

# Views From The Veranda



## “On The Way: New Jersey in the Industrial Revolution”

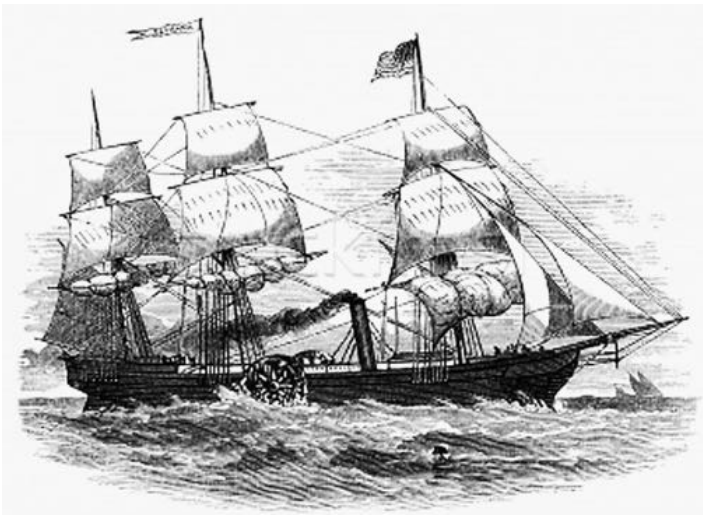
Monday, October 17th, 2016 at 8pm

82 Union Street~Montclair, NJ



They worked right here in New Jersey—titans of the Industrial Revolution like Stephen Vail, Samuel Morse, and later, Thomas Edison—and changed America with their wide-ranging accomplishments in technology and art. Photojournalist Jim DelGiudice creates a timeline of 19<sup>th</sup> century events that not only shaped the future of New Jersey, but that of the world.

A lifetime Morris County resident, Jim DelGiudice has used his eyes and voice to document the New Jersey scene for more than half his 58 years. His architectural photography for books published by Rutgers University Press and his lectures at Drew University have won him



*SS Savannah*, the first transatlantic steamship.  
The engine was built in Morristown, NJ.

a share of the state’s Historic Preservation Award three times. In the millennium year Jim was cited by both the state and county legislatures for his lifetime contribution to the arts. Most recently, he served as photo editor for *A Lifetime with Shakespeare*, published by

McFarland & Company.  
An adjunct assistant

professor at County College of Morris as well as an adjunct at Columbia University, Jim enjoys presenting talks to adult and professional groups around the metropolitan area.

Please join us on October 17th at 8pm for a photographic history tour of the Industrial Age!

*Meetings of The Victorian Society in America, Northern New Jersey Chapter are normally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 8pm 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 **R, S, & T**, please **bring refreshments** to the next meeting. Any questions please contact Christina at 973-744-5916 or email [christina.mayer@fmglobal.com](mailto:christina.mayer@fmglobal.com).*





## Greetings From the President

*Dear Members:*

*Our first meeting of the year was terrific. Liz Del Tufo impressed us with her comprehensive knowledge of Newark, now celebrating its 350-year anniversary.*

*There are still seats available for the October 26th bus trip to the homes of the great landscape painters Thomas Cole and Frederick Church. Olana, the magnificent Persian-style home of Frederick Church, has just been restored and was recently featured in *The Magazine Antiques*.\*\* There is a high demand to see this home and we were very fortunate to be on their tour schedule.*

*I would like to remind everyone that the VSA/NNJ is a member of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. That means all of our members are also members of the League. There are three meetings held throughout New Jersey each year. This includes continental breakfast, lectures, lunch and a tour of the host location; the entire cost is \$25 for the day. The next meeting is being held locally at the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark on November 5th. This meeting will focus on Celebrating Newark's 350 years, and includes tours of the Historical Society, The Ballantine House, Military Park and NJPAC. For more information, visit [www.lhsnj.org](http://www.lhsnj.org). Please join us.*

*Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.*

*-Jane* 



We are commemorating our Chapter's 40th anniversary by taking a look back at memory lane. If any members have a favorite trip, event, or other remembrances of the Victorian Society, please send it to Rose Shaw for our "from the Archives" column.

