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Join presenter Lesley Parness on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at the Dr. John Vermeule House Museum, 223 Rock Avenue, Green Brook.

Lesley Parness says "For the past five decades, travel, academic studies, and work have provided a rewarding context for my love of plants. After a long career in museums and botanic gardens around the world, I retired from my final post as Superintendent of horticulture education at New Jersey's Morris County Park Commission where I oversaw programming and



(above) Lesley Parness presenter

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interpretation at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Willowood Arboretum, and Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center."

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JACK LOUIS ROBERT POTTER EARNS THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

BSA Troop # 129

Jack Louis Robert Potter earned the rank of Eagle Scout on August 9, 2023, from Green Brook Troop 129. Jack is a remarkable person who states, "I might be interested in working for the FBI or going to law school. My wish is to have an effect on people and be able to stop violent crimes in America."

Jack started in Cub Scouts as a Bear and continued his path to Eagle Scout just after graduating from Watchung Hills High School in June. One of Jack's earliest memories was making lifelong friends and getting to hang out with them every week and going on camping trips. Jack led by example to the younger scouts but always while laughing and having fun and encouragement, he had the leadership role of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

When it came time to decide on an Eagle Scout

Project, Jack wanted to give back to his hometown so he decided he would build and install an outdoor classroom with 8 benches and a podium at Green Brook Middle School. The benches are mobile and can be moved to any area around the school property so that "the teachers and clubs can freely use them and have a space for activities outside as opposed to a classroom". Jack raised over \$1,200 for the project and had over 30 people help with the work to accomplish his goal.

Jack, while completing his scouting work, also maintained his studies at school while also being part of Track and Field, Peer Leadership, Fencing, Band, and he earned his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Jack is preparing to head off to Rutgers University this fall to pursue his studies in Criminal Justice or Psychology.



(above) Jack Louis Robert Potter

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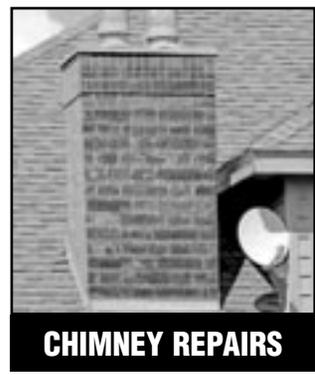
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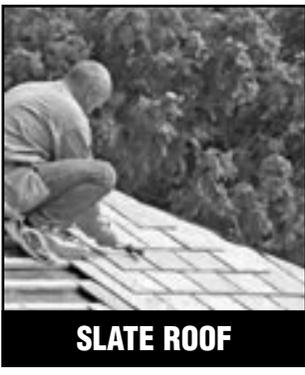
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DOCUMENTING NJ'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR

Two local women are helping create a new database of New Jersey Revolutionary War Soldiers. A project of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the database will be the most comprehensive produced to date utilizing a wide variety of sources.

"The hope is that this database will not only allow us to recognize and honor these veterans, but also help their descendants and researchers to learn about them," said DAR volunteer Holly Dunbar. Working on Somerset County, Dunbar has compiled information on more than 1,700 individuals to date.

Project volunteers aim to find and record as much information about each patriot as possible. This includes dates and locations of birth, enlistment, death and burial; service record with rank and unit, battles, if wounded, taken prisoner or killed; family with names of spouses, parents and children; and the sources of this information. A special effort is being made to include women, African Americans and Native Americans.

"We are starting with the current DAR database, but also using church records, county and local histories, surviving military and pension records, newspapers, and more," said Dunbar, who is a member of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter in Green Brook.

Another chapter member, Ruth Ryno, is working on Essex County, which also includes present-day Union and part of Passaic County. "I look forward to helping prepare this database in honor of our New Jersey patriots as our country prepares to celebrate America's 250th anniversary in 2026." When the project is completed, the database will cover all of New Jersey and will be made available to the public.

DAR is a nonprofit nonpolitical service organization open to women 18 and older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter is based in Green Brook and serves areas in Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. New members are welcome. Contact ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com or learn more at DAR.org.



(above) Holly Dunbar, New Jersey DAR State Chairman

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"The Catcher in the Rye"

by J. D. Salinger Presented by Vandana Walia

October 2, 7-8 p.m.

Published in 1951, "The Catcher in the Rye" was originally meant for adults, but soon became a symbol of teenage angst and rebellion. It has been found on lists of banned books time and again, for reasons ranging from use of foul language to inciting of violence. This book is now considered a modern classic.

Register: event/8182625.

