



Opera New Jersey Announces Summer Season!

Following the sold-out production of Verdi's *Rigoletto* in February, Opera NJ heralds its summer fare featuring some of today's most sought-after emerging opera singers.

The season includes five performances of Verdi's timeless *La traviata*, four performances of Rossini's charming *La Cenerentola* (Cinderella) and four performances of Lehár's sparkling *The Merry Widow*.

Opera NJ, now in its fifth season, gathers the finest artists from the Metropolitan Opera and New York City Opera to perform throughout New Jersey, providing its patrons a convenient and high-quality alternative to those venues. Young Artists Program lets students bridge the gap between education and a professional career through concert performances and masterclasses. Students are from such prestigious educational institutions as The Academy of Vocal Arts, The Juilliard School, The Curtis Institute and Manhattan School of Music.

Opera NJ is one of the youngest organizations ever to receive a Geraldine R. Dodge grant. It recently received its first New Jersey State Council on the Arts grant, coupled with the prestigious Citation of Excellence.

Other educational outreach includes *Interact with Classics* and *Learning through the Arts*. *Interact* is a 35-minute program where four professional singers along with twenty children on-stage share an interactive opera experience with the entire audience. *Learning through the Arts* is an interactive residency designed for grades K through 12, which enhances the school's arts curriculum and teaches critical thinking through the arts.

Opera NJ has set as its goals to maintain its base in Princeton, to create the highest quality opera and make it available year-round. Its patrons are provided the unique opportunity to see artists who are already performing onstage at the Metropolitan Opera and New York City Opera.

Opera NJ has been working with Grounds for Sculpture, Arts Council of Princeton, PHS Senior Living Foundation, West Windsor Arts Council, Young Audiences New Jersey to present concerts and masterclasses during June and July in McCarter, free preview and musical theater concerts.

Educational opportunities for young people include **Masterclasses and Kid's**



Major General Stanley's daughters, in Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Camp. Masterclasses are free with reservations: June 4-7, 2 p.m., Woolworth Music Building, Princeton University Campus and July 17-18, 24-25 at 2 p.m., McCarter Theatre. **Kid's Camp** July 7 session is for ages 6 and older, the July 14 session is geared for second grade and up. Both camps meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in McCarter Theatre. Cost is \$400 per child, and parents are invited to attend at \$200.

Free Opera NJ concerts include **Season Preview** on June 19, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, and **Musical Theater** on June 27, 7:30 p.m. and June 28, 2 p.m., Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. The **Opera Scenes** concert at McCarter Theatre on July 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. is \$15.

Opera NJ summer season includes: Verdi's *La traviata*, July 11*, 19, 8 p.m.; July 13*, 2 p.m.; July 17, 7:30 p.m.; July 26*, 1 p.m.; Rossini's *Cinderella*, July 12*, 8 p.m.; July 19*, 1 p.m.; July 25, 8 p.m.; July 27*, 2 p.m.; Lehár's *The Merry Widow*, July 18* at 8 p.m.; July 20* at 2 p.m.; July 24 at 7:30 p.m.; July 26 at 8 p.m. (*Pre-performance lecture 1 hour prior.)

All opera productions are staged at McCarter's Berlind Theatre, 91 University Place in Princeton. Tickets are \$59 to \$90 and are available at (609) 258-2787 or www.mccarter.org. For more information about Opera New Jersey, please visit call (609) 799-7700 or visit www.Opera-NJ.org.

New Jersey Writers Society

The New Jersey Writers Society (NJWS) is a community of people who share an interest in writing, reading and critiquing each others' work, exchanging ideas and encouraging fellow writers to reach outside their comfort zones to further enhance their voices. They help each other hone writing skills and expand ideas, build strong characters and create compelling stories; and through encouragement, aid in defeating writer's block.

The goals of the society are to increase the quality and variety of portfolio work and to provide opportunities for writers to network and share experiences. Through these channels, members can explore new applications for their work and possible avenues to seeking a career of writing.

Members share the benefits of mutual excitement and love for writing, reading, exchanging ideas, and socializing with other writers in their community. They are amateur and professional, published and unpublished writers of all ages and backgrounds whose work includes poems,

stories, essays, novels, and works of words in general.

NJWS has four chapters in Mercer County, which meet monthly. Meetings begin with an optional hour to write. The next hour and a half is when members trade work, read, and provide positive, constructive feedback. Forming and sharing opinions about each others work is urged.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the NJWS may join a blog or participate in a forum at www.njwriters.org or attend a meeting at one of the following Mercer County Library locations.

West Windsor, June 9, July 14, Aug, 11, 6:30 p.m., 333 south Post Road, Princeton Junction. (609) 275-8901. (wv)

Ewing, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, 6 p.m., 61 Scotch Road. (609) 882-3418.(wv)

Lawrence, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., 2751 Brunswick Pike. (609) 989-6912.

Hopewell, June 24, July 22, Aug, 26, 6 p.m., 245 Pennington-Titusville Road. (609) 737-2610. (wv)

Hopewell Valley Children's Theatre

Hopewell Valley Children's Theatre (HVCT) was first formed in 1999. HVCT works closely with the drama organizations at the middle and high schools as the performing arts are a key component in the Hopewell Valley School District's educational program. HVCT has also performed at community events sponsored by the HV Recreation Department.

Theatre camp was created to bridge the gap during summer and afford young people the opportunity to express themselves through acting, music and dance. Students in grades 2-5 meet weekday mornings and students in grades 6-8 meet in the afternoons. Their 5-week journey begins with auditions, casting, learning, rehearsing, costume fitting, set building, a talent show, and concludes with two public performances for each group. Everyone in the program has the opportunity to participate in the final productions.

Majority of the participants are interested in the performing arts. However, the inclusive nature of the program and the no-experience-necessary credo attract children who are socially awkward or have a challenging disability. One young girl with learning differences had been shy and withdrawn in a classroom setting, but became expressive and outgoing at theatre camp. Another camper who relocated from another state with her family was able to establish relationships, which ultimately eased her transition into a new school.

