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BATTLE OF IRON WORKS HILL RE-ENACTMENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Join us for Guest Bartender Night at
Dempster's Sports Pub and Restaurant
437 Pine Street (near Route 38), Mt. Holly
Monday, December 3 from 6 pm to 8 pm**

The Prison Museum Association is proud to sponsor the 2012 Re-enactment of The Battle of Iron Works Hill on Saturday, December 8, 2012. The event is organized by PMA Board member Ian Johns. Visitors can watch the past come alive with demonstrations of artillery and muskets, music and camp life. Several historic sites will be open for free. Other demonstrations and presentations will be offered throughout the day. There's something for everybody. See Page 4 for further details.

Stop by Dempster's Sports Pub and Restaurant on Monday December 3 for Guest Bartender Night. Both Patriots and Loyalists will serve up the drinks in period costumes. Tips and the proceeds from a 50/50 raffle will defray costs of IWH.

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Please help us preserve and promote the Prison Museum by joining the PMA. Our annual dues are only \$15(individual)/\$25 (family). Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, event updates, 10% off gift shop purchases, and free admission to the museum. Go on website for an application.

FIRST NIGHT BURLINGTON COUNTY

The PMA is also proud to help sponsor First Night Mt. Holly, which is not just the only fun, safe, affordable New Year's Eve Community celebration in our County, but is also the only event in the world featuring the animal of the upcoming lunar calendar. From 6 pm to 9 pm this December 31, we will be sliding into 2013, the Year of the Snake, with a

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HAUNTED PRISON 2012 A SUCCESS!

The Exercise Yard rocked again this year as 3900 brave souls experienced what is becoming one of the best-known haunt events in the Delaware Valley. PMA Board member Clark Bish, along with PMA members Jim Reed and Ken

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unique blend of live music, dance, comedy, kids art workshops, Prison Museum tours (the Museum is open for free), DJ and street performers, ending with the Miller Subaru fireworks at 9:30 pm, all set in historic Mount Holly. PMA Board member Regan Young organizes the festivities.

Now, more than ever, folks need a family-friendly way to usher in the coming year with hope and enthusiasm. Entry buttons are two for \$13; proceeds benefit downtown revitalization. For more information, log onto www.MainStreetMountHolly.com.

HAUNTED PRISON (continued from Page 1)

Orangers, produce the Haunted Prison. They outdo themselves every year. The PMA extends its heartfelt thanks not only to our devoted producers, but also to the cast and crew who make it all possible. Their talent and energy is nothing short of extraordinary. The incredible sets, special effects, make-up, costumes, themes and acting are all top-notch.

The Haunted Prison is not only the primary source of revenue for the PMA, but it is also our most important and effective promotional tool. The money raised by the PMA is used to promote the site through a website, publications, films, lectures, artifacts and exhibits. We are also able to help sponsor terrific events like Iron Works Hill and First Night, which not only benefit the public, but also bring people to our site.

Through the Haunted Prison, we are also able to support and promote other businesses and organizations in our county, such as Daddy O's Dairy Bar in Marlton, The Patti Wagon Food Truck, Miss Lilly's Séance Parlor in Mount Holly, the Westampton Indoor Soccer Team and the Mt. Holly Fire Department.

Finally, of course, we thank the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, which has been a constant source of encouragement and support with regard to the Haunt and all our endeavors. The Haunt is a unique example of how government, volunteers and private enterprise can work together for the public good.

SPECIAL THANKS TO RISOLDI'S AUTOMOTIVE

Risoldi's Automotive stores our hearse each year for free and provides us with other invaluable encouragement and support. Located in Eastampton, their services include light, medium and heavy duty towing and recovery, lock outs, jump starts, equipment moving and repairs. Phone: 609-518-5325. See their website, www.risoldis.com for some great photos!

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Kenny Orangers - Producer

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Jennifer Bloomberg - Line control

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Actor Support
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Billy Barton - Line Entertainment
Ron Milkie - Line Entertainment
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Jim Webb - Shank
Geoff "Pig" Cox - Prison Guard
Thaddeus Riley - Prison Guard
Matt McHale - Barbwire
Daphnie McHale - Prisoner
Corey Opperman - Gas Chamber
Nick Moyer - Prisoner
Gustav - Prisoner
Krystel Kehr - Dentist/Doctor
Ryan Haines - Dentist
Jennifer Harvison - Evil Doctor
Megan Fields - Doll Room
Ryan Slocum - The Jackal

