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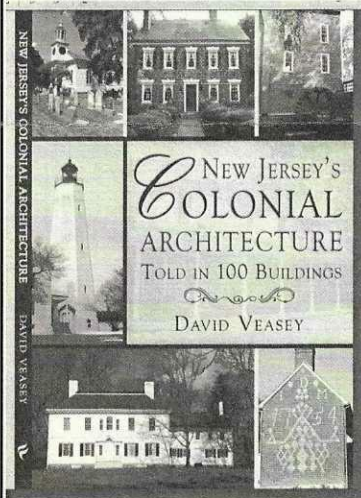
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We meet on the third Monday of January, April, July, and October - at 7:00pm in the Library

NOTE MEETING DATE CHANGE- Please note- The Library will be closed on January 16th in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday. Our meeting date has been moved up to Monday January 9th at 7:00pm.

DISCOVERING NEW JERSEY'S COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE- New Jersey's wide variety of 17th and 18th century extant architecture is the focus of an illustrated talk by David Veasey at OUR January General Meeting. The talk is based on Veasey's book, New Jersey's Colonial Architecture Told in 100 Buildings.

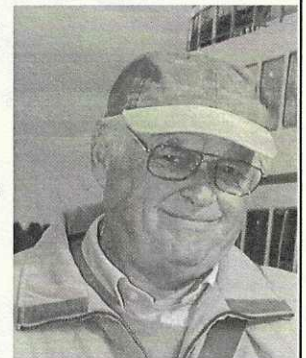


In this the most crowded and developed state in the union, a substantial number of buildings remain from our colonial past, including the Royal Governor's Mansion in Perth Amboy, the still functioning Black Horse Inn in Mendham, the meetinghouse style Fairfield Presbyterian Church in Salem County, to Nassau Hall on the grounds of Princeton University, to Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, to the Sandy Hook Lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse in the country. And the past isn't really dead, several of our contemporary architectural styles can trace their roots to the Colonial Era.

New Jersey's first settlement began in 1636 when Dutch residents of Manhattan crossed the Hudson River and built houses in what is now Jersey City Heights. Swedes and other Scandinavians began moving into the southern part of the state several years later in 1643 from their initial base in Wilmington, Delaware. Eventually, the Dutch and Swedes lost their possessions to the English. The English settlement in Elizabeth in 1664 marks the official founding of New Jersey. (350 years in September 2014)

Sandwiched between Philadelphia and New York City, Benjamin Franklin's proverbial barrel tapped at both ends, New Jersey often doesn't get due credit for its contributions to colonial and early American life, including its rich and diverse architectural heritage. This diverse architecture reflects its early settlers who were the most varied in all the colonies, except perhaps for New York City, coming from The Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, France, Ireland, Scotland, and a number of English regions, with each group bringing their building traditions with them.

David Veasey, our January meeting speaker, is a life-long New Jersey resident and has given illustrated talks all over the state. He has also written other books about the state. Veasey lives in Morris Plains, and was graduated from Drew University, Madison, and holds a Master's Degree from New York University. Veasey has worked as a writer his entire career.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! I wish everyone a healthy 2017!!!!!!!

In 1592 William Shakespeare, in Henry VI, Part 1 describes winter, "after summer evermore succeeds/ Barren winter, with his wrathful nipping cold." I hope to see all of you in the nice warm Haddon Heights Library on Monday, January 9. Doug Michell has planned another informative program which is described in the publication. The Haddon Heights Historical Society is fortunate to have a small core of dedicated and hard working members. BUT, we do need YOU to help us. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider volunteering. We need a secretary and a publicity person. Please contact me or any board member if you would like to volunteer. See you on January 9!!!!!!!!!!!!!! *Elena Hill*

HISTORY ON VACATION I have to admit it. I am a history nut. Wherever I go, I look for signs of the past. When I walk down the streets of a city, I don't look at what is on display in the storefronts, I gaze up in search of the original architectural features of the buildings. I am always excited to spot the remains of old fashioned painted advertising signs on buildings. My wife and I have been fortunate to be able to travel quite a bit. With the exception of a Rhine River Cruise (tour), every trip has been one where we hit the ground, pick up our rental car and venture out to explore the culture, architecture, customs, food and the people of a new and unfamiliar place or country.



Here in the USA, we have a somewhat short-sighted view of history. By the time the ink was drying on our Declaration of Independence, world and European history had been in play for millennia. Here, we marvel at buildings standing for 200 years. In Rudesheim Germany along the Rhine River, Siegfried's Music Box Museum boasts a stone floor laid in the year 1000A.D. In Rome, you can stand in the Colosseum, which was completed in the year 78 A.D. History is definitely worth preserving, in my opinion!