The public value of the arts is clearly demonstrated by these two examples. Also, the camp program and the public performances

are an excellent way to introduce young children to the live theatre experience.

As enrollment in the programs has grown, the quality has improved. HVCT presentations started out as self-styled musical revues and have grown into staged full-length Broadway musical productions.

Production staff includes Artistic Director Fern Dorfman, who has been dancing since the age of 5 and is a former member of the Jazz Unlimited Dance Ensemble. While in college, Fern studied music and dance therapy. She choreographed for several string bands, and served as captain of the Berlin String Band. Her husband, Jay, is music director.

Producing Director Cathy Sing is the Performing Arts Center manager for the Hopewell Valley Regional School District. The new performing arts center has enhanced the summer camp program and provides technical elements that enliven the theatrical experience.

For the past several years, the senior group production has benefitted from the inclusion of a live band, which incorporates a blend of students and professional musicians.

This year the junior program (grades 1-5) will be performing Disney's **Alice in Wonderland, Jr.** on August 1 at 7 p.m. and August 2 at 2 p.m. The senior program (grades 6-9) will be performing **Grease - The School Version** on August 1 at 2 p.m. and August 2 at 7 p.m.

For more information about Hopewell Valley Children's Theatre, please call (609) 649-3042 or visit www.hvct.org. (wv)

Trenton Community Music School: Changing Lives Through Music

Trenton Community Music School (TCMS) opened its doors seven years ago with 27 students. Now more than 200 students study bass, clarinet, cello, drums, flute, guitar, piano, saxophone, violin and voice. TCMS offers music instruction to all ages from toddlers to senior citizens from the basement of the Blessed Sacrament Church on Bellevue Avenue, as well as provides music instruction programs to public and charter schools, preschools and neighborhood centers in Trenton.

Skilled performance elevates and transcends the individual and offers an outlet for self-expression and identity. It can lead students down a rewarding career path. But for all young people, the academic benefits of music instruction extend beyond music appreciation.

There is scientific evidence, based on studies of students in kindergarten through high school, confirming the beneficial relationship between music skills and other types of learning, especially mathematics. This is due to the proximity, and even overlapping of musical and spatial processing centers in the brain. Music lessons teach students focus, discipline and delayed gratification.

Music training, with its pervasive effects on the nervous system's ability to process sight and sound, may be more important for enhancing verbal communication skills than learning phonics, according to a new Northwestern University study.

For the past four years, TCMS has offered Afro-Cuban drum instruction to middle school students through a U.S. Department of Education 21st Century Grant awarded to the Trenton Board of Education. The six-year grant is directed at improving the math and reading skills of Trenton middle school students.

For Children's Futures Parenting Centers, music promotes their mission to improve the health and education of 0-3 year-olds in Trenton. TCMS has successfully completed three years of parent-child bilingual Music Together classes for young children and their parents. These classes serve as a point of entry for families into the resources of the parenting center.

Another TCMS program, *Music for the Very Young*, uses the Music Together curriculum and has won a national Mattel Foundation award for excellence in early childhood literacy.

For more information about Trenton Community Music School, please call (609) 394-8700.

Princeton Summer Chamber Concerts' 40th Anniversary

This summer the Princeton University Summer Concerts series is celebrating its 40th anniversary with four outstanding classical music concerts, free to everyone in the community. Performances will include the **Peabody Trio**, violin, cello and piano, on June 17; the **Escher Quartet** on June 26; the **Parker Quartet** on July 10, and the **Aulos Ensemble**, including harpsichord, on July 15.

The Escher String Quartet takes its name from Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher; inspired by Escher's method of interplay between individual components working together to form a whole and that's a perfect description of chamber music!

Some of the prize-winning groups are rising young stars; all have international experience, have made recordings and are often artists-in-residence at universities and featured at festivals. The concerts are planned and presented by a volunteer committee and funding comes from the local community as well as the Mercer County

Cultural and Heritage Commission!

The atmosphere is casual! Artists talk a little between their pieces about their selections; and at intermission a line forms for ice cream sold by a local vendor. It's been this way since the concerts were founded in 1968 by Barbara Sands. They were held outdoors at Princeton's graduate school at first, sometimes children perched in trees to hear the music, and listeners sat on the lawn with blankets and picnic baskets. Now the concerts are held comfortably indoors at the university's beautiful Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall. Free tickets are available from 6:30 p.m. onwards on the night of each concert which begins promptly at 8 p.m. For more information call (609) 631-7884 or email psummerconcerts@aol.com.

This year these four renowned chamber music groups continue a tradition established 40 years ago of bringing excellent concerts to all for free—young and old, families and students, visitors and friends!



Voloshki Ukrainian Dance group performed at Trenton Heritage Days Festival last year.

Heritage Days Festival Celebrates 30 Years

The City of Trenton's Annual Heritage Days Festival, in its 30th edition, will offer more fun than ever. Highlighting the city and its surrounding communities' history and cultural diversity in the form of various arts, crafts, food and music, this year's event will feature four stages of continuous live music, dance performances, walking and strolling acts. With over 60 ethnic food, arts and crafts vendors, and a wide variety of family-oriented activities, storytellers, puppeteers, stilt-walkers, short plays, the Festival promises to be a unique opportunity for wholesome entertainment in the Capital City.

The Heritage Festival will be on June 7 from noon to 8 p.m. and June 8 from noon to 7 p.m. in the New Jersey State Capital Complex along West State Street in Trenton, between Calhoun and Willow streets.

For more information, please call (609) 815-2162 or visit www.trentonnj.org.

Life As Art Mill Hill Garden Tour

The Old Mill Hill Society is sponsoring the Mill Hill Garden Tour through the Victorian neighborhood that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Gardens will be adorned with sculptures created by artists from all over New Jersey.

More than twenty gardens, some along the Assumpink Creek and Mill Hill Park, scene of the Second Battle of Trenton, will be open on June 14 from noon to 5 p.m.

