

# PRISON MUSEUM POST

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## **BATTLE OF IRON WORKS HILL - Saturday, Dec. 14 GUEST BARTENDER NIGHT AT DEMPSTER'S - Mon., Dec. 9**

The PMA is a proud sponsor of the annual commemoration of the *Battle of Iron Works Hill*, organized by PMA Board Member **Ian Johns**. Go on [www.ironworkshill.org](http://www.ironworkshill.org) for a list of the day's activities staged throughout Mt. Holly. Included are dancing and cooking demonstrations, children's musket drills, vendors and exhibits. This is not to be missed. There's something for all ages, and it's all free! New this year will be a concert of music from the 18<sup>th</sup> century at the beautiful, historic Friends Meeting House. The Prison Museum will be open all day for free. The event is topped off in the afternoon with the "battle" through the streets of Mt. Holly, starting at the Prison Museum. Come learn about our County's special role in the birth of our nation.

Please stop by *Dempster's Sports Bar and Restaurant* on Monday, Dec. 9 from 6 to 8 pm for Guest Bartender Night. Guest bartenders dressed in period clothing will donate their tips to defray the cost of the event. Come for drinks and/or dinner: 437 Pine Street (just north of Route 38) in Mt. Holly.

## **CLEARANCE SALE! 40% OFF!**

All Prison Museum Gift Shop items costing over \$5 will be 40% off between December 14 and New Year's Eve. Our books, tee-shirts and other items make for unique holiday gifts!

The Prison Museum will be open on New Year's Eve as part of **First Night Mount Holly**, a fun, safe, affordable way to welcome 2014, the Year of the Snake. Go on [www.mainstreetmountholly.com](http://www.mainstreetmountholly.com) for further information.

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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 the website for an application.

# HAUNT 2013 RUNDOWN

The PMA gratefully acknowledges all those who made this year's Haunted Prison another success. We got off to a bad start when rain closed us the first night. We were able to open the next night only after pumping out the Exercise Yard, flooded by the previous night's deluge. A nice line had formed out front, all the actors were made up and on their marks, the ticket booth was humming with the help of a new computerized cash register, the disc jockey was cranking it up, and we were ready to rock 'n roll. Unfortunately, our new electric system wasn't as ready. When the switch was pulled, a third of the show blacked out. Undaunted, our producers did what they do best - improvise. And the show went on, as it must.

The creativity and energy of the actors, producers and crew is nothing short of remarkable. Performances by the Rancocas Valley Dance Team and the ever popular Frank "Cuddles" Staff delighted those waiting in line. Our newest actor, Adam Rockhill, and our youngest actor, Draven Murter, were real crowd-pleasers. Draven's dad, Dan "Grin" Murter, is a force to be reckoned with. Tim Bozarth scared the daylights out of those brave enough to enter the Blood Shed. Avery Reed, daughter of producer Jim Reed, was a toddler when the first Haunted Prison was staged nine years ago; this year she debuted along with Kayla Murter as the Creepy Girls in the Hellbilly House. The actors and crew are like a family. Our congratulations and best wishes go to two of the actors, Megan Fields and Mark Cunard, who took a night off to get married.

## THIS 'N THAT

We hope you enjoy this issue's historic piece and thank PMA Vice President Dave Kimball for preparing it. This is the time of year we reflect upon the American Revolution, in particular, December of 1776, when General George Washington and a group of some of the most daring men who ever walked the planet crossed the Delaware and defeated the British at Trenton. We remember also Burlington County's crucial role in this military campaign which paved the way for the birth of our great country.

