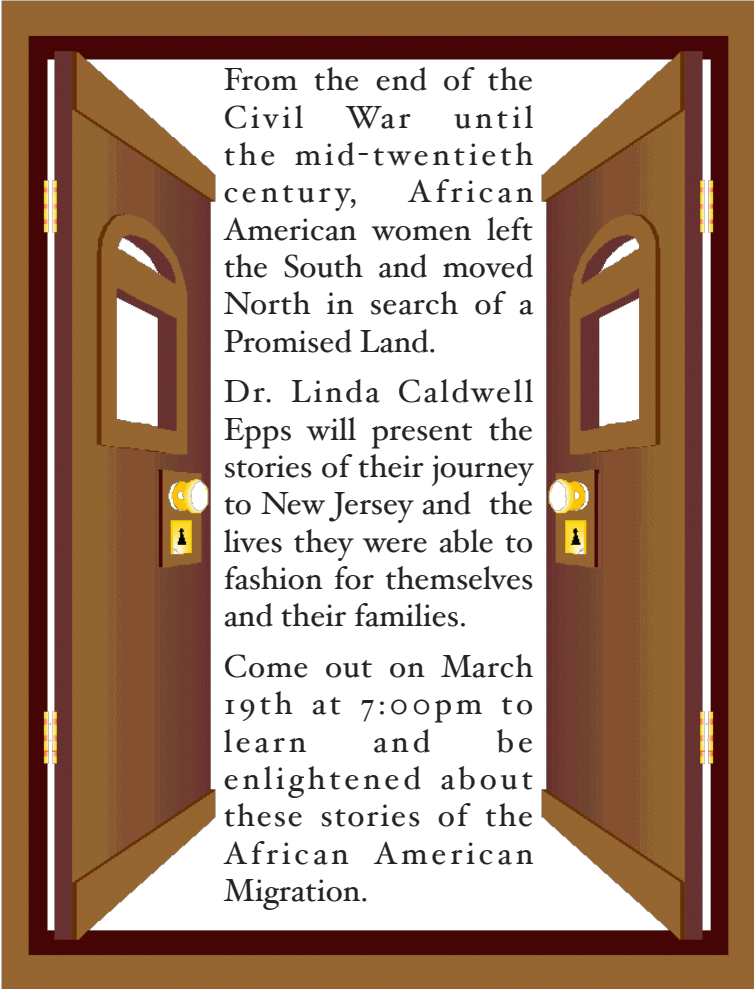


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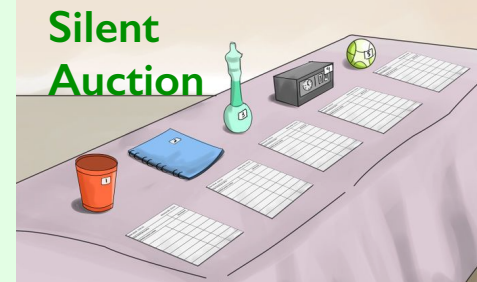
*“Open the Door~I’ll Get It Myself”*  
 Monday, March 19th, 2018 at 7:00pm\*\*  
 82 Union Street~Montclair, NJ



From the end of the Civil War until the mid-twentieth century, African American women left the South and moved North in search of a Promised Land.

Dr. Linda Caldwell Epps will present the stories of their journey to New Jersey and the lives they were able to fashion for themselves and their families.

Come out on March 19th at 7:00pm to learn and be enlightened about these stories of the African American Migration.



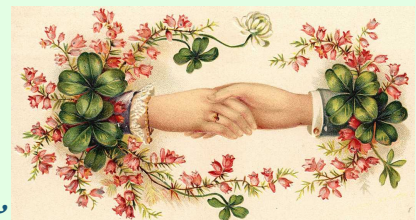
Our March meeting also features our much-anticipated

## ***Annual Silent Auction!***

Please consider donating your gently used treasures or new quality items to our annual fundraiser. You can then turn around and bid on other fantastic finds!

