.

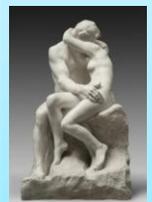
We will have a day at the **Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Rodin Museum**. The special exhibits we will see that day will be **Fabulous Fashion from Dior's New Look to Now, Little Ladies Victorian Fashion Dolls and the Feminine Ideal and the magnificent sculptures of Rodin housed in an elegant Beaux-Arts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

Meet at the Whole Foods Parking Lot

Time: 7:30 AM to 6 PM

Eagle Rock Ave. & Prospect Street, West Orange

Lunch is included. Complete information at the October meeting... ALICE GIBSON 973-747-2794





Meet Henri Bendel

1868 - 1936



Henri Bendel, established in 1895, was an American upscale women's specialty store based in New York City that sold the Henri Bendel brand of handbags, jewelry, luxury fashion accessories, home fragrances and gifts. Its flagship New York store was located at 712 Fifth Avenue. Henri Bendel was the first retailer to have its own fragrance, to offer in-store makeovers, and to stage its own fashion show. The retailer is credited with developing the shop-within-a-shop merchandising concept that's in use in some department stores today. Henri Willis Bendel was born in Louisiana in 1868 and moved to New York to work as a milliner. He opened his first shop, in Greenwich Village, in 1895. In 1907, he began branding the brown-and-white striped boxes that are still identified with the company. In 1913, Henri Bendel was the first retailer to sell Coco Chanel designs in the U.S. The current Fifth Avenue flagship is located in two landmark buildings, the Rizzoli building and Coty building, as well as a new five-story building. During renovation of the Coty building, 276 "masterwork" panes of glass commissioned from Rene Lalique in 1912 were restored. The glass fills three large windows that comprise the front of the second, third and fourth floors of the Henri Bendel flagship. Upon the store's opening in 1991, it received landmark status from the city's Landmark Preservation Commission. Of the renovated Bendel flagship, *The New York Times'* architecture critic Paul Goldberger wrote: "For this mix of new architecture and old, skillfully integrated, holds more promise for the revival of Fifth Avenue than anything that has happened to that troubled boulevard in the last decade." In 1985, L Brands acquired the Henri Bendel brand. Formerly Limited Brands, the Columbus, Ohio-based company is also the parent of Victoria's Secret, PINK, Bath & Body Works, and La Senza and operates 2,917 company-owned specialty stores in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom. After Bendel's death in 1936, his nephew became the store's president. In September 2018, The Wall Street Journal reported that Henri Bendel announced the closing of its 23 stores and ending of its brand after 123 years in business. Owner L Brands said was part of efforts to improve profitability and focus on brands like Victoria's Secret.



Editors note:
As a child I was lucky to have my Aunt Dolly who was a top sales woman in the New York store for over 20 years and worked well into her 80's. I will always remember the special gifts in those iconic striped boxes!



Upcoming Occasions and Events



Experience a step back in history.
 The Grover Cleveland Birthplace and the Montclair Orchestra are presenting the President Grover Cleveland Inaugural Ball of 1893. It will be held at the Upper Montclair Women's Club on Saturday, November 10th at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Gala Chairwoman Alice Gibson. 973-747-2794 .




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The Montclair Historical Society
Tours of Historic Houses
Sunday, October 21 2018
1:00pm – 4:00pm Shultz House
Rosedale Cemetery Tour
Sunday, October 28 2018
For more information
call 973-744-1796

