

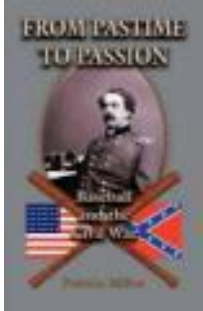


Southampton Historical Society

Tentative Programs for Fall and Winter, 2011

Monday, September 12: Baseball and the Civil War

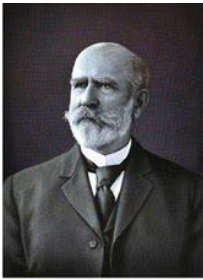
Presenter: Patricia Millen, Author of *From Pastime to Passion: Baseball in the Civil War* and Executive Director of the Roebing Museum.



Author of Patricia Millen takes us back to the roots of baseball in this country, and follows its evolution to a national passion. While baseball's favorite myth regarding Abner Doubleday is proven to be false, America's favorite pastime is clearly a part of American history. Patricia Millen disproves the long-held, entrenched misconception that attributed baseball's rise to prominence during the 19th century to the widespread playing of the game by soldiers in camps and Civil War prisons. The game of baseball may not have originated nor become democratized during the Civil War, but records show that it was played during the Civil War as time and conditions permitted.

Monday, October 3, 2011: J.J. White: The Man and his Legacy

Presenter: Albertine Senske, Archivist, Whitesbog Preservation Trust.



J.J. White

An agricultural renaissance man, J.J. White was a mechanical engineer who apprenticed at Smithville and served on H.B. Smith's Board of Trustees, a cranberry grower, and a successful businessman. Known as the "Cranberry King," learn more about this enigmatic historical figure whose popularity has been somewhat overshadowed by his daughter, Elizabeth Coleman White, who rightfully gets credit for the cultivation of the Blueberry at Whitesbog (along with collaborator Fred Coville), but could not have pulled it off without the help and support of her father's resources.

Monday, November 7, 2011: The Battle of Gettysburg: Where were the Women?

Presenter: Jane Peters Estes - Civil War Historian and re-enactor; Gettysburg Battlefield tour guide.



Jane Peters Estes

Jane Peters Estes has a passion for history and she belongs to a History Club that re-enacts the Civil War - she dresses as a lady of the 1860's, right down to the bloomers and corset! Included in her presentation will be a thoughtful look at the many roles filled by women during the Battle of Gettysburg gleaned from personal diaries, letters to friends and loved ones and newspaper accounts of the battle.

Monday, December 5, 2011: The 1796 Burlington County Court House, Mount Holly: History, Architecture and Famous Trials.

Presenter: Jude Del Preore, Burlington County Trial Court Administrator



Mt. Holly Court House

The old courthouse on High Street in Mount Holly is one of the finest examples of colonial architecture in the nation. It was designed by Samuel Lewis who also designed Congress Hall of Philadelphia. The Bell which hangs in its tower was cast in England in 1755 in the same foundry that cast the Liberty Bell. It has long announced the opening of court sessions, as it still does in the present day, and is said to have rung to signal the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Del Preore, with the aid of a recent documentary video about this historic structure, will point out some of the little known facts about the architectural features and history of one of the county's most famous landmarks.