

Tuckerton Historical Society Presentation Schedule 2022

Each presentation will be at the Tuckerton Quaker Meeting House unless otherwise indicated.

March 26-

Old Barnegat--The late Fred Watts, Barnegat's official historian, had collected an extensive photo documentary of that town and it's fascinating history. His son, Curtis Watts, will share that collection with us in a slide show and talk. In the 1800s' and early 1900s', Barnegat and Tuckerton were the largest towns 'down shore' and had a basketball and baseball rivalry.

April 16-

Chief Park Naturalist German Georgeiff of the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation will give a slide show and talk about the Tuckerton Railroad. It was one of several lines in Ocean County, but the only one to lie entirely within the county. His travelogue will visit what remains of this long-abandoned railroad, which contributed greatly to the growth and development of the southern part of the county and especially to that of Long Beach Island.

May 21-

Author William J. Lewis will speak on his latest book "New Jersey's Lost Piney Culture." Lewis explains what a Piney is and the vibrant culture and industry they established working the natural landscape around them. Foraging skills learned from the local Lenapes were passed down through generations of Piney families. As the state government sought to preserve the Pine Barrens and develop the region, Piney culture was frequently threatened and stigmatized. Author and advocate William J. Lewis charts the history of the Pineys, what being a Piney means today and their legacy among the beauty of the Pine Barrens.

June 11-

Defense of Little Egg harbor-- Dale Denda, exec. director at AEHHS, a historical society, and a Senior Fellow at a Washington area think tank has done extensive research on the colonial and revolutionary period in our area. He writes: " The 3-week military campaign in October 1778 brought to fame by Count Casimir Pulaski, reveals, when carefully examined, a dimly understood, nearly-secret 5-year saga centered on the port of Little Egg harbor which dramatically links it to the American Founders in Philadelphia in a way that puts Little Egg harbor at center stage. The story reaches Epic Proportions when fully uncovered. You've never seen Little Egg harbor in the Revolution like this before."

July 9-

Encore presentation, Sean Kinnevy, clerk of the Society of Friends talks about the Little Egg Harbor meeting and the Society's importance as the first religious group to settle in Tuckerton/Little Egg Harbor.

Aug 6-

War of 1812--Jeff Brown, local historian and teacher at PRHS will present "The Life of a Soldier" during the War of 1812 between the U.S. and Great Britain's Canada. This presentation will explain the clothing, food and sacrifices the soldiers endured.

Sept 10-

The 47th Ye Old Clamtown Antique Flea Market is planned at Tip Seaman Park from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Usually over 70 vendors plus food truck and THS booth with books, clothes, 50/50 and more for sale.

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Oct 1-

Tuckerton History 101--Joel Mott, Principal Public Programs Specialist for the New Jersey Pinelands Commission will give a talk on the cultural and historical resources of the region. A lifelong resident whose family goes back generations in the Tuckerton/Little Egg Harbor communities he will add personal insight to the program.

Nov 5-

Authors and historians from the Bay Shore Center in Bivalve will give a talk on the history of the AJ Meerwald, a former oyster harvester sailing vessel that is now the state's official Tall ship. View the short film "Changing Tides" to find out why New Jersey was the "Oyster Capital of the World". They will also share highlights from the new book The AJ Meerwald and New Jersey's Oyster Industry that charts the history of New Jersey's Delaware Bay oysters and the historic ship, 1928 Schooner AJ Meerwald. Following the talk there will be a book signing with one (or both!) authors. Books will be available for purchase.

Dec -

Annual Christmas Party with Clam Chowder and Cookies at the Quaker Meeting House. Date to be announced.

This year because of COVID-19 seating requirements, the Society of Friends in Little Egg Harbor have offered to host the THS programs in their historic meeting house. All programs are held on Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Due to limited seating reservations are required. To reserve for each program call 609-294-1547. A \$5 donation for nonmembers is appreciated.

To see our new library section: visit the Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum, 35 Leitz Boulevard and Wisteria Lane, off Route 9 S. in Little Egg Harbor on any Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.