The national VSA scholarship fund provides for qualified candidates to participate in the VSA internationally acclaimed summer school programs in Newport, Chicago, or London. These are in-depth studies of the multifaceted architecture and culture of the nineteenth century. Visit the national Victorian Society website at [www.victoriansociety.org](http://www.victoriansociety.org) for more info.

*Meetings of The Victorian Society in America, Northern New Jersey Chapter are normally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Montclair Women's Club - 82 Union Street - Montclair, Nj. Meetings are free for members - Non-members \$5 - Yearly membership only \$30! 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 at 9 Vose Avenue Apt 220, South Orange, Nj 07079. If your last name begins with the letters **M,N,O,P & Q** please bring refreshments to the next meeting. Any questions please contact Christina at 973-744-5916 or email [christinapmayer@gmail.com](mailto:christinapmayer@gmail.com).*





## Greetings from the President

*Dear Members:*

*At our last meeting author and journalist, David Veasey, shared his knowledge of the colonial architectural legacy in New Jersey. Although not Victorian structures, these are buildings that Victorian era people would have walked past, lived and worked in. The State of New Jersey has the largest variety of early colonial homes because it had the most diverse immigrant population. Each group of immigrants brought their style of architecture from their native country using building materials available here. Prominent examples are Dutch, English and Swedish. I think it's great that many of these historic sites you can visit today. For example, on Wednesdays and Sundays, you can stop by for a cup of tea and a homemade dessert at the Royal Governor's Mansion (The Proprietary House) in Perth Amboy. Visit [www.theproprietaryhouse.org](http://www.theproprietaryhouse.org).*

*Our upcoming meeting will feature one of our perennial favorites Dr. Linda Caldwell Epps. She will share real life stories of the African American women who left the South after the Civil War to move North to New Jersey, in hopes of a better life. Looking forward to this topic as Dr. Epps always brings a fresh spin to topics we thought we already knew.*

*Make sure you come early and bring your treasures for our silent auction fundraiser. The silent auction benefits a scholarship for qualified candidates for the National Victorian Society Summer School Program. We'll be starting at 7:00pm so everyone gets an opportunity to bid.*

*The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey is holding its Spring meeting on March 17th in Stone Harbor, NJ. All are welcome to attend. It is \$25.00 for the full day of programs and tours, with breakfast and lunch included. See additional information at [www.lhsnj.org](http://www.lhsnj.org).*

*Our Spring bus trip on May 9th to Winterthur is filling up fast so be sure to sign up. If you did not get a flyer, please contact me or Alice Gibson.*

*Happy St. Patrick's Day and welcome long-awaited Spring!!!*



**Dr. Linda Caldwell Epps** is President and CEO of 1804 Consultants, an organization dedicated to the advancement of educational and cultural organizations. She brings to clients more than 40 years of experience including, working with the *New Jersey Historical Society*, where she served as President and CEO, and *New Jersey Network Television and Radio* where she served as Vice President for Institutional Relations. The recipient of numerous awards, Dr. Epps was inducted into the Douglass Society, the highest honor accorded to Douglass College graduates. She also received the Most Distinguished Alumnae Award from Seton Hall University. She completed her doctoral program at Drew University where she received the Evelyn Jacobs Ortner Prize.

Please join us on March 19th at 7pm for an insightful look into the lives of brave women who went searching for a better life.



## “March to May” Events



**The League of Historical Societies Winter Meeting** will be held at Stone Harbor on **Saturday March 17, 2018** starting at 9am with a continental breakfast; lunch is also included. The League business meeting will be presided by Jane McNeill, and presentations on the boroughs of Avalon and Stone Harbor will be given. Tours of the American Legion building (an 1895 former life-saving station and military museum), and Seven Mile Island are also featured. Visit [lbsnj.org](http://lbsnj.org) for more info.

