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JASON NG HONORED WITH HISTORY AWARD

The Somerset County Historic Preservation and History awards are intended to honor individuals and organizations that promote and preserve Somerset County's rich history. This year's winners were recently recognized at a ceremony at the Environmental Education Center at Lord Stirling Park in Basking Ridge.

Winners of the 2022 Historic Preservation and History Awards:

Young Historian: Jason Elliott Ng of Watchung for leading 26 volunteers in designing and updating the World War I and II exhibit, as well as planning and incorporating a display dedicated to local veteran and World War II hero Henry Long, in the Texier House Museum. He also received of a \$500 scholarship from the Friends of Somerset County Cultural & Heritage, Inc.

Historic Preservation Leadership: Daniel W. Lincoln of Bernardsville was recognized for over 30 years in the field of historic preservation, aiding in the restoration of numerous sites, including the Brick Academy, Dunster-Squibb Property and Moses Craig Lime Kilns. He has also contributed to grant writing, programming, and serving as president of the Historical Society of the Somerset Hills. He is currently serving as the president of Friends of Historic Bernardsville.

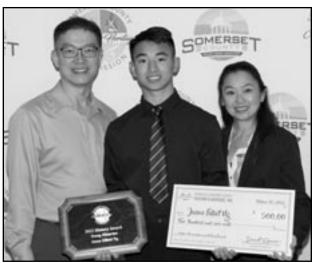
History Education: The Jacobus Vanderveer House in Bedminster for the Pluckemin Cantonment Model, a scale replica and valuable, visual teaching aid which features the buildings and underlying landforms of the Pluckemin Cantonment as well as models of individual soldiers.

History Public Awareness: Raritan Historic and Cultural Committee for 17 vinyl-wrapped town benches that showcase the history and culture of Raritan. Imagery on the benches range from historic buildings, such as the Raritan Hotel, to the John Basilone Welcome Home parade of 1943. The benches serve to teach and inspire visitors to learn more about Raritan.

History Publication: Cindy Williams Newsome of Bridgewater was recognized for her book, "Chasing Baseball for Life and other Adventures: Dedicated to Nearo Williams Jr." The book covers the life of Nearo Williams, an African American baseball player who was raised in the Hobbstown region of Bridgewater and played for the Somerville Raiders, while also paying homage to several local Little League, Pony League, and semi-pro baseball coaches and managers of the 1950s to 1970s. The book also covers Nearo Williams' post-baseball life, including his work as a community organizer for the Somerset Community Action Program, and how his chosen sport influenced him.

History Publication: Linda L. Wass of Bridgewater was recognized for her work, "Flashback," a single page digital broadside imitating local newspapers of the past containing historical information from local library collections and archives, and excerpts from newspapers of the past 150 years.

Special Recognition Award: Dr. Alan H. Cooper, of Hackettstown, was given Special Recognition for his work and dedication to the Lord Stirling



(above) Young Historian Award: Jason Elliott Ng of Watchung was honored for leading 26 volunteers in designing and updating the World War I and II exhibit, as well as planning and incorporating a display dedicated to local veteran and World War II hero Henry Long, in the Texier House Museum. He also received of a \$500 scholarship from the Friends of Somerset County Cultural & Heritage, Inc.

Courtesy photo

Manor archeological project.

Special Recognition Award: Jessie Havens of Belle Mead for over 50 years work and dedication to the history of Somerset County, including a weekly column titled "Hindsight" for the Somerset Messenger-Gazette which ran for 25 years, co-founding Heritage Trail Association, scholarly research of the Hall-Mills murder trial, inspiring two symposia on Middlebrook, and numerous publications on the history of Somerville and Somerset County.

The Historic Preservation and History Awards are sponsored by the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners, Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission and Friends of Somerset County Cultural & Heritage, Inc.

Dr. Richard Veit, the keynote speaker, delivered a presentation highlighting the archaeology of Lord Stirling Manor.

For more information, contact the Cultural & Heritage Commission at 908-231-7021 or email CulturalHeritage@co.somerset.nj.us.



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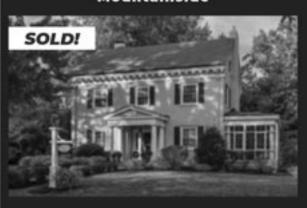


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INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS EXHIBIT AT THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

Annual Photography Exhibit on November 1, 2022. Seventy-five works by 44 artists were chosen for this year's show from hundreds of entries that came from across the U.S and around the globe. The show will remain available online until January 15, 2023. The in-person exhibit will be on display at the Watchung Arts Center in Watchung, NJ from November 2 through December 10, 2022.

The link to access the exhibit can be found on njphotoforum.com.

Nancy Ori, Director of the Photography Forum and the Curator of the exhibit was very enthusiastic about the response to the call for submissions and says, "the emotional impact of the pieces range from mysterious and thoughtprovoking, to stunning black and whites and digitally enhanced pieces, to traditional and beautiful color works. The variety of creative

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> The public is invited to attend an online conference via Zoom moderated by the Curator to review the exhibit and hear from some of the artists on November 12, 2022, from 3-5 p.m. eastern time. Contact Nancy Ori to get the link.

> At the same time as the Our Best exhibit is in the Main Gallery of the Watchung Art Center, the New Jersey Photography Forum will also be showing The Best One, works by the members of the Forum's Exhibit Committee in the more intimate downstairs gallery. Both exhibits can be viewed during regular gallery hours. Visit the Watchung Arts Center website watchungarts.org for visitation requirements and times. Entrance is free at 18 Stirling Road in Watchung, NJ on the circle.