Mill Hill is just off Route 1 South, Market Street exit. The Gardens are all accessible from a brick sidewalk behind Artworks, where parking is available. Tickets are \$10-\$15 and available at www.trentonmillhill.org, at select retail outlets, or by mail. For more information, please call (609) 933-5263.

Dear Friends,

With the warm, breezy days of summer finally upon us, I hope you take a moment to check out all that Mercer County has to offer during the coming months. I'm proud to say that once again this year, our communities will be hosting a tremendous variety of exciting presentations, arts and crafts shows, social events, and other great events.

This is the season to get out and enjoy everything that makes this County shine. You can explore the County's rich past with tours of historic buildings from Princeton to Trenton, join a photography club, take a fun summer class at Mercer County Community College, or relax with some live jazz at one of the area's many local lounges. Whatever your interests, this summer you can fill your calendar with activities that are close to home.

I also urge you to utilize the County's ample recreation opportunities. A leisurely paddle boat ride on Lake Mercer in Mercer County Park, a round of golf at one of our four award winning courses, hiking on scenic Baldpate Mountain, or a visit to see the beautiful Hamilton-Trenton Marsh can all be great ways to spend a summer day.

To find a cultural event in the County, look no further than the calendar provided in this newsletter, which offers a comprehensive listing of plays, craft fairs, art exhibitions, and much more. I wish everyone a relaxing and safe summer, and hope that you make the most of our great County in the next few months.



Sincerely,
Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

Princeton Library Hosts Student Film & Video Festival

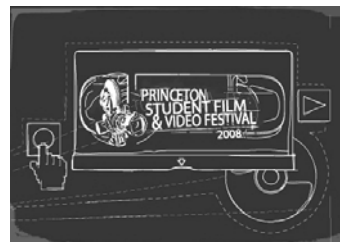
The Princeton Student Film and Video Festival, now in its fifth year, will highlight the work of young filmmakers on two nights this July in the Princeton Public Library.

High school and college-age students, up to age 24, are invited to submit original short films, 20 minutes or less, for inclusion in the festival event, which is intended for teens and adults. Works are screened to an audience that includes people from the area, across the U.S. and from other countries.

Any filmmakers with work in the festival is invited to introduce and talk about their piece. The audience includes friends, families, teens and adults who enjoy watching the work of young aspiring filmmakers.

The festival is coordinated by the Princeton Public Library Teen Services Librarian Susan Conlon. The films are selected by Conlon and a committee of librarians, library staff and teen volunteers. After screening all of the submissions, the committee puts together a collection that has a range in styles representing different views and voices of youth. Styles include experimental shorts and music videos, fun comedies and parodies, documentaries, short features, and personal narratives.

The festival has grown since the first year when it received and screened 10 films. Last year more than 60 films were submitted and the festival was expanded to two nights and 20 films. Each night 10 films



were screened with filmmakers attending each night, many bringing cast members for some lively question and answer sessions.

Several teens who started submit-

ting work while in high school have returned each year with new films, allowing the audience to follow their progress. Some filmmakers put on a single night performance, like Princeton's Ben Saltzman, a junior at New York University studying filmmaking. On July 7 at 7 p.m., he will be accompanied by some of the subjects of his documentary *Juggling Life*. After the film, the group will give an interactive juggling performance.

The Princeton Student Film & Video Festival was awarded the 2007 VOYA Magazine Most Valuable Creative Program Award. The festival's success has helped to inspire other libraries around the state and the U.S. to produce similar youth events.

The film and video festival is free and will be held on July 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library at 65 Witherspoon Street in Princeton. The deadline to submit materials for consideration is June 15. Guidelines and an entry form are available at www.princetonlibrary.org/teens. For more information on the festival, please call (609) 924-9529 ext. 247 or visit www.princeton.lib.nj.us.



Calendar of EVENTS

The Mercer County Culture and Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. For an expanded listing, visit www.mercercounty.org/CH/nl.htm. Deadline for fall issue, which covers September, October, November is July 9, 2008.

Art Exhibits

Highlights Tour, Sat-Sun, June-Aug., 2 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton campus. (609) 258-3788; www.princetonartmuseum.org. (wv)

"Naturally" featuring Beatrice Bork and Taylor Oughton, June 6-July 6, Artists' Gallery, 32 Coryell Street, Lambertville. Reception June 7, 6-9 p.m. (609) 397-4588; www.lambertvillearts.com

Return Home Exhibit, June 5-Sept. 6, Arts Council of Princeton, Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street. **Panel discussions: Memory & Migration**, June 7, 4-5:30 p.m.; **Urban Dwellings**, June 26, 7:30 p.m. (609) 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Anniversary Arts Party, June 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Community Quilt Project. (609) 689-1089; www.groundsfor Sculpture.org. (wv)

Princeton Photography Club Meeting, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m., Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton. (732) 422-3676. (wv)

Summer Show, June 13-Aug. 2, Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street Trenton. Reception June 3, 5-9 p.m. (609) 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Dan Varner Paleo Artist lecture, June 15, 5 p.m., NJ State Museum Auditorium, 205 West State Street, Trenton. Register (609) 292-6310; www.state.nj.us/state/museum. (wv)

Tots on Tour!, June 21, 11 a.m.-noon, Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Ages 3-5. (609) 689-1089; www.groundsfor Sculpture.org. (wv)

ArtWorks' Art All Night, June 21, 3 p.m.-June 2, 3 p.m., 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. (609) 394-9436; www.artworkstrenton.org. (wv)

Salon des Refuses, thru June 22, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Trenton. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

TAWA Salon Show, June 28-Sept. 14, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. Reception June 28, 5-8 p.m. Gallery talk July 13, 1-4 p.m. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Points of Reference curated by Bill Hogan, thru June 29, Artworks, 19

Everett Alley, Trenton. (609) 394-9436; www.artworkstrenton.org. (wv)

Many Gifts, One Spirit, thru July 12, Synod Hall, Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. Reception June 1, 3-5 p.m. (609) 392-3805; www.new-jersey.anglican.org/arts. (wv)

Ceramics, thru July 12, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsfor Sculpture.org. (wv)

Inside/Out featuring TAWA artists, July 29-Sept. 16, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. Reception Aug. 2, 5-8 p.m. Gallery talk Sept. 6, 1-4 p.m. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Latino Art Exhibit, Aug. 8 - Sept. 6, Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street Trenton. Reception Aug. 8, 5-9 p.m. (609) 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Masters of Clay, thru Sept. 28, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsfor Sculpture.org. (wv)

Princeton University

Art Museum

Toulouse-Lautrec's Parody of "The Sacred Grove," thru June 8

Early Warhol in Context, thru June 8

An Educated Eye, thru June 15

Work of Frank Stella, 1958-1997, thru June 15,
Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall, Princeton University Campus. Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun 1-5 p.m. (609) 258-3788; www.princetonartmuseum.org. (wv)

Firestone Library

The Art of Having Fun: Père Castor's Activity Books, thru June 15, Cotsen Children's Library.