Kevin Hughey - Clown Room
Nina Fisk - Zombie
Al Fisk - Zombie
Richard Bissonnette - Grim Reaper Statue
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Jessie Miller - Evil Bride
Rachel Littrell - Girl in Cage
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Allen Williams - Wasteland
Michael "Mutney" Phelan - Wasteland
Cori Gipson - Wasteland
Scott Ryan - Claustrophobia
Brandon Moyer - Smoke Area
Aaron Fisher - Smoke Area
Patrick Orangers - Smoke Area
Doug Leonard - Smoke Area
Paul Hullings - Chainsaw
Austin Gest - Chainsaw

Rancocas Valley High School Dance Team
performing Michael Jackson's Thriller
and The Time Warp

Stacy Reed - Haunt Momma, Actor Support,
Set Decoration, Set Caterer,
Chief Production Assistant

IRON WORKS HILL 2012

Come find out how a little skirmish in Bridgetown (now known as Mt. Holly) helped George Washington win the Battle of Trenton and turn the tide of the Revolutionary War. Invite all your neighbors, friends and relatives. We need volunteers - email us at pma1811@verizon.net if you are interested in helping. We also need firewood and would appreciate any donations; call Prison Museum Attendant Marisa at 609-265-5828 or 609-265-5476 for details.

Included in the day's events:

10 am: Demonstration of field cooking in the front yard of the Museum by Mercy Ingraham.

11 am: Author John Nagy will speak on his book "Spies of Philadelphia" in the Warden's House. This recently renovated structure attached to the Jail houses an art collection.

11 am and 1 pm: New recruit drilling exercises will be held for children of all ages at the Jail.

Throughout the day: Mike Kochan will demonstrate a 100-calibre wall gun in Mill Race Village. "Sutlers" display and sell 18th century goods at the Prison Museum. The Museum is open all day for free as will be the Shinn Curtis Log Cabin. This early settler's home of hand-hewn logs was uncovered in 1967.

Noon: Stacy Roth will present a "Revolutionary Tea" at the Friends Meeting House. This unique costumed presentation includes tea lore, history, songs, poetry and a living history display and demonstration. It is funded by the Horizons Speaker Bureau of the NJ Council for the Humanities

1 pm: Ned Hector will present "A Visitor from the Past and Hero of Brandywine" at the Old Schoolhouse on Brainerd Street, the oldest schoolhouse in the country on its original foundation. Owned by the Colonial Dames, this wonderful site will also be open for free during the day.

The highlight of the day is an artillery demonstration at 2:30 pm at the Museum, followed by a running battle through the street of Mount Holly that ends in Monroe Street Park (across the Rancocas Creek from Iron Works Hill, from which Continental artillery exchanged fire with Hessian cannons atop the Mount in December, 1776).

For additional information go on www.IronWorksHill.org or contact the Prison Museum Association at pma1811@verizon.net.



The Re-enactment of the Battle of Iron Works Hill. The annual commemoration features Crown and Continental soldiers and artillery at the Prison Museum and Mill Race Village. Historic sites will be open for free and presentations of interest to all ages will be made throughout the day. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2012.



First Night Burlington County

December 31, 2011

First Night, during which the New Year is celebrated through visual and performing arts, appeals to a broad range of folks from around Burlington County and beyond: families and friends, adults and children, residents and visitors.

Now in its fourteenth year, **FNBC 2012** is expected to be a sell-out event, as it was last year.

THE FOUNDING FATHERS – Plastic Saints?

Although we usually entertain our readers with stories about the Jail's colorful inmates, we generally tone it down a little for the last issue of the year. As we approach the holidays and the Commemoration of the Battle of Iron Works Hill, we think about how our country was formed and those who formed it.

We rightfully revere our founding fathers. They were truly extraordinary human beings. But they were in fact human beings. It is important for us to remember this not only because it brings history alive for us, but also because it shows us that we, too, are capable of great achievements.

Uxorious Connecticut Constitution Writers

“I believe the older men grow, the more uneasy they are from their wives. Mr. Sherman (age 66) and Dr. Johnson (59) are both run home for a short family visit. As I am a third younger (42) than they are, I calculate to hold out a third longer, which will carry me to about the last of August.”

Oliver Ellsworth to his wife, Abigail Ellsworth, July 21, 1787, explaining when he would be home from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. He was a Senator from Connecticut and the third Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He left Philadelphia on August 23.

A Sober, Staid Financier

A daughter of New Jersey Governor William Livingston had appealed to Alexander Hamilton to persuade General Washington to allow several of her friends living in British-occupied New York to come to Elizabeth, New Jersey for a visit.

“I can hardly forgive an application to my humanity, to induce me to exert my influence in an affair in which ladies are concerned, and especially when you are of the party. Had you appealed to my friendship, or to my gallantry, it would have been irresistible. I should have thought myself bound to have set prudence and policy at defiance, and even to have attacked windmills in your ladyship's service. I am not sure, but my imagination would have gone so far as to have fancied New York and enchanted castle – the three ladies, so many fair damsels ravished from their friends, and held in captivity by the spells of some wicked magician – General (Sir Henry) Clinton's huge giant placed as keeping the gates and myself a laborious knight, destined to be their champion and deliver.”