To register, please send your name, address, phone & email contact and affiliation (VSANNJ) along with a check for \$25 (payable to *Stone Harbor Museum*) to the museum at 9410 Second Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ 08427 before the March 12th deadline. Please call 609-368-7500 with any questions.



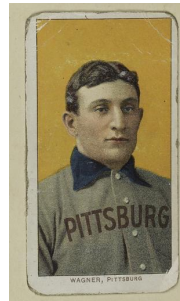
**VSANNJ Chapter Spring Bus Trip to Winterthur - Wednesday, May 9th, 7:30am to 6pm.**

Founded by Henry Francis du Pont, Winterthur is the

premier museum of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family's life here. Its 60-acre naturalistic garden is among the country's best, and its research library serves scholars from around the world. The bus trip includes a tour through the gardens and grounds on a tram. On view will be their outstanding garden ornaments known as “follies.” Indoors you will behold exhibits of beautiful tabletop displays featuring nature, as well as the finest American furnishings, china, silver, crystal and complete rooms ever assembled in America.

Please contact Alice Gibson at 973-747-2794 if you have any questions. \$115/members, \$125/non-members; lunch is

included. Send your name and contact info along with a check made payable to VSANNJ to: PO Box 717, Montclair, NJ 07042.



**“Honus Wagner and Sports Memorabilia” - March 9th to June 17th, 2018.** Among the many exhibits and sights to see at **Winterthur**, the famed 1909-11 Honus Wagner T206 baseball card—one of the rarest and most iconic of all sports-related objects will be on display. Widely considered the “holy grail” of baseball cards, another 1909-11 T206 Honus Wagner card set a new world-record price for a baseball card, selling for \$3.12 million in 2016. Visit [winterthur.org](http://winterthur.org) for info.

In the October 2017 *Views From the Veranda* VSANNJ newsletter, we featured an 1896 group photo of Honus Wagner when he played with the local Paterson Silk Weavers during his minor league career. Read more about this story in the newsletter archives of the *Passaic County Historical Society*: 2012 vol.12 No.3 Fall. [www.lambertcastleweb.wordpress.com](http://www.lambertcastleweb.wordpress.com).

**“Beauty in the Brushstroke” - Wednesday, April 18th at 2pm** at the Morris Museum’s *Tea and Treasures* lecture series. Award-winning artist Lynn Vergano explores the centuries-old, disciplined art form of Chinese brush painting in depicting subjects drawn from nature, such as landscapes, plants and animals. She will discuss the tools; rice paper, watercolors and inks handmade by skilled artisans in Asia, as well as her technique and the development of her interest in Chinese brush painting. For the first time, limited edition giclées of “*Manhattan Skyline*” will be available for purchase. Advance registration required by calling 973-971-3706. \$10 museum members/\$15 non-members. Please visit [morrismuseum.org](http://morrismuseum.org) for more info.



**Congratulations** to VSANNJ member Lynn Vergano as another of her Chinese brush paintings, “Pheasant” has been accepted into the fine art collection of the Morris Museum, joining “Prawns”, “A View From the Bridge: Operation Sail”, and “Manhattan Skyline.”



Dr. Cleveland Johnson—Executive Director, Morris Museum, Lynn Vergano, and Lee Whildin—former mayor and donor of painting



The **Great Migration** was the movement of 6 million African-Americans out of the rural Southern United States to the urban Northeast, Midwest, and West that occurred between 1916 and 1970.

In 1991, journalist and author Nicholas Lemann wrote that the Great Migration: “...was one of the largest and most rapid mass internal movements in history—perhaps the greatest not caused by the immediate threat of execution or starvation. In sheer numbers it outranks the migration of any other ethnic group—Italians or Irish or Jews or Poles—to [the United States]. For blacks, the migration meant leaving what had always been their economic and social base in America, and finding a new one.”

source: wikipedia



During World War I there was a great migration north..., first panel of the *Migration Series (1940-41)*, painting by Jacob Lawrence



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