Notre Livre: À toute épreuve: A Collaboration between Joan Miró and Paul Éluard, thru June 29, Milberg Gallery.

"Times They Are A-Changin'," thru July 15, Seeley G. Mudd Library.

Numismatics in the Renaissance, thru July 20, Main Gallery.

Three Centuries of Political Cartoons, July 13-Jan. 18, Milberg Gallery.

The Greek Book from Papyrus to Print, Aug. 17-Dec. 7, Milberg Gallery.
Princeton University Firestone Library, One Washington Road. (609) 258-3000; www.princeton.edu/~rbsc.

Benefit

Gala featuring Burt Bacharach, June 7, 8 p.m., McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. Benefits McCarter programs. \$175-\$1,000. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org.

Dance

TEDI's Green Album, June 5, 7 p.m., Patriots Theatre, Trenton War Memorial, Memorial Drive. (609) 638-1556; www.thewar memorial.com. (wv)

Pennington Dance Multi-Cultural Celebration, June 8, 1 p.m., Patriots Theater, Trenton War Memorial, Memorial Drive. \$20. (609) 737-7596; www.penningtondance.com. (wv)

Dancing

Scottish Dancing, Mon, 7:30 p.m., Meadow Lakes, Etra Road, Hightstown. \$3. (609) 584-9764; www.rscds-nj.org.

Country Line Dancing, Tues, 7 p.m., Hillbilly Hall Tavern, 203 Hopewell-Wertsville Road, Hopewell. (609) 466-9856; www.hillbillyhall.com.

English Country Dance, second Sat; 8 p.m.; **Contra Dance** Wed & fourth Sat, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive. \$4. (609) 924-6763; www.princetoncountrydancers.org.

World Dance camp, July 14-18; African dance, arts & crafts, geography, nutrition, songs, and storytelling; campers ages 4-8. (609) 730-0467; www.penningtondance.com.

Film

Adult Film Group, Sundays 2 p.m., Ewing Branch Library, 61 Scotch Road. (609) 882-3130; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Independent Films, second Thu, 7 p.m., Lawrence Branch Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. (609) 882-9246; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Moulin Rouge, June 18, 7:30 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529; www.princetonfestival.org. (wv)

Student Film & Video Festival, July 16-17, 7 p.m., Community Room, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529 ext. 247; www.princeton.lib.nj.us.

History Activities

Drumthwacket Tours, Wednesdays, noon, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Reservations (609) 683-0057; www.drumthwacket.org.

Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital Exhibit Kick-off, June 1, noon, Morven Museum, 55

Stockton Street, Princeton. Historical reenactments, walking tours, music, dance, history, and art. (609) 924-8144; www.historicmorven.org.

Plainsboro Museum Tour, June 1, 15, 29, July 20, Aug. 3, 17, 2-4:30 p.m., Plainsboro Historical Society, Wicoff House, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 799-9040; www.plainsborohistory.org.

New Jersey Militia Museum, June 3, July 8, August 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 151 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville. (609) 530-6802; www.state.nj.us/military/museum.

Drumthwacket Tour, Wednesdays, June & July, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Register (609) 683-0591; www.drumthwacket.org.

Brearley House Tour, June 7, July 5, August 2, 10 a.m.-noon, Lawrence Historical Society, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. (609) 895-1728; www.thelhs.org. (wv)

Schenck House Tour, June 8, 1-4 p.m., Historical Society of West Windsor, 50 Southfield Road, West Windsor. (609) 799-1278.

Lawrence Historical Society Garden Party & Canoe the Canal Day, June 8, 1-4 p.m., Port Mercer Canal House, Province Line Road at Quaker Road, Lawrenceville. (609) 895-1728; www.thelhs.org. Canoe Rental \$30. Reservations (609) 844-7067.

Cottage Club Tour, June 11, 18-19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 51 Prospect Avenue, Princeton. (609) 921-6137.

Hiroshima-Nagasaki remembrance, Aug. 6, Coalition for Peace Action, 40 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. (609) 924-5022; www.peacecoalition.org.

1783 Celebration

Art Exhibit, June 1-Jan. 11, Morven, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. Wed-Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m. \$4-\$5. (609) 924-8144, ext. 106; www.morven.org.

Walking Tours, June 7, 21, July 5, 19, Aug. 2, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street. \$7. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

1783 Teas, Wednesdays June-Dec., 1 p.m., Morven. Register.

Military Reproductions, June 21, 2 p.m., Kingston Fire House, Route 27. \$5 www.rockingham.net

Independence Day, July 4-6, Princeton Battlefield & Thomas Clarke House, Mercer Street. (609) 921-0074;

www.saveprincetonbattlefield.org
Jubilee, July 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Morven.
18th Century Furniture, July 12, 2 p.m., Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton. \$5 www.rockingham.net.
General Washington Arrives, Aug. 23-24, Rockingham, Route 603, Kingston. \$5. www.rockingham.net.