We thank our members for their support and wish them and all our readers a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

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## BURLINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT DURING THE REVOLUTION

By David A. Kimball, PMA Vice-President

Few of us realize how thoroughly disruptive the Revolution was for Burlington County. Settled by Quakers and Anglicans, neutrals and Tories outnumbered the county's patriots, making governing difficult during the conflict. The eastern townships, bordered by the Atlantic and the Mullica, were continually threatened by British navy raiding parties. The Western townships were invaded by Hessians in late 1776. During the winter of 1777-78, they fell under the guns of British warships in the Delaware and British forces seeking food and supplies. Clinton's army marched through them in June 1778. Paper money, long the primary medium of exchange, suffered disastrous inflation as the Confederation and the states tried paying for the war by printing money. (Sound familiar?) Among the results:

- The Freeholders (two each from the eleven townships) had trouble getting quorums, couldn't meet at all between June 1777 and March 1779, and were largely eclipsed by ad hoc revolutionary committees.
- The townships, which were responsible for collecting county taxes, fell into arrears. Not until 1790 did a committee of Freeholders provide a detailed report on how much each township owed, and since the sums owed were so large, recommended installment payments.

- Little Egg Harbor petitioned the state legislature to be excused from paying the war-time taxes it owed because neither Congress nor the state had protected it. The freeholders voted a counter-petition – the failures of state and nation shouldn't be paid for by the other Burlington County townships.
- In 1790, a Freeholder Board committee found that it's former tax collector, Thomas Fenimore, was using over £4,000 reimbursed to the county by the state as his own, and was even collecting interest on it. The County sued, and won a judgment against Fenimore for £1,340 plus costs. The U.S. had also sued him, and won £5,000 plus costs.

Fenimore deserves some sympathy. Almost every state and the Continental Congress printed its own money and Spanish, French, British and Dutch currency and coin also circulated. As did all other New Jersey businessmen, Fenimore not only had to keep track of inflation, but of the constantly fluctuating comparative values of maybe twenty or more media of exchange – without a computer or *The Wall Street Journal*!

On the final determination as to what each township owed the county for unpaid war-time taxes, Willingboro was found to have *overpaid* pounds “old state money”. Willingboro asked that the sum be credited to Springfield, which had underpaid. As a Willingboro resident, the author wonders whether Springfield ever paid us back.

## HAUNTED PRISON 2013

Clark Bish – Producer, Line Entertainment  
Jim Reed - Producer  
Kenny Orangers – Producer

Tim Bozarth – General Consultant, Blood  
Shed, Line Entertainment

### **TICKET BOOTH**

Diane Bish, Janet Sozio, Brenda Marris,  
Regan Young, Susan Dargay,  
Gary Woodend, Ian Johns, Noah Bish

Marisa Bozarth – Line Control  
Rich Kirk – Line Control, Security  
Jennifer Bloomberg – Line Control

Ed Fisk – Security, Technical Guru  
Ed Ward – Security  
Joe Williams – Security, Line Entertainment  
John Williams – Security

Jeffrey Scott – Make-up  
Meg Scott – Make-up  
Sharon Moore – Make-up, Pen of Pain  
Sally Alexander – Make-up

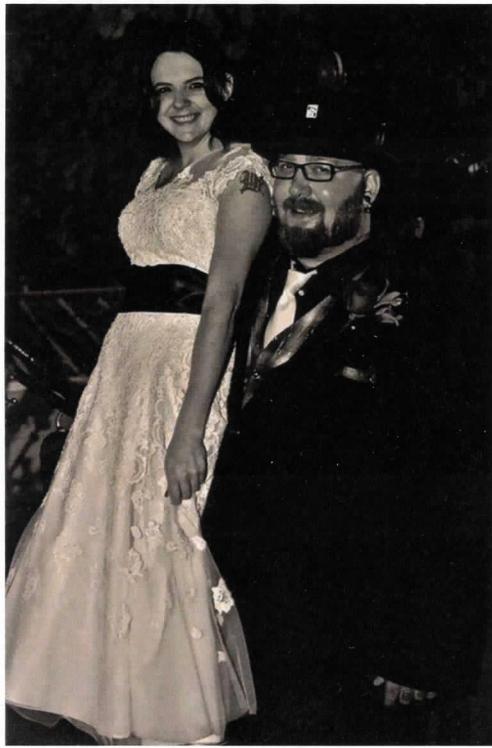
Ron Milke – Line Entertainment  
Frank "Cuddles" Staff – Line Entertainment  
Kim Krampen-Kirk – Blood Shed, Line Entertainment

