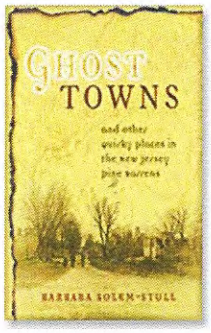
Southampton Historical Society
Programs for Spring, 2013
Meetings, 7:30 p.m., Olde Town Hall, 25 Plum St., Vincentown

Monday, March 4, 2013: Ghost Towns & Other Quirky Places in the N.J. Pine Barrens



Presenter: Barbara Solem-Stull, Author of *"Ghost Towns and other quirky places in the New Jersey Pine Barrens"* – Plexus Publishing, Inc.

Author Barbara Solem-Stull tells the story of the towns that rose up around the iron furnaces, glass factories, paper mills, cranberry farms and brick-making establishments of the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. A popular Pinelands speaker and tour guide, Barbara shares with us the maps, pictures and self-guided tours which fill her book. After listening to her descriptions and seeing the pictures, you will want to buy the book and head out to the Pinelands to see these local treasures for yourself – she makes it so easy with her detailed instructions. (*Books available for purchase*).

Civil War General Elias Wright

Monday, April 1, 2013 - Elias Wright: Teacher, Military Leader, Surveyor Extraordinaire

Presenter: Betsy Carpenter, Chatsworth Researcher/Author

Meet Civil War Brevet Brigadier General Elias Wright (1830-1901), a Captain in Company A, 4th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment, who went on to serve as Colonel, 10th United States Colored Troops. He participated in the Peninsular Campaign, Second Bull Run, South Mountain and the Battle of Chancellorsville. Discover his contributions to South Jersey, including his 30-year collaboration with Joseph Wharton that resulted in his comprehensive survey of the initial 96,000 acres that formed the nucleus of today's Wharton State Forest, the state's largest forest. He is the subject of a book being written by our speaker, who is a resident of Woodland Township.

Monday, May 6, 2013 – The Roebling Legacy

"The Roebling Legacy" written in 2011 by Clifford W. Zink.

Presenter: Clifford W. Zink, Author of *"The Roebling Legacy"* - Princeton Landmark Publications

Engineering genius John A. Roebling created an industrial powerhouse and company town on the banks of the Delaware in 1905. The mill produced many innovative and diverse products ranging from lawnmowers to the wire cable that supports the Brooklyn Bridge. Roebling also built a village to house his workers and instituted social and welfare programs to keep them happy and healthy. The gatehouse of the complex has been transformed as part of a Superfund cleanup of the 240 acre Roebling Mill site. It now houses a five-gallery museum that tells the story of the Roebling family and the technological innovations that shaped the industrial world. Our speaker, Clifford Zink, is a resident of Princeton, a preservation consultant and historian and author of the 2011 book, "The Roebling Legacy" (*available for purchase*). He will give us insights into the new museum, the town of Roebling, and background information on the powerful and influential Roebling Family of Trenton.

Monday, June 3, 2013 - Strawberries, Stories and Surprises

Presenters: Society Members

Our final meeting of the season will consist of our traditional Strawberry treats. The meeting also has traditionally featured an opportunity for Society members to share their special memories of Southampton's and Vincentown's past. In recent years we have also thrown in a surprise or two, (*in 2012 it was Vincentown's love affair with baseball*) and we hope to have one or two again this year.

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