Howell Living History Farm

Dairy Day, June 7
Haying, June 14
Hog Slopping & Weighing, June 21
Old Time Baseball, June 28
Ice Cream Party, July 5
Wheat Harvest, July 12

*Howell Farm is a Mercer County Park System facility, Valley Road, off Route 29, Titusville. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. *Wheelchair accessible hayride available by calling (609) 737-3299; www.howell-farm.org.*

Kuser Farm Mansion

Art of Business & Formal Dining videos, June 1, 10 a.m.
Graduation Day by Tom Glover, June 4, 7 p.m.
18th-20th Century Dolls, video, June 7, 10 a.m.
Cape May Cottage & Victorians videos, June 8, 10 a.m.
Carnival Glass video, June 14, 10 a.m.
Girl Scout Doll Collecting video, June 15, 10 a.m.
Movie Memorabilia video, June 21, 10 a.m.
Quilting video, June 22, 10 a.m.
Tea Pots video, June 28, 10 a.m.
Create Victorian Scrap Art video, Jun 29, 10 a.m.
30 Years at Kuser Farm Park by Tom Glover, June 30, 7 p.m.
1893 Columbian Exposition video, July 10, 10 a.m.
Clocks: Cuckoos To Classics video, July 11, 10 a.m.
Antique & Modern Clothing Buttons video, July 17, 10 a.m.
Hatpins video, July 18, 10 a.m.
Rose & Tulip Gardens of the World videos, Aug. 7, 10 a.m.
Formal & Public Gardens of the World videos, Aug. 8, 10 a.m.
Victorian Jewelry video, Aug. 14, 10 a.m.
Jewelry Through the Ages video, Aug. 15, 10 a.m.
Kuser Farm Mansion is a Hamilton Township facility located at 290 Newkirk Avenue, inside Kuser Farm Park. Reservations (609) 890-3630; www.hamiltonnj.com.

William Trent House

Colonial Kids, Sat-Sun, 1-3 p.m. \$2-\$3.
Staff of Life: Bread & Butter with Kimberly Costa, August 23, 2 p.m.
That Blasted Herb, substitutes for Tea with Stacy Roth, June 14, 2 p.m.
Fresh from the Garden, Fridays, July 11-Sept 26, 11a.m.-2 p.m.

Kitchen Remedies with Judith Krall-Russo, July 26, 2 p.m.
1719 William Trent House Museum, William Trent Place at Market Street, Trenton. (609) 989-3027; williamtrent-house.org. (wv)

German-American Club

Summer Dance featuring Rick Koreyva Band, June 21, 6 p.m. \$9.
Country Night Dance featuring DJ Joann Lawrence, June 29, 6 p.m.
Euro-American Car Show, July 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Raintide July 13.
American Oldies Dance featuring DJ Brett Gash, July 12, 8 p.m.
Beach Party Dance featuring Bud & Linda Gramer, July 19, 8 p.m. \$9.
Int'l Night Dance featuring Hans Schneider, Aug. 16, 8 p.m. \$9.
German-American Club, 215 Uncle Pete's Road, Yardville. (609) 585-5200; www.gak.org.

Literary Events

Open Mic-Cultural Art Expression and Poetry Reading Night, third Saturday each month, 4 p.m., CookAppeal Café @ Simply Natural Living, 1400 Parkway Avenue, Ewing. (609) 406-0818; www.cookappeal.com.

Children's American Sign Language Story Hour, June 3, 10 a.m., NJ Library for Blind, 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton. Register (888) 671-6983; TTY (877) 882-5593; colsen@njstatelib.org. (WATSPLV)

Ark of Peace lecture with Alvin Haywood, June 7, noon-2 p.m., Classics Used and Rare Books, 117 South Warren Street, Trenton. (609) 394-8400.

New Jersey Writers Society Meeting, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m., West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road, West Windsor. (908) 578-9281; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Delaware Valley Poets readings, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, 3535 Route 1 South, Princeton. (609) 716-1570; www.B&N.com. (wv)

Poetry Reading, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, noon-2 p.m., Classics Used and Rare Books, 117 South Warren Street, Trenton. (609) 394-8400.

Delaware Valley Poets Workshop, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., Lawrence Public Library, Darrah Lane. Bring 15 copies of your poem. (609) 882-9246; www.mcl.org. (wv)

"To Be Continued" June 20, 3:45-4:45 p.m., Cotsen Children's Library, Firestone Library, Nassau Street & Washington Road, Princeton University Campus. For ages 6-7. (609) 258-1148; www.ccl.princeton.edu/.

Tiger Tales, June 22, 11 a.m.-noon, Cotsen Children's Library, Firestone Library, Nassau Street & Washington Road, Princeton University Campus.

For ages 3-5. (609) 258-1148; www.ccl.princeton.edu/. (wv)

Poet's Invitational, June 22, 2 p.m., Ground for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Register (609) 586-0616 ext 14; www.groundsfor Sculpture.org. (wv)

Socrates Cafe Discussion group, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-8822; www.princeton.lib.nj.us. (wv)

Book Sale, June 28-29, July 26-27, August 30-31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Plainsboro Public Library, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 275-2897; www.lmxac.org/plainsboro. (wv)

Plainsboro Literary Group, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m., Plainsboro Public Library, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 275-2897; www.lmxac.org/plainsboro. (wv)

MCCC Center for Continuing Studies Summer Workshops

Writing for TV with Barry Putt, July 7-Aug. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$135.

Playwriting with Barry Putt, July 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Taught by. \$56.

Glass Bead Making Intro, July 15-Aug. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30.

35mm & Digital Photography, July 16-Aug. 13, 7-9 p.m. \$85.

Culinary Workshops with Chef Lawrence P. Frazer, 2-5 p.m. \$52.

From Sauce to Salsa, July 26.

Sauces Beyond Salsa, Aug. 2.

Playing With Pasta, Aug. 9.

MCCC's Center for Continuing Studies, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 570-3311; ComEd@mccc.edu. (wv)

Musical Performances

Reflections on 9/11 featuring Karen Walwyn, June 1, 3 p.m., Steinway Musical Society, Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. Register \$15. (609) 434-0222.