> All of the images will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Watchung Arts Center

ABOUT THE NJ PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM

Three years ago, The New Jersey Photography Forum celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding. The group is dedicated to furthering the serious interests of professional and photographers living or working in the Metro area. Under the direction of Nancy Ori, the NJPF

group of fine art exhibiting photographers in the state.

The monthly meetings are currently held virtually using Zoom and will return to their regular in-person sessions at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit when possible. Meeting attendees are encouraged to share expertise and advance their skills. At each meeting, members and guest photographers have an opportunity to share their work as well as have access to a wide variety of current creative and technical information through presentations and demonstrations. Exhibition possibilities within the fine art community are constantly being explored with the group producing as many as a dozen group exhibits each year at various venues. These opportunities have become an invaluable resource for Metro area photographers interested in becoming fine art exhibitors.

The Watchung Arts Center offers new art exhibitions each month, performances of music, comedy, improv and classes for children and adults in art, photography, dance, yoga, and more. Visit their website at watchungarts.org.

You can learn more about the New Jersey Photography Forum by visiting their website at niphotoforum.com or by contacting Nancy Ori at nancyori@comcast.net.



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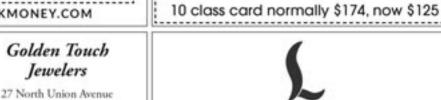
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(above) The Holiday Craft Fair benefits the Somerset County 4-H Youth Development Program. It will be held on December 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.





WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Warrenbrook Senior Center located at 500 Warrenville Road is one of the six county operated Senior Center. Somerset County residents who are 60 years and older are welcome to participate in any of the programs at Warrenbrook Senior Center. They also provide a choice of 4 different meal choices during lunch that seniors can take advantage of during the weekdays. All the programs are FREE for the registered members. Please (908) 753-9440 for more information on how to become member of the Warrenbrook Senior Community.

Below is the highlight of some of the programs available at Warrenbrook Senior Center in December

Brain Games & Hand Bells with Adrienne Graubard

December 2 & 16, 11 a.m.

Did you know that solving puzzles or challenging yourself with new mind-stretching activities like learning music can stimulate the brain and enhance your creative and critical thinking processes? Join Adrienne for some mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

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Healthy Eating During the Holidays by Jennifer Korneski, Program Coordinator, Rutgers Cooperative Extension

December 7, 11 a.m.

Join the discussion around healthy eating during the holidays. It's actually possible. Jennifer will share some great tips on how to watch your waistline during these festive times

Santa Claus Craft with Debbie Perez, Local Artist. Join us and learn how to turn trash into a treasure

December 9, 11 a.m.

Using a used-up light bulb, some paint, felt, and the magic touch you will create an heirloom you will want to keep forever. All supplies will be provided. Please call (908) 753-9440 for more information.

Heads Up Seniors by Anna Busler, Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey

December 12, 11 a.m.

The purpose of this workshop is to increase independence and decrease falls, along with discussing driving and pedestrian safety tips.

This is an interactive workshop that is designated to educate seniors on ways to be safe at home and in the community.

Warrenbrook Holiday Celebration with Entertainment by Clifford Seay

December 19, 11 a.m.

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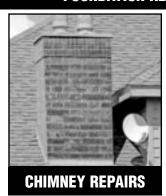
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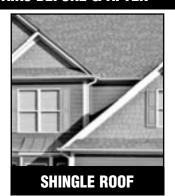






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8, and the festivities began early this year in Somerset County.

The Just Kidding 4-H goat club was presented with national awards in the Junior American Citizens contest at the Somerset County 4-H Association meeting on September 21. The club placed first in the nation with their community service project. Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the awards at the Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County in Bridgewater.

"We are very proud of these young people and all that they managed to accomplish even with the pandemic," said New Jersey DAR 4-H Liaison Holly Jean Dunbar. The club collected 192 books that were donated to members of the military, at home and abroad, via Operation Paperback.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR sponsored the 4-H club in the contest. Chapter members presented the 4-H'ers with their awards that included ribbons, certificates and a medal

National 4-H Week was celebrated October 2- that represented the four judging levels of the 1993," said Dunbar. "This is just a phenomenal competition, local, state, division and national. As a special treat, DAR member and 4-H alumna Dorothea Borkowski presented each child with home-baked goat-shaped cookies. DAR members assisting in the awards presentation were Vice Regent Marti Kalko, a 4-H volunteer, and Librarian Susan Dobrinsky, a 4-H alumna, both of Green Brook, along with Chaplain Karen Miller and Historian Lynda Pasko from Dunellen.

> 4-H club leaders Beth Kavanaugh and Nicole Perry had expressed their gratitude for the help provided by Marion McGlyn of Operation Paperback. Every 4-H club is asked to complete an annual service project. Studies have shown that as adults, 4-H alumni are twice as likely to be civically engaged and four times more likely to participate in community service.

> Along with congratulating the 4-H club, Dunbar, who is a 4-H alumna and volunteer, also thanked the members of the 4-H Association and 4-H Agent Lisa Rothenburger and staff. "This is the fifth Somerset County 4-H club that has received a national DAR award for service since

record. And it proves that you must be doing something right."

The DAR is a nonprofit service organization open to women 18 and over who can trace their descent from a man or woman who aided the cause of American independence. For more than a century, the DAR has promoted historical preservation, education, and patriotic endeavor. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, based in Green Brook, sponsors local students in a variety of annual DAR contests. Membership inquiries are welcome. Contact ESCRegent@yahoo.com or learn more at DAR.org.

The 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills that they need to succeed in life. Kids and teens complete hands-on projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture and civic engagement. 4-H programs are open to young people in grades K to 13 (one year out of high school). To learn more about Somerset County 4-H, visit 4HisTops.org.



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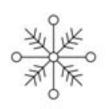
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