The first overnight trip for our Chapter was a wonderful Victorian weekend in Cape May, NJ on June 7-9, 1978. Weekend activities included: a slide show on Victorian architecture on Friday night, the annual Cape May House Tours and a seven-course Victorian dinner on Saturday, and a walking tour of the historic restored area of Cape May on Sunday.

Accommodations were at the historic **Chalfonte Hotel**, built in the 1870s. The rates for two nights, six meals (including a Victorian dinner on Saturday night) from Friday dinner through Sunday afternoon dinner were: Single occupancy at \$ 90.00, or Double for \$ 175.00. According to the hotel's brochure "all rooms have running water, private baths are limited. Rooms are quaint - no air conditioning, phones or TV, no elevators."

*-compiled by Eileen Sutera, and assisted by Elaine Flint and Pat Sanders*



**League of Historical Societies Fall Meeting-November 5th-9am to 4pm** will be held at the



New Jersey Historical Society. Register by October 15th by sending your name, address, phone email, and affiliation (VSANNJ) along with a \$25 check payable to NJ Historical Society, 52 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102. Any questions about the meeting, please call 973-596-8500.

\*\*<http://www.themagazineantiques.com/articles/bringing-back-olana/>

## October Occasions and Opportunities



### ***The Great Presidential Election Controversy of 1876: Rutherford B. Hayes versus Samuel Tilden as described by Thomas Nast*** - until November 20, 2016

The 1876 Presidential Election was certainly one for the history books. Hard fought by Republican candidate Rutherford B. Hayes and Democratic candidate Samuel Tilden, the winner was not decided upon until days before the inauguration in early March of 1877 because of election irregularities in four states. Nast participated wholeheartedly in this particular election controversy and its outcome through his vivid illustrations which kept the American public informed. Exhibit at MacCulloch Hall Historical Museum, Morristown. See [maccullochball.org](http://maccullochball.org) for info.

***"Women and Community: What Women's Quilting Tells us about Women's Social History"***-October 18th, 7-8:30pm Quilts are more than just pretty objects. They tell stories about the women who made them and, more broadly, women's history. Montclair Historical Society Executive Director (and quilter) Jane Eliasof will bring quilts from her own collection as well as the Montclair Historical Society's collection and talk about the quilts and the women who made them. 82 Union Street, Montclair. Call 973-744-1796 for info.



***"The Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival"***-October 20th-23rd- The largest poetry event in North America

with audiences of more than 16,000 for four days of readings, performances and conversations, returns to Newark for a fourth time. Called "Wordstock" by *The New York Times*, the Festival's audiences at NJPAC and throughout Newark's Downtown Arts District

will hear performances from and interact with dozens of the world's foremost poets with an extraordinarily wide range of backgrounds and styles, from Poets Laureate to slam champions. See [www.dodgepoetry.org](http://www.dodgepoetry.org) for specifics.

***"Hot, Hotter, Hottest: 300 Years of New Jersey Ceramics"*** - opens Saturday, October 22nd at the Newark Museum. This exhibition traces New Jersey's centuries-old ceramics industry from utilitarian stoneware crocks to Victorian hand-painted porcelain to contemporary examples of ceramic art. No other place in America was like New Jersey when it came to clay. For more information, visit [www.newarkmuseum.org/Hot-Hotter-Hottest](http://www.newarkmuseum.org/Hot-Hotter-Hottest).