La Boheme Musical Preview, June 5, 7:30 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529; www.princetonfestival.org. (wv)

Princeton Garden Statesmen' Don't Stop The Music!, June 7, 3 p.m. & 8 p.m., Rider University Yvonne Theater, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. \$9-\$18. (732) 251-4238; www.menwhosing.com. (wv)

American Boychoir Graduation Ceremony and Concert, June 8, 3 p.m., Princeton University Chapel. (609) 924-5858; www.americanboychoir.org. (wv)

Recorder Society Rehearsal, June 10, July 8, August 12, 7:30 p.m., Kingston Presbyterian Church, Main Street. (609) 393-3762.

Music of La Belle Epoque Lecture with Timothy Urban, June 11, 7:30 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529; www.princetonfestival.org. (wv)

Princeton Festival Young Musicians Piano Competition, Preliminaries: June 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free; **Finals**: June 26, 8 p.m. \$25, Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall, Princeton University campus. (609) 537-0071; www.princetonfestival.org. (wv)

Eastern Wind Symphony, June 14, 4 p.m., College of New Jersey, Kendall Hall, 2000 Pennington Avenue, Ewing. \$7. (609) 771-2549; www.tcnj.edu. (wv)

American Salute featuring Westminster Community Orchestra, Conservatory Children's Chorus, & Choir, June 14, 8 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. \$15. (609) 258-5000; www.rider.edu. (wv)

Princeton Festival's Mirette, June 14, 20, 8 p.m.; June 28, 3 p.m., Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. \$30. (800) 595-4849; www.princetonfestival.org.

Youth Jazz Festival, June 16, noon-5 p.m., Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard, 301 North Harrison Street, Princeton. (609) 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Voices' Young Composers Concert, June 16, 7:30 p.m., Music Together Community Room, 225 Pennington-Hopewell Road, Hopewell. \$5-\$25. (609) 637-9383; www.voiceschorale.org. (wv)

Opera NJ Summer preview, June 19, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. (609) 924-8822; www.njot.org. (wv)

Princeton Festival's La Boheme, June 21 & 27, 8 p.m.; June 29, 3 p.m., Matthews Theatre at McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$30-\$110. Champagne reception, June 21, 11 p.m., \$10. (800) 595-4849; www.princetonfestival.org. (wv)

Princeton Festival's Concordia Chamber Players, June 22, 3 p.m., Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall, Princeton University Campus. \$30. (800) 595-4849; www.princetonfestival.org.

Opera NJ Summer Preview, June 27-28, 7:30 p.m., Palmer Square, Princeton. (609) 799-7700; www.njot.org.

Princeton Festival Organ Concert with Dr. Marilyn Keiser, June 28, 8 p.m. Princeton University Chapel. \$30. (800) 595-4849; www.princetonfestival.org. (wv)

Pastoral Musicians Hymn festival, June 30-July 3, 5 p.m., Princeton University Chapel. Register (240) 247-3000. (wv)

Carillon Concert, Sundays, July-Aug., 1 p.m., Grover Cleveland Tower, Graduate College, 88 College Road

West, Princeton University Campus. (609) 258-3654.

La traviata, Opera NJ, July 11 & 19, 8 p.m.; July 13, 2 p.m.; July 17, 7:30 p.m.; July 26, 1 p.m., McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$59-\$65. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wv)

Opera New Jersey Cinderella, July 12 & 25, 8 p.m., July 19, 1 p.m.; July 27, 2 p.m., McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$59-\$65. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org.

Golandsky Institute International Piano Festival, Jorge Luis Prats, Cuba, July 13, 8 p.m.; **Ilya Itin, Russia**, July 14, 8 p.m.; **An Evening of Chamber Music**, July 15, 8 p.m.; **An Evening of Contemporary Music with Sylvie Courvoisier, Switzerland**, July 17, 8 p.m.; **Concert**, July 18, 8 p.m.; **Bill Charlap, jazz piano**, July 19, 8 p.m., Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall, Washington Road, Princeton University Campus. \$25. (877) 343-3434; www.golandskyinstitute.org.

Opera NJ's The Merry Widow, July 18 & 26, 8 p.m.; July 20, 2 p.m.; July 24, 7:30 p.m., McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$59-\$65. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org.

Opera NJ's Summer Scenes Concert, July 22, 7:30 p.m., Berlind Theater at McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$15. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wv)

Folk / Jazz / Blues

Acoustic Singer-Songwriter Showcase, Wed, June, 6-11 p.m., KatManDu, Waterfront Park, Route 29, Trenton. Produced by Lance Reichert of qbdigital.com. (609) 587-4735.

Princeton Festival Jazz: Mulgrew Miller Trio, June 15, 4 p.m., Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall, Princeton University Campus. \$45. (800) 595-4849; www.princetonfestival.org.

Midsummer Night Music with Miche Braden, July 25, 7 p.m., Ellarslie Museum, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. Passage Theatre co-production. \$15-\$20. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org.

Pop Music

Lawrence Community Band, Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Senior Center, Darrah Lane. (609) 890-8168. (wv)

Klea Blackhurst, Songs & Sass of Ethel Merman, June 14, 7:30 & 10 p.m., McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$45. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wv)

Jersey Harmony Chorus Rehearsals, Mondays, June & July, 7:15 p.m., Boy Scouts of America, Route 1, Monmouth Junction. New members welcome. (732) 469-3983; www.harmonize.com/jerseyharmony.

Trout Fishing in America, June 13, 8 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$15-

\$25. (609) 689-1089; www.grounds-forsculpture.org. (wv)

Jeffrey Gaines, June 27, 7:30 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$15-\$20. (609) 689-1089; www.grounds-forsculpture.org.

Outdoor Concerts

Carnegie Center Concert Series, Tues & Thur, June-Aug., Noon, Greenway Amphitheater, 202 Carnegie Center, Princeton. (609) 452-1444.

Concerts on the Landing, June-Aug., noon-2 p.m., steps of Trenton War Memorial, Memorial Drive. (609) 984-8400; www.thewarmemorial.com.

Arts Council of Princeton Concert Series, June 19-Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m., Princeton Shopping Center. 301 North Harrison Street. (609) 921-6234; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Music on the Green, Saturdays July & August, 2-4 p.m., Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. Bring a blanket. Free. (609) 921-2333.

