

Views From The Veranda

“2012 Preservation Awards”

Monday, May 21st at 6:30pm

Lambert Castle - 3 Valley Road, Paterson



Lambert Castle, home of the Passaic County Historical Society in Paterson, NJ

The Victorian Society in America, Northern New Jersey Chapter will present its annual **Preservation, Restoration and Adaptive Reuse Awards** at Lambert Castle, 3 Valley Road, Paterson, NJ. The ceremony will begin at 6:30pm on May 21st, 2012.

One of the award presentations this year will be made to the Passaic County Historical Society for their preservation and restoration of **Lambert Castle**, the former home of

Catholina and Isabella Shattuck Lambert. Completed in 1893, it was one of the grandest and most beautiful mansions built in the area. From its tower on the top of the hill, one can see all of Paterson, New York City and beyond.



Main gallery inside Lambert Castle

The Bloomfield Green in the center of town is the location of the second recipient of the Chapter's award. The home of **Peter Syak and Marete Wester** is located at 35 Park Place. It was built in 1887 and was restored with historical

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Please note time and location change for this month's meeting!!!

This Preservation Award meeting is free and open to the public.

Meetings are usually held the 3rd Monday of the month 8pm at the Montclair Women's Club 82 Union Street Montclair, NJ 07042. Our next meeting there will be in September, 2012. (No meetings during the summer) Yearly membership from September 2012 to June 2013 is only \$25/person!



Greetings From The President

The month of May brings many celebrations, but my favorite is Mothers Day. How did this holiday get its start? In the 1600's, the English celebrated "Mothering Sunday"- originally intended to honor Mary, mother of Jesus. Over time, it was extended to honor all mothers. It was a day for the working classes to travel back home to deliver cake and flowers, traditionally white carnations, to their 'mums.' In 1870, Victorian social activist Julia Ward Howe, who authored "Battle Hymn of the Republic," was so horrified by the carnage of the Franco-Prussian war that she wrote the 'Mothers Day Proclamation' to promote a national holiday for peace. Howe, in turn, was influenced by Anna Reeves Jarvis who earlier united mothers to improve the lot of civil war soldiers on both sides of the conflict. Anna Jarvis's daughter lobbied government lawmakers to proclaim the second Sunday in May an official holiday to honor all mothers. Queen Victoria, mother of nine children, must have had a very lively mothers day in the royal household!

As the history of Mothers Day so vividly illustrates, life moves on and even the most revered traditions change. And so it is, for me. These past three years as President of the VSA NNJ Chapter have left me with many fond memories; but the time has come for me to step down and pass the baton. The great programs, trips, parties, and especially the opportunity to know so many of you have been enriching. I have also learned a great many and surprising details about the Victorian era, which I have enjoyed sharing with you all in meetings and in these newsletters.

With expanding membership and a strong financial footing, the chapter is well-positioned for future growth. I encourage you all to become active participants in our chapter, whether through sharing tales of family history for the newsletter, suggesting topics for meetings, or providing one of your mother's treasured recipes. All would be most welcome and would enhance chapter membership for all members. I know that you will find it rewarding.



Happy Mothers Day . . . Hope to see many of you at our preservation meeting on May 21st.

~Dolly



Queen Victoria at age 4 years

Happy Birthday!!!

George Inness—US landscape painter (settled in Montclair, NJ in 1885) born May 1, 1825

Prince Arthur—Queen Victoria's 7th child born May 1, 1850

Princess Helena—Queen Victoria's 5th child born May 25 1846

Happy 193rd Birthday to Queen Victoria born May 24 1819!!!





35 Park Street, Bloomfield, NJ~home of Peter Syak and Marette Wester

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colors on the exterior walls and windows. The roof was matched to the original slate in design and color. Ceaseless attention to detail given by the craftsmen involved can be seen in the home's architectural design and construction. The interior of the home exhibits similar details in its staircase hallway, grand fireplaces, leaded glass windows and gliding pocket doors.

The Tiffany Mansion, the third award recipient, is located in the Forest Hill Historic District of Newark on the corner of Delavan and Clifton avenues. Built in the 1890's, it is constructed of yellow brick with limestone window surrounds and a red slate mansard roof. It is now owned by Sergio Guardia, a New York architect and former NYC resident, who

decided to cross the "river" to restore this magnificent Newark masterpiece filled with authentic Tiffany windows, intricately designed parquet floors and elaborate woodwork. This home was recently featured in the September/October 2011 issue of *Preservation* magazine, a publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



The Tiffany Mansion, in the Forest Hill Historic District of Newark, NJ~home of Sergio Guardia

Join us at Lambert Castle on May 21st as we celebrate the brilliant restorations of these 19th century historical gems. There is plenty of on-site parking and we will have light refreshments after the program.



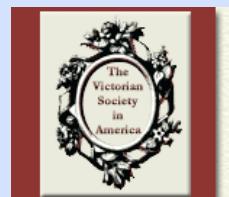
Homes of Montclair Tour-Friday, May 11th 9:30am-2:30pm. Visit 7 distinct Montclair homes in this self-guided tour. Call 973-509-4173 or www.glenfieldpta.org for reservations.

Avis Campbell Garden Tour-May 18th & 19th Tour 5 memorable Montclair gardens with beautiful water features. \$25/ticket, call 973-618-0484 for times and reservations.

Photography of Charles Warren Eaton-May 22nd 8pm. will be presented at the Bloomfield Middle School. Call the Bloomfield Historical Society at 973-743-8844 or visit www.hsob.org.

Mansion in May 2012 Tour Glynallyn Castle in Morristown with its 66 rooms, 575 stained glass windows and one dungeon! See www.MansioninMay.com for info and tickets.

Angels and Tomboys-Girlhood in 19th Century American Art -September, 2012 at the Newark Museum.



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Election of the VSA-NNJ chapter officers and board members for the 2012-2013 year will take place at the May 21st monthly meeting. The nominating committee (Catherine Sullivan, Eileen Sutera, Elaine Flint) presents the following slate for your vote. Additional nominations may be taken from the floor.

President: Jane McNeill

Vice President: Richard Grossklaus (and Preservation Chairman)

Secretary: Pat Sanders

Treasurer: Kevin Cooney

Board Members: Christina Mayer--Publicity & Hospitality

Adriana O'Toole--Programs

Judyann Affronti--Hospitality

Eileen Sutera--Archives

Catherine Sullivan--Membership

Alice Gibson--trips

Rose Shaw--newsletter

Ann Carmer--member-at-large

Andrea Dente--member-at-large



*A heartfelt VSA-NNJ chapter
Thank You to Dolly Rosen,
for three wonderful and inspiring
years of leadership and service...
(especially your baking!)*



The Word Museum

ABSQUATULATE

(ab-squat-u-late)

verb slang

To flee, abscond, or leave the room abruptly--circa 1837