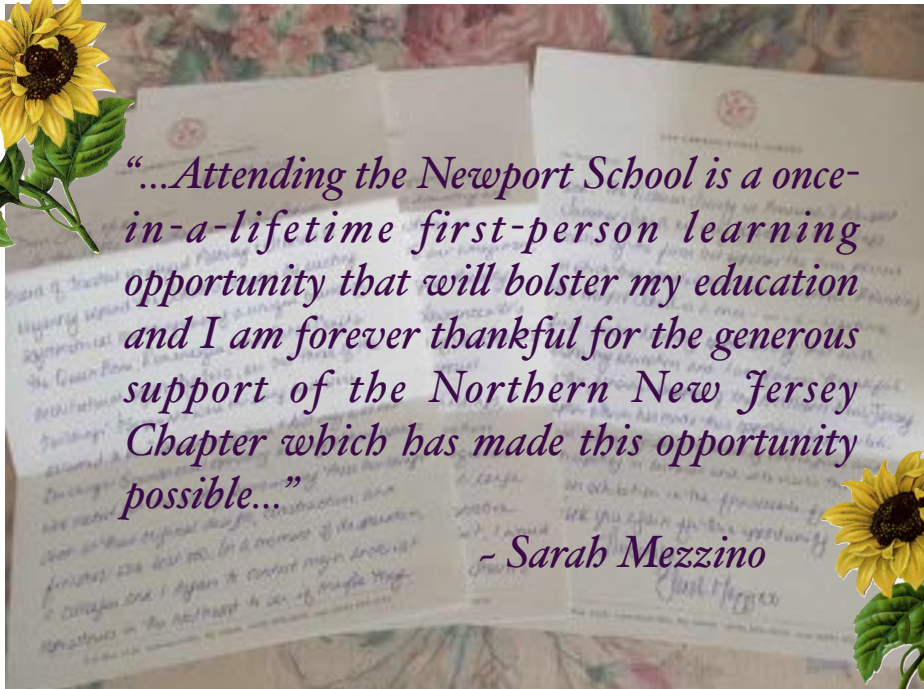


***Two Cemetery Walking Tours*** sponsored by the Montclair Historical Society. \$10 suggested donation; registration is required by calling 973-744-1796 or send an email to [mail@montclairhistorical.org](mailto:mail@montclairhistorical.org).

***Mt. Hebron Cemetery-Saturday, October 22nd-1 to 3pm*** Discover this 30-acre beauty and the secret language behind grave imagery and decoration. Please park on Valley Road near the 851 Valley Road entrance, and meet near the office. This is an all-walking tour.

***Rosedale Cemetery-Sunday, October 30th-1:30 to 3:30pm*** Explore the oldest section of the cemetery, looking at the graves of notable people and their stories. Tour begins at the Rosedale Chapel, 408 Orange Road, Montclair, and will involve about 2 miles of walking.



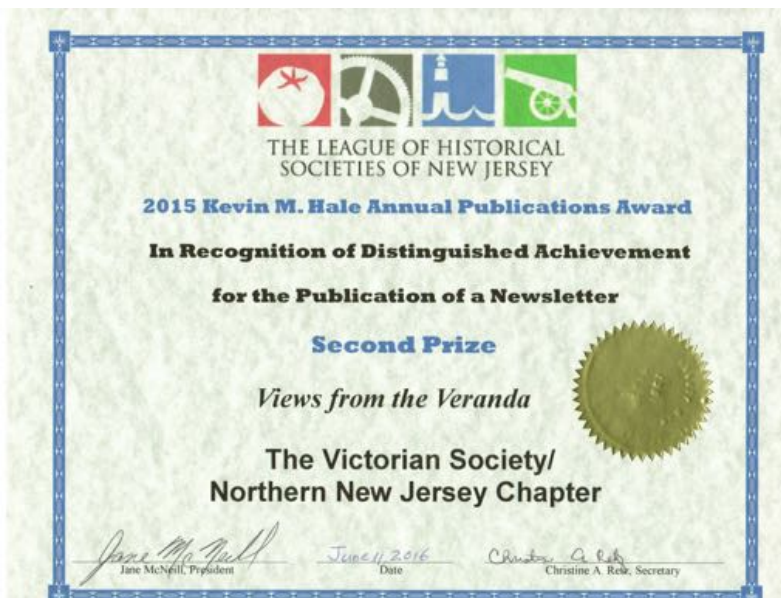


*"...Attending the Newport School is a once-in-a-lifetime first-person learning opportunity that will bolster my education and I am forever thankful for the generous support of the Northern New Jersey Chapter which has made this opportunity possible..."*

*- Sarah Mezzino*

The national VSA scholarship fund provides for qualified candidates to participate in the internationally acclaimed VSA summer school programs held in Newport, Chicago or London. These are rigorous in-depth studies of nineteenth century architecture, art, landscape and preservation. Our chapter holds an silent auction every year in March to benefit this scholarship fund.

We received this gracious thank you note from Sarah Mezzino, our award recipient this year.



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*"Just before the death of flowers, And before they are buried in snow, There comes a festival season When nature is all aglow."*



*Author unknown*