Music in the Park, Saturdays July & Aug., 6-8 p.m., Mercer County Park, Near the Ice Rink, West Windsor. (609) 989-6559; www.mercer-county.org.

Princeton Summer Chamber Concerts

Peabody Trio, June 17, 8 p.m.

Escher Quartet, June 26, 8 p.m.

Parker Quartet, July 10, 8 p.m.

Aulos Ensemble, July 15, 8 p.m.

Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. Free. (609) 258-5000; www.princeton.edu/richaud. (wv)

Robbinsville Summer Concert Series

Kindred Spirit, Classic Rock, July 8
Jukebox Heroes, Hits from the 60s to the Present, July 15

Mr. Ray, Rockin' Kids music, July 22
Joe Golding's Sophiztazz, July 29
Town Center, Lake Drive. Concerts start at 7 p.m. Raindates are the next day. (609) 918-0002 Ext. 120; www.robbinsville-twp.org.

Outdoor Activities

West Windsor Farm Market, Saturdays, June-Oct., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Vaughn Drive Lot, Princeton Junction Train Station. (609) 577-5113; www.westwindsorfarmersmarket.org.

Wednesdays on Warren, June-Aug., 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., TDA, South Warren Street, Trenton. (609) 393-8998; www.trenton-downtown.com.

Princeton Medical Center Fete, June 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Princeton University Football Stadium, off Washington Road. (609) 497-4069.

Trenton Heritage Days Festival,

June 7, noon-8 p.m.; June 8, noon-7 p.m., West State @ Calhoun & Willow. (609) 815-2162; www.trentonnj.org.

Flag Day ceremony, June 13, noon, Princeton Township Hall, 369 Wither-spoon Street. www.spiritofprinceton.homestead.com.

Fly Tying Demonstration, June 9, 6 p.m., Pennington Fire House, Bromel Place. (609) 984-3851.

Trenton 2 Nite, June 13, July 11, August 8, 5-9 p.m., South Warren & Lafayette streets, Trenton. (609) 393-8998; www.trenton-downtown.com.

Robbinsville Community Fest, June 14, 2 p.m., Community Park, West Manor Way & Gordon Road. Rain date June 15. www.robbinsville-twp.org.

Central Jersey Orchid Society meeting, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., Princeton Airport, Route 206. info@centraljerseyorchids.org.

Art All Night, June 21, 3 p.m.-June 8, 3 p.m., Artworks, 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. (609) 394-9436; www.art-workstrenton.org.

Mercer County 4-H Fair, June 28, 10 a.m., Skating Center, Mercer County Park, West Windsor. (609) 989-6833; www.mercercounty.org.

Capital City Market, Thursdays in July & August, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., East State @ Warren & Broad. (609) 393-8998; www.trenton-downtown.com.

Independence Day Fireworks, July 2, 9 p.m., Princeton University Stadium. Picnicking allowed, 7 p.m.

Independence Day Celebration, July 4, Concert 7 p.m., Fireworks, 9:40 p.m., Rider University Campus, 2083 Lawrenceville Road.

Mercer County FreedomFest, July 5, 3-9:30 p.m., Mercer County Park, West Windsor. (609) 989-6559; www.mercercounty.org.

Puerto Rican Parade, Aug. 3. (609) 540-7477.

Terhune Orchards

Read and Pick: June 3, 17, July 1, 15, 29, Aug. 12, 26, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Blueberry Bash, June 28-29, 10 a.m.-p.m. "It's the Wolf" presented by Tuckers Tales Puppet Theater.

Firefly Festival, July 13, 5-9 p.m. music, nature, \$5 for crafts activities.

Canning and Freezing Class, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. Register.

Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, Lawrence. (609) 924-2310; www.terhuneorchards.com.

Theatre

Cecilia's Last Tea Party, June 1, 3 p.m., Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front and Montgomery streets, Trenton. \$25. (609) 392-0766; www.passagetheatre.org. (wv)

A Seagull in the Hamptons, June 1, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; June 4-5, 7:30 p.m.; June 6, 8 p.m.; June 7, 3 p.m.

& 8 p.m.; June 8, 2 p.m., McCarter Theater at the Berlind, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$30-\$49. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wv)

State Street Project Playmaking Workshop, June 13, 7 p.m.; June 14, 3 & 7 p.m., Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front and Montgomery streets, Trenton. \$10. (609) 392-0766; www.passagetheatre.org.

David Gonzalez, storyteller, musician, June 21, 1 p.m., New Jersey State Museum, 225 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-6310; www.state.nj.us/state/museum. (wv)

Kelsey Theater

The Full Monty, June 1, 8, 2 p.m.; June 6, 7, 8 p.m. \$16. For mature audiences.

What the Butler Saw, June 20-21, 8 p.m.; June 22, 2 p.m. \$35. For mature audiences.

Little Red Hen, June 7, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. \$8-\$10.

The Fantasticks, July 25-26, Aug. 1-2, 8 p.m.; July 27, Aug. 3, 2 p.m., \$12-\$16. Pennington Players.

Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 570-3333; www.kelseyatmccc.org. (wvvp)

Off Broadstreet Theatre

Hansel and Gretel, June 6-7, 10 a.m.; June 7, 1 p.m. Ages 2½-7. \$4.

Twilight of the Golds, June 1-July 5.

Leader of the Pack, July 18-Aug 23; Sun 1:30 p.m.

Off-Broadstreet, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. Fri-Sat 7 p.m.; Sun 1:30 p.m., \$28-\$30. (609) 466-2766; www.off-broadstreet.com. (wv)

Tryouts/Opportunities

Readers, NJ Library for Blind, 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton. One hour per week. (609) 530-3258.

Singers Wanted, Greater Trenton Choral Society, Abiding Presence Church, 2220 Route 31, Ewing. Monday rehearsals, 7:30 p.m. (609) 448-1775.