The Guitar in Latin America - Continuities, Changes, and Bicultural Strumming

October 4, 7-8 p.m.

Dr. Jose Manuel Lezcano presents a multimedia musical program that showcases the guitar in Latin America as an instrument that speaks many languages. Register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/8313642>.

A Visit With Mark Twain Portrayed by Bob Gleason from American Historical Theater:

October 5, 7-8 p.m.

In recognition of Banned Books Week, join a question and answer session about the life of Mark Twain. Register: event/8182495.

Somerville and the Hall-Mills Murder Mystery Presented by Author Joe Pompeo

October 9, 7-8 p.m.

Explore the critically acclaimed book, "Blood and Ink: The Scandalous Jazz Age Double Murder that Hooked America on True Crime."

Discover Somerville's connection to the investigation and eventual trial at the Somerset County courthouse. Register: 8604272.

Johannes Vermeer, His Life and Art Presented by Janet Cohen Mandel

October 12, 7-8 p.m.

This lecture will illustrate the life of Vermeer through examination of some of his most iconic works. Register: event/8124596.

From Mickey Mouse to Star Wars and Beyond - How the Disney Company Conquered the Entertainment Universe

October 16, 7-8 p.m.

Explore how the Walt Disney Company grew from a small cartoon studio in 1923 to the most powerful force in worldwide entertainment.

To Register visit: event/8124728.

Exploring the Jersey Shore Thrill Killer Presented by Author John E. O'Rourke

October 24, 7-8 p.m.

The true story of the murders that terrorized New Jersey beach towns for nearly a decade.

To Register visit: event/8560840.

A Hollywood Halloween Presented by Dr. Annette Bochenek

October 25, 7-8 p.m.

From beloved classic horror films to lesser-known gems, explore the variety of classic horror films and characters as well as how the genre was developed to entertain audiences of all ages. To Register visit: event/8592561.

Where the Bodies Are Buried - A Journey Through History of Our Cemeteries:

October 26, 7-8 p.m.

Our burial grounds tell us more about ourselves than we realize. They are time capsules that preserve our art, culture, and history. Register: event/8142737.

Haunted History of New Jersey Presented by Greg Caggiano

October 30, 7-8:30 p.m.

Profiled in this presentation will be a Royal Governor's former residence, a Victorian mansion, with Revolutionary War notoriety, a cemetery, legendary road, and even a college campus. History and myth intertwine in this spooky program. Register: /event/8156029.

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(above) Sam Davis as General George Washington

JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST - OCT 7TH & 8TH

In October, the Green Brook Cultural, Heritage and Historic Preservation Committee along with the Green Brook Historical Society will be participating in the Somerset County-wide “Weekend Journey Through the Past” event, which will be held at Washington Rock State Park in Green Brook on Saturday, 10/7 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10/8 Noon-4 p.m. At the Rock, we will be hosting a table distributing information about the history that took place there in 1777. General George Washington will make an appearance on Saturday, 10/7 from 1-2 p.m. and will give a presentation on “The Women who helped save America during the Revolution.” The Rock has also been the site of other interesting happenings throughout the decades.

At the Dr. John Vermeule House Museum, located at 223 Rock Avenue, Green Brook, will be open for visitors, on Saturday, 10/7 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10/8 Noon-4 p.m. The House Museum dates back to 1799 and offers an interesting glimpse into 19th-20th century rural

living which members will gladly provide tours of the house. There are some very interesting outbuildings, herb garden and farm equipment to see on the 2-acre property.

Mark your calendars and consider participating as a volunteer or enjoy the event as a resident!

The Green Brook Cultural, Heritage and Historic Society is always inviting people of all ages interested in joining our group as a volunteer or member. There are many opportunities to get involved on an occasional basis for special events or work days.

Our meetings are held at Green Brook Town Hall, 111 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in the main level conference room. We also offer a Zoom call, for those who can't come in person. Please call 732-968-7696 for Zoom information. Our group has a lot of fun exploring our local history and doing our best to preserve and document its rich heritage. Please consider joining us.

CONSTANTINE MAROULIS AT THE SIEMINSKI THEATER - OCT 14

Constantine Maroulis, American Idol finalist and Tony Award nominee Broadway star of “Rock and Roll Man,” “Rock of Ages” and “Jekyll and Hyde,” will delight audiences with stories and songs in an incredibly special, intimate performance. From classic Sondheim to contemporary Wildhorn, classic rock jams from Rock of Ages, along with Constantine’s original songs.