Hailey Kenney – Drop Down Bride  
Jamel Reyes – Prison Guard  
Jeff "Porkchop" Kratzer - Pen of Pain  
Patrick Orangers – Dark Room  
Geoff "Pig" Cox – Prison Guard  
Edward Wood – Infected Prisoner  
Avery Evans – Infected Prisoner  
Miranda Seguin – Infected Prisoner  
Dave Seguin – Prison Guard  
Corey Opperman – Gas Chamber

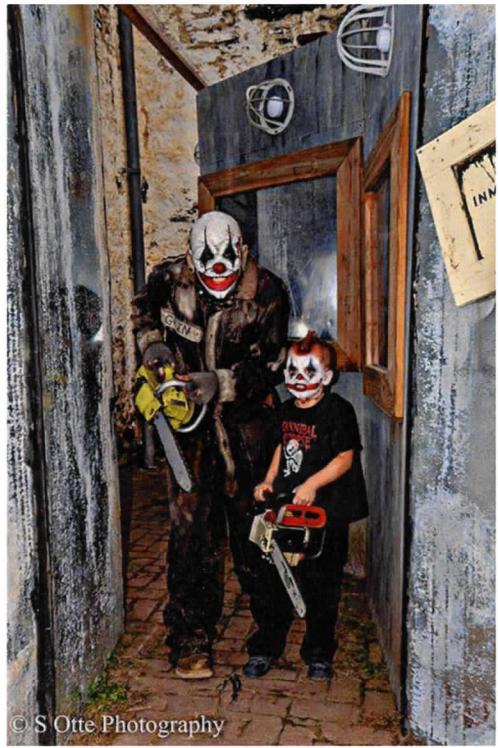
Becky "Sharon Needles" Krampen  
Juliette Bloomberg – Bloody Bride  
Ryan Slocum – Bob Zombie  
Nick Moyer – Infected Prisoner  
Billy Wood – Infected Prisoner  
Jennifer Harvison – Bloody Nurse  
Krystel Kehr – Bloody Nurse  
Tommy Bozarth - Gravedigger  
Megan Bozarth – Graveyard Creature  
Tracy Hopely – Evil Nun  
Rachel Littrell – Coffin Room  
Adam Rockhill - Scarecrow  
Nina Fisk – Hellbilly House  
Al Fisk – Hellbilly House  
Allissa Rogers – Hellbilly House  
Deirdre Kinney – Hellbilly House  
Avery Reed - Creepy Girl on Bed  
Kayla Murter - Creepy Girl on Bed  
Paul Gmitter - Iacca  
Anthony Terry - Pen of Pain  
Caitlyn Smith – Pen of Pain  
Nicole Keough – Pen of Pain  
Carlee Sullivan – Pen of Pain  
Jeff Morgandale – Pen of Pain  
Michael "Mutney" Phelan – Wasteland  
Kevin Irizarry – Wasteland  
Cori Ross – Wasteland  
Chuck Myers – Wasteland  
Megan Fields - Terra Fyer  
Lisa Fisk – Rotten Candy  
Rob Dimension – Clown Room  
Kim Dimension – Clown Room  
Kevin Hughey – Clown Room  
Stephanie Spear – Clown Room  
Scott Ryan – Claustrophobia  
Thaddeus Riley – Smoke Area  
Anthony Staff – Smoke Area  
Allen Williams – Smoke Area  
Brandon Moyer – Smoke Area  
Dan Murter – Grin  
Draven Murter - Little Grin  
Mark Cunard – Chainsaw Clown

Rancocas Valley High School Dance Team  
performing *The Time Warp* from *Rocky Horror Picture Show*  
and Michael Jackson's *Thriller*

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



*Newlyweds Megan Fields & Mark Cunard*



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*Grin & Little Grin (Dan Murter & son Draven)*

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