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2018 Archives and History Day is Oct. 13 at Library HQ

Monmouth County Historic Buildings to be highlighted

MANALAPAN, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon announced that the County Clerk's 23rd Annual Archives and History Day will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters located at 125 Symmes Drive in Manalapan.

“The planning for the 2018 Archives and History Day is nearing completion,” said Clerk Hanlon. “This great event provides the opportunity to learn about the history of Monmouth County, with a specific focus on Monmouth County buildings, past and present.”

This year's exhibit and catalog is entitled 'Buildings in Monmouth: Stories and Styles,' and was painstakingly prepared over the past year by the County Clerk's Archives Division, under the direction of Archivist Gary D. Saretzky, along with several volunteer historians who contributed to the content of the exhibit and catalog.

“From hundreds of possible buildings to feature in our annual exhibit, we have selected an important sample that includes both the well-known and the long forgotten,” Monmouth County Archivist Gary D. Saretzky said. “The exhibit will highlight examples of both the grand and the utilitarian, some noted for their architectural fireworks and others for their quiet simplicity.”

Archives and History Day on Oct. 13 will feature a History Forum with a panel of historians who helped prepare the exhibit. The event will also include a history game with prizes and more than 60 exhibitors from across New Jersey showcasing and promoting their roles in preserving and promoting history.

President Ulysses S. Grant, portrayed by Richard Hill, will reminisce about his time spent in Long Branch at 10 a.m. During the plenary session from 11 a.m. to noon, the M. Claire French Award for Leadership in Historic Preservation will be presented to the Preservation Alliance of Spring Lake and the Jane G. Clayton Award to historian Kevin Coyne.

“Both of these recipients are very deserving of recognition and it is my honor to present these awards to community leaders who have made a lasting mark in Monmouth County,” Clerk Hanlon said.

In addition, the Innovative Archives Award, sponsored by the New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, will be presented to the New Brunswick Music Scene Archives at Rutgers. The Barbara Carver Smith Award of the Monmouth County Genealogy Society will honor Judy Bretzger this year. The Roger McDonough Librarianship Award winner and the winners of the County Clerk’s 2nd Annual Photography Contest have yet to be announced.

At 1 p.m., Keynote Speaker Gail Hunton, Chief, Acquisition & Design Department, Monmouth County Park System, will address the topic, “Open Spaces, Historic Places: The Story of Monmouth County in Our Parks.” At 2 p.m., there will be a drawing for numerous prizes for those who participate in an easy and informative history game based on the exhibit.

During the week after the Saturday event, there will be various programs, beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. with a screening of Alfred Hitchcock’s Rebecca (1940). On Oct. 17 beginning at 10 a.m., Kimberly Avagliano, Chief Librarian & Branch Manager, Monmouth County Library—Eastern Branch, will give a lecture, “Dog-eared and Dusty?: How to Organize and Care for Your Home Library.” At 1 p.m., Kristen Norbut, Historic Preservation Specialist, Monmouth County Park System, will address “...and all the improvements thereon”: Reading Historic Alterations in the Frame Dwellings in Monmouth County.”

“This year’s events will entertain anyone who is interested in history, as well as professional historians,” said Clerk Hanlon. “Bring the family, enjoy the exhibits and learn something new about the history of Monmouth County and New Jersey!”

A complete schedule of Archives and History Week events and an exhibit catalog can be found on the Monmouth County Archives Division website at MonmouthCountyClerk.com/Archives.

For additional information on the 2018 Archives and History Day, contact the Monmouth County Archives at 732-308-3771, ext. 3772 or email CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us.

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