Alexander Hamilton to Miss Livingston, March 18, 1779. (They did not get the requested permission.)

Dropping By For A Casual Visit

Martha must have loved this.

"And now, my dear General, I know not of anything that will prevent me, very soon, from paying a visit to Mt. Vernon and a visit for the winter. I propose coming with my servant and horses. I should have been apprehensive occasioning too much trouble, had I not believed your unequivocal and warm expressions of kindness and friendship were the indications of a cordial reception."

David Humphries to George Washington, September 28, 1787.

Duty First

"As I shall be absent from the next Supreme Court, obvious considerations urge me to mention to you the reasons of it. Early in the next month, I expect an addition to my family. Mrs. Jay's delicate health renders that event so interesting that although she is now much better, I cannot prevail upon myself to be then at a distance from her."

Chief Justice John Jay to President Washington, January 27, 1792.

A Stay at Home Husband

"There now appears a prospect of Papa's (William Samuel Johnson) settling in New York at the College (Kings, now Columbia) and determined to abide by their appointment and Mamma says that she can then know where to find Papa when circumscribed by the walls of the college."

Elizabeth Johnson Ver Plank to Samuel William Johnson, her brother, August 7, 1787. Prior to this, Johnson had been away from his family more than he had been home. An attorney, he represented the Connecticut colony in England from 1767 to 1771. He was a great patriot during the Revolution and served in the Congress of the Confederation from 1785 to 1787.

A Simple Sailor

"This is the most ambitious and intriguing officer in the American Navy. (John Paul) Jones has Art and Secrecy, and aspires very high. Eccentricities and irregularities are to be expected from him. They are in his character, they are in his eyes. His voice is soft and still and small, his eye has keenness and wildness and softness in it."

John Adams' Diary, capturing the essence of John Paul Jones

Who wore the pants in the King family?

"Let me entreat you, as you regard the interest of your Country and your reputation, to be here by the time the (Massachusetts Ratifying) Convention opens. You can have no idea of the necessity of it. The Business will lag very much and people will say that you are an alien, a stranger who will not trouble yourself about the matter. The opposition from the Western Counties will be unanimous and violent, the utmost candor and prudence will be required to guide and abate it. You know some of our friends are not good steersman. Most of the Eastern (Maine) members are wrong; nobody can deal with them as well as you. Mr. (Sam) Adams will not be right and Doctor Jarvis I am concerned about. Pray persuade (the about to deliver her first child) Mrs. King to consent. You can never have a greater call."

Nathaniel Gorham (Mass. Delegate) to Rufus King (Mass. Delegate), December 29, 1787

Neat and Orderly

"I believe you will find it among the loose papers on the right hand division of the second drawer in my desk and bookcases ... and where it is I don't remember; it lay among the loose papers in one of the dining room windows, which, a little before, I left home, I tied up in a bundle and I believe put into one of the pigeon holes in the bookcase in the dining room, but I am not certain."

George Mason to his son, George Mason Jr., June 1, 1787, in a letter requesting a paper on equalizing Virginia's property tax.

A Passionate Romantic

"The day after you left us, Dr. R. (Benjamin Rush) was introduced to me, but I heard nothing of the design of his visit till I received your letter... It surprised me not a little, as I never had the least suspicion from his behavior. In about a week after, Mama received a letter from Dr. R begging to know whether there was any obstacle in the way of a prior engagement (which he had heard was the case) and whether he might have permission to make himself agreeable. He was answered that there was no engagement, but that I was at my own disposal entirely, that they would never say a word to influence me in behalf of any man whatsoever. However, he soon found the way to make himself agreeable, and every day I am more acquainted with him I have found him the more-so. We were married the 11th day of January."

Julia Stockton Rush to Samuel Stockton, her uncle, March 1776. A graduate of Princeton, Benjamin Rush went on to receive his medical degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He signed the Declaration of Independence and founded Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was the surgeon general for Washington's Continental Army. He and Julia had 13 children, nine of whom survived their first year.

On the Worth of Advising a Widowed Daughter-in-law on Remarriage

"I never did, nor do I believe I ever shall give advice to a woman who is setting out on a matrimonial voyage. First, because I never could advise her to marry without her own consent, and secondly because it is of no purpose to advise her to refrain when she has obtained it. A woman very rarely asks an opinion on such occasion till her resolution is formed, and then it is with the hope and expectation of obtaining a sanction, not that she means to be governed by your disapprobation that she applies."

September 20, 1783. George Washington to his cousin, Lund Washington, who interceded on behalf of Eleanor Custis, widow of Martha's son, John Parke Custis.

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