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## **Kingston Historical Society Annual Meeting to Feature Film *Farming in the Millstone Valley: Past & Present***

**7:30 pm Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
at the Kingston Firehouse**

After a very brief business meeting, the Program will include a showing of the film *Farming in the Millstone Valley: Past and Present* – a project of the Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition, of which KHS is a participating organization.

The Millstone Valley of central New Jersey, settled by Dutch farmers three centuries ago, helped New Jersey earn its Garden State nickname, and became the breadbasket of a booming New York City metropolis. That story, culminating in today's farm-to-table movement, is told in this documentary film.

*Farming in the Millstone Valley: Past & Present*, is a 35-minute video documentary based on a historic account by Jessie Lynn Havens of Montgomery Township, and made by the Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition of Rocky Hill in association with the Van Harlingen Historical Society of Montgomery.

Kingston residents will be delighted to find mention and images of Kingston, Princeton Nurseries, Rockingham and easily recognized local restaurants.

After the film, Carlo and Raoul Momo will give a post film note *The Farm to Table Movement* - a feature of the film and which the Terra Momo Restaurants, including Eno Terra in Kingston, are outstanding examples.

The film was premiered at the Garden Theatre in Princeton in June, but to the disappointment of many was sold out. For those disappointed in June this is an opportunity to see the film.<sup>1</sup>

The meeting is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

In coordination with the Annual Meeting a display on Kingston's Farms can be seen on weekends, October through November at the Locktender's House.

## **KHS Annual Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting: Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**



PLEASE JOIN US. Sunday, December 2, 2017  
3:30 – 5:30 pm at the Kingston Lock-tender's House on the D & R Canal at Old Route 27

Meet KHS members, friends and neighbors while enjoying holiday refreshments and Kingston Garden Club decorations. Tree lighting at 5:00 pm.

1. The New Jersey State/Somerset County History Partnership provided a large portion of the funding for this film, along with local businesses and individuals who value the Valley's great agricultural history."

## **Kingston's Businesses walk/talk led by George Luck**

Postponed this spring, due to weather, the walking tour was held on Saturday October 6, 2018.

The walk started at the Kingston Presbyterian Church, continued on Main Street and down the hill to the Kingston Basin area, ending at the Kingston Locktender's House. A series of old newspaper articles assembled by Ceil Leedom and artifacts assembled by George Luck related to Kingston's Businesses were on display and Paul Kayne's study models of the lock and former "A" Frame bridge were demonstrated.



Once again George Luck, Jr. demonstrated his deep knowledge of Kingston history as he talked about past businesses and told about their owners and

history. These businesses represent a time when Kingston was dependent on local merchants to supply groceries to shoes and to meet the needs of emerging businesses in the automotive era.

A display on Kingston's past businesses. remains in the Locktender's House on weekends through October and November.

**Visit KHS's website: [www.khsnj.org](http://www.khsnj.org)**

Our webmaster, Doug Miller, has placed new material on the site.

## **KHS 2018 Spring Program Meeting**

On June 5, 2018, historian and author Clifford W. Zink presented *The Roebling Legacy*. The Brooklyn Bridge – the “universal symbol of New York” – and the great cables on the George Washington and Golden Gate Bridges, the Roeblings and the thousands of their employees in Trenton and Roebling, N.J., helped shape modern life, built one of America's best company towns – “a model in every respect” – and created America's first sports car, the Mercer Raceabout.

The program was funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities

A display on *The Roebling Legacy* was mounted in the Kingston Locktender's House earlier this year.

## **KHS Historic Contribution Award.**

At its Spring Program, KHS gave a special Historic Contribution Awarded to Ceil Leedom for her longtime tireless service to our Society and the Kingston Community through her extensive historical research, engaging exhibits and newsletters documenting and displaying the history of Kingston and its environs, She has tirelessly and cheerfully served as the Society's Secretary and organizer of archives and events for many years.

## **Princeton Nurseries Historic District is Now on the National Register**

The District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It had already been placed on the New Jersey Register in 2008.

## **Questions on the Millstone River:**

1. Where are the headwaters of the Millstone River?
2. Where does the Millstone River cross Route 130?
3. What creeks empty into the Millstone River?
4. Where does the Stony Brook merge with the Millstone River?
5. Where does the Millstone River merge with the Raritan River?

Answers will be placed on [www.khsnj.org](http://www.khsnj.org) in December.

**The Kingston Locktender's House is open  
on weekends and major holidays,  
10 am – 5pm, through October and from  
10 am to 4 pm in November.**

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