Audition for The Fantasticks by The Pennington Players, June 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; June 10, 7-10 p.m. Callbacks, June 11, 7-10 p.m., Communications Building, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Appointments (609) 737-7529. Show Dates July 25-27 & August 1-3.

Westminster Music Camp, June-Aug., children/teens/adults. (609) 921-7104; www.rider.edu/conservatory.

Student Film & Video Festival, deadline to submit 20-minute shorts, June 15. Guidelines, entry form: www.princetonlibrary.org/teens. Festival July 16-17, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529 ext. 247 or visit www.princeton.lib.nj.us. (wv)

Putting Washington to Rest

On January 1, Robbinsville Township became the official designation adopted by one Mercer County town attempting to distinguish itself from six other New Jersey municipalities named Washington Township. The community's three-to-one name-change vote dropped Washington into a tie with Franklin as the most often-used municipality name in the state.

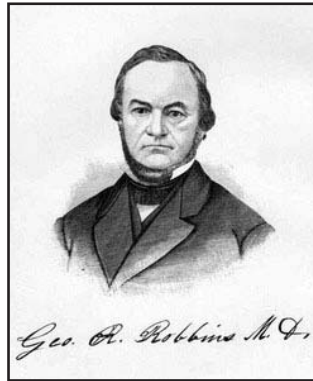
The township was incorporated on March 15, 1859 by an act of the NJ State Legislature, firmly establishing the present-day boundaries, which includes three unincorporated areas—Windsor, New Sharon and Robbinsville.

Windsor was formerly called Magrilla, then Centreville. The U.S. Post Office recommended changing the name to Windsor in 1846 to avoid confusion with Hunterdon's Centerville.

The hamlet of New Sharon was a tavern stop on Old York Road (originally a Lenni-Lenapi path) at the crossing of Cattail Creek from which it got its original name of Cattail. The circa 1747 tavern is now a private residence. Robbinsville also traces its origin to an eighteenth century tavern. From the 1750s to the mid-1800s, Thomas Tindall, then later, Sylvester Vanderveer operated a tavern in a locale known as Hungry Hill. Also referred to as Poverty Hill, the area was so named because of the tavern keepers inability to provide food to his partons. The name Newtown was adopted later to rid the area of its unflattering name and reputation.

Robbinsville area was originally settled circa 1750 by Quakers who purchased the land from the Lenni-Lenape in 1677. Founded in 1831, the town was named in honor of George Robbins Robbins, M.D. (1808-1875) who served as a U.S. Congressman, elected to represent New Jersey's Second District in the United States House of Representatives from 1855 to 1859. Dr. Robbins was born near Allentown, graduated from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, practice medicine in Bucks County, PA and Hamilton Square where he eventually died and was buried in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery. He was also a one-time postmaster for the area.

The recent name change makes Robbinsville the only town so named in the state. Another claim to fame is Robbinsville's location along the Camden and Amboy Rail line. The C&A received the first railroad charter in the United States and operated the first successful railroad in New Jersey. The John Bull locomotive travelled this line between Bordertown and Hightstown from 1833 to 1866 and is now on display in the Smithsonian Institution.



George Robbins Robbins, US Congressman, elected to represent New Jersey's 2nd District in the United States House of Representatives, serving from 1855 to 1859.

Princeton Cemetery

The Princeton Cemetery, owned by the Nassau Presbyterian Church, is located opposite Palmer Square. The Square was named after Edgar Palmer, a benefactor of both the University and the community. The cemetery has been called the "Westminster Abbey of the United States" by John F. Hageman in his 1878 history of the town because so many prominent citizens are buried there.

The Old Graveyard, established in 1757 on a one-acre parcel of land, is where some of the earliest European family names in the area are buried: Bayard, Berrien, Leonard, Mershon, Skillman, Stockton, and Terhune. The oldest surviving monument is that of Aaron Burr, Sr., located in the Presidents' Plot within this section of the cemetery.

The present-day 19-acre cemetery also includes 3 acres from the Wiggins Farm bequeathed in 1801 by Dr. Thomas Wiggins, and gifts of four acres from Paul Tulane in 1878, and eight acres from Moses Taylor Pyne in 1919.

A Walking Tour of Princeton Cemetery map with a legend including the gravesites of 54 prominent people associated with the long history of the Church, the University, and the town is available for download at www.nassauchurch.org/cemetery/map.htm. Leaflets can be picked up from the cemetery superintendent's house on Greenview Avenue, off Wiggins Street. For more information, please call (609) 924-1369 or visit www.princetonol.com/groups/cemetery/.

A Place in Time National Guard Militia Museum

Tucked inside the historic Armory at 151 Eggert Crossing Road in Lawrenceville is the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey (NGMMNJ), a museum dedicated to telling the story of the contributions of New Jersey's citizen soldiers to the State and Nation in peace and war. The Armory, built in the late 1920s to house the 112th Field Artillery Regiment of the NJ Army National Guard, which was to become the U.S. Army's last horse-drawn field artillery unit when it gave up its horses in 1941 after being mobilized into federal service, is a museum in itself with its uniquely tiled floors, sprawling hallways, horse rink, converted stables, and World War II Memorial at its front door.

The NGMMNJ displays a large collection of military firearms, uniforms, and equipment used by New Jersey Militia and National Guard soldiers throughout the history of this country, from the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in

Afghanistan and Iraq. The hallways are lined with military art including the National Guard Heritage gallery, the Field Artillery Association's prints, the U.S. President Militia Member Collection, the Army Art set, and the Civil War Life Studies of the Great Army. Two rooms

contain artifacts covering over 300 years of history, including U.S. weapons from all our major wars and German and Japanese weapons from World War II. Two rooms are dedicated to artifacts from the American Civil War and the post-war Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans. Another room is filled with hundreds of military models from numerous countries and periods of history. Outside the Armory, several large vehicles are on display including



tanks, towed and self-propelled artillery pieces, and infantry fighting and support vehicles.

The NGMMNJ at Lawrenceville is free and open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Group tours can be arranged by calling the Curator at (609) 530-6802. More information is available at the Museum Website at www.state.nj.us/military/museum.



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