Appearing for one night only at the Sieminski Theater on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Maroulis provides a crowd-pleasing night of unforgettable music. Get ready for a night of sing-along and dance grooves that will have you dancing in your seats!

Visit the website www.sieminskitheater.org for tickets or call the Box Office at 866-307-8532.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, and raised in New Jersey, Maroulis became a household name during the heyday of “American Idol.” Maroulis, a graduate of the prestigious Boston Conservatory at Berklee College of Music was fresh from touring with the musical Rent when a friend convinced him to try out for American Idol. His charisma, rock n’ roll edge, and astounding vocals entranced the judges and won the hearts of thirty million TV viewers. His triumphant performances on Idol included some of the show’s most electrifying moments on TV, including his rendition of Queen’s epic “Bohemian Rhapsody.”

Following American Idol, Rock of Ages - the jukebox musical built around ‘eighties hits from Journey, Styx, Bon Jovi, and other glam metal mainstays—brought him back to Broadway. The show enjoyed a phenomenally successful run as one of the highest-grossing Broadway shows of all time, culminating in a myriad of awards and critical acclaim for Constantine including a Tony Award nomination, and firmly establishing him as a world-class performer. Constantine received

Drama League Award nominations for the Distinguished Performance Award for Rock of Ages and for his work on the show Frank Wildhorn's Jekyll & Hyde.

In addition to his appearances on TV and in movies, Maroulis's on-stage credits also include The Wedding Singer, RENT, Rocktopia, Jacques Brel, Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita, The Toxic Avenger, Friend Art, Postmodern Jukebox, and many more. The Broadway revival of Spring Awakening (Deaf West) directed by Michael Arden earned Maroulis Tony & Drama League nominations as a producer. As a recording artist, Maroulis continues to create new, original music regularly and just released his newest album “Come Back” – www.constantinemaroulis.com. Constantine’s current venture is his triumphant return to the New York stage with the Broadway hit - Rock and Roll Man, in which Constantine

plays the title character, Alan Freed, a Cleveland DJ who in the 1950s heard the future—and knew he had to let it sing.

“Mr. Maroulis... possesses a soulful, pure and intense voice.”- The New York Times

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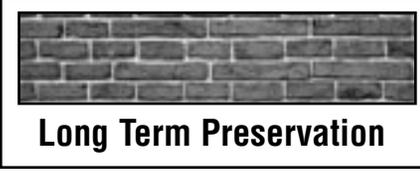
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FABRICLAND LOOKS TO 90 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Submitted by Bruce Heyman, Owner of Fabricland & Metropolitan Window Fashions

My grandfather started this business in 1934. We have gone through many changes in 90 years and I am delighted to announce our new adventure. Effective October 2nd, 2023, we are partnering with Sew Jersey, an outstanding fabric and sewing machine retailer with locations in East Hanover and Paramus.

We currently have two divisions – Fabricland and Metropolitan Window Fashions. Fabricland is located only in our Green Brook showroom. Metropolitan has expanded from Green Brook to four additional locations in Paramus, Livingston, Lebanon and Branchville.

As our business has gravitated more towards home decorating, I decided that I needed some help running the fabric business. I found that person in Jacquelyn Heineken, the owner of Sew Jersey. She is an amazing businesswoman and up to this task. I also like that her initials are the same as my late father, Jay Heyman.

Jacqui will take over the fabric department in Green Brook. She will bring in hundreds of beautiful new quilt fabrics and a huge selection of over 30 models of sewing machines from Brother, Bernina, Elna, Janome and more. Sew Jersey will be on the left side of the store and Metropolitan will be on the right side of the store selling custom and readymade window fashions. There will be no changes at the other Metropolitan locations.

Change is necessary to stay in business for 90 years. Our business has grown and changed names many times. My grandfather's first business was called Chain Decorators, with decorating stores in Plainfield, Westfield and Somerville. In the 1950's he sold that business and opened a store on Route 22, in Green Brook NJ, only a few hundred yards from our current flagship store. He called that business Highway Mill End.

In the 1960's, my grandfather, now joined by my father, opened a second Mill End location in North Plainfield, which was soon to be renamed as Highway Fabricland. This became the iconic

store that so many customers knew at that location for over 50 years. When I joined the firm, we rebranded again as Metropolitan Window Fashions exclusively selling custom draperies, motorized shades, Hunter Douglas blinds and shutters, in addition to reupholstery and wallpaper.

The future of Fabricland is now in the capable hands of Sew Jersey, while I continue to run Metropolitan. Please excuse our appearance as we are renovating the Green Brook store. Thank you for your continued patronage. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



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