While we are primarily independent travelers striking out on our own, I have to say that if you want to see a tremendous accumulation of real medieval castles, I don't think you can beat the views from a Rhine River Cruise ship. You travel along the same trade route that has been used for centuries. The Rhine was a major

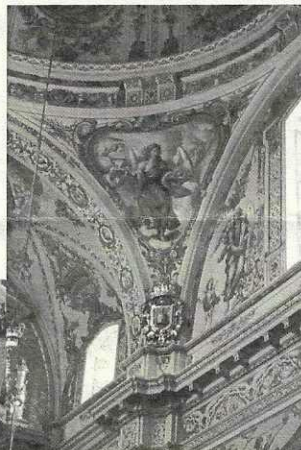
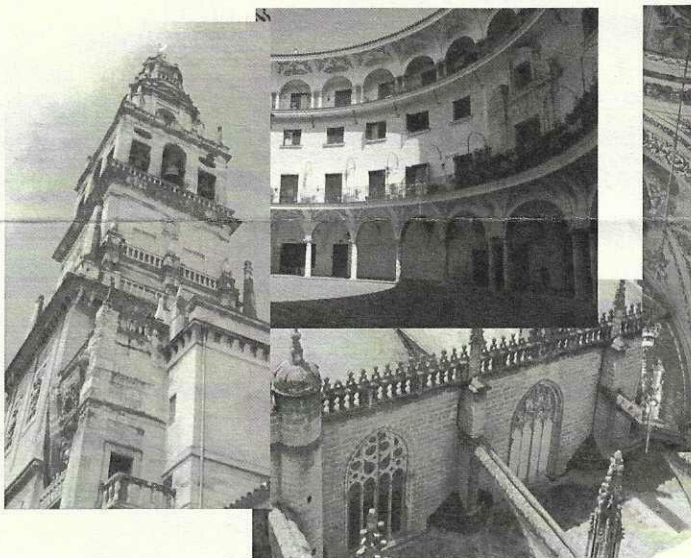
part of European economic history. At one point you cruise past a boat-shaped "toll booth" built right in the middle of the river. It was pretty effective in collecting revenues for the land barons, by stretching a chain across the river preventing ships from passing until they satisfied the fee.



Spain is a country with a rich history of many shared cultures. In 1492 when King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella sent Christopher Columbus on his historic voyage across the Atlantic, the Spanish monarchs were busy retaking their country from the Moors. The Moors had come from North Africa 700 years earlier and spread throughout the southern portion of Spain. They ruled a multi-cultural land and built many magnificent Mosques, often incorporating former Catholic churches in their construction. Ferdinand and Isabella were in power and drove the "Reconquista" as it is called. When Columbus Died, his body was laid to rest several times, in several locations, including the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean Sea. His final resting place is in the grand Cathedral in Granada, Spain, where his tomb is held aloft by large statues representing the four historical kingdoms of Spain.



I guess my point is, that history is all around us. Wherever we go there are things that reflect the past stories of the people, the buildings, the cultures, and the land. The next time you take a trip somewhere, whether it be near or far, take time to look around you for those telltale signs left behind by those who went before you. Happy travels!!!!



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I would also like to make a tax deductible donation to the Haddon Heights Historical Society, in the amount of \$ _____

Coming Events

1/9/17- 7:00pm- HH Historical Society Gen. Membership Meeting- Library

4/17/17- 7:00pm- HH Historical Society Gen. Membership Meeting- Library

4/1/17- League of Historical Societies of NJ meeting: Wheaton Village, Millville, Cumberland Co.

6/10/17- League of Historical Societies of NJ meeting: Liberty Hall, Union County

7/17/17- HH Historical Society Gen. Membership Meeting- Library

Contact Peter Hill for more information about LHSNJ Meetings

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If you provide us your e-mail address, you will also electronically receive a full color copy of each edition of the newsletter.

HADDON HEIGHTS BOOK- The Society's book "Haddon Heights-The Ideal Suburb" is available at the Library. This book has hours of enjoyable reading with reminiscences. Only \$20.00

Just a reminder...The Haddon Heights Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization. Please keep us in mind as you plan your charitable donations. Make us part of Your Legacy...

Wow !!! 2017...Another year has begun challenging each of us to right the wrongs of the past and opportunities to fulfill the dreams of yesterday. Tell your story to the next generations. Let's continue to do our share to "Remember Yesterday for the people of tomorrow"...

Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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