



JACOBUS VANDERVEER HOUSE & MUSEUM

Winter 2022/2023

In Case you Missed It...

The Jacobus Vanderveer House was pleased to host our annual Colonial Christmas Celebration, including our 20th Annual Cocktail Party on December 2, and festive Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3.

At the cocktail party, instrumentalist Linda Russel evoked sentiments from days gone by with her traditional carols and tunes performed on various instruments, including a hammered dulcimer. In the library, collector John Papa displayed his array of historic 18th century firearms. Barkeeps Les and Jobie offered ever-popular colonial refreshments in the kitchen. Special thanks to **Peapack Gladstone Wealth Management** for being the lead sponsor for this exciting event, and Burnt Mills Cider Company for providing delicious cider for all to enjoy.

Although rain threatened to curtail our Saturday activities, we were able to move inside for most of the day. We featured a Holiday Gift Pull, poinsettia sales, house tours, visits and photos with Santa, live music by the Hickory Chorus Carolers, and a fun gingerbread man decorating activity for children. At 5:30 pm we held our 2nd annual tree lighting in conjunction with Bedminster Township. Mayor Larry Jacobs addressed the crowd and lit the tree with rousing success. Many thanks to JVH trustee Darrick Anderson and his company Camelot Construction and LTD Landscaping & Nursery, of Bernardsville, for the beautiful new tree, and Bedminster DPW for planting the tree and beautifully decorating it with red, white and blue lights!

Fall 2022 Recap:

Weekend Journey to the Past

In October, the JVH brought back the popular Long Hill String Band for a day of live music, fun outside activities, dancing, house tours, and crafts. A fun time was had by all at our 2nd Annual JVH Harvest Hoedown.

School Group Day

The JVH was pleased to offer a private event for 140 local 5th graders in October! Funded through a generous grant from Americana Corner, School Day featured house tours, lace, spinning, musketry demonstrations, and a special appearance by the esteemed Major General Barron Von Steuben! Plans are in the works for a spring school day, by reservation only, and space is limited. See the website for upcoming information or contact our museum coordinator at info@jvanderveerhouse.org if your school is interested in participating.

Upcoming Events:

Colonial Egg Decorating Day -Saturday, March 25

This family-friendly event is sure to be egg-actly what will jumpstart your spring! Plans are ongoing, so please check our website for the latest details.

Field of Honor®

Field of Honor® will begin in late May. Look for the 200 flags flying proudly in our field. Flags can be dedicated to an active military member, veteran, first responder or in their memory. A \$25 fee to sponsor a flag includes a keepsake tag memorializing your honoree. For \$50 you can purchase a flag to take home and proudly display. Please see our website for details in the coming weeks to learn more about how to sponsor or purchase a flag.

Field of Honor® Celebration & Evening Summer Soiree- Saturday, June 3

The White House Wind Symphony will start the day by performing Patriotic and American music in front of our Field of Honor®. The JVH will be open so that visitors may view the Cantonment Model and tour the house. There will be a \$10 suggested donation per family, with all proceeds benefiting JVH operations.

Later that evening join us for live music, dancing and a delicious BBQ for all to enjoy. It's sure to be a Summer Soiree Sensation and a great way start the season! Tickets will be \$50 per person and includes a wine and beer bar.

Looking Forward:

The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House and Museum want to thank each and every one of you for your support and interest in this important piece of New Jersey history. Our plans for the future include new exhibits on the second floor, educating local students, hosting community events for all ages, updating our website, the production of educational videos, library presentations, and further collaboration with local and state-wide historic sites and organizations.

The Pluckemin Cantonment Model continues to be a highlight of our house as it provides the opportunity for visitors to better learn about America's first Military Academy, built in the Pluckemin Hills. We invite you to view this fantastic representation of a military academy that was crucial to America winning the Revolutionary War, and once stood right here in our own backyard!

Sponsorships:

The JVH is always seeking corporate partners and individuals to sponsor our future events. As we strive to create awareness of the importance of the Jacobus Vanderveer House in the victory of the American Revolutionary War, we remind you of the American tradition of generosity, asking for your partnership and support to continue our important work. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the Friends of Jacobus Vanderveer House depends on donations and fundraising to enable us to run our programs and events, as well as to maintain and add to the historic collections within the house. Donations and sponsorships are tax deductible. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for future events, please email us at info@jvanderveerhouse.org or call (908) 396-6053.

Volunteers Welcome!

We are always looking for like-minded individuals to help in the preservation and outreach of the JVH. If you or your high school/college aged student is interested in volunteering at the Vanderveer House, please contact Paula Podgurski by text at: 862-266-0905.

Did You Know?

There is only one copy of the engrossed and fully signed Declaration of Independence! Printer John Dunlap made an estimated 200 broadsides in the first printing of the Declaration. One copy was signed by all 56 members of the Second Continental Congress several weeks after it was first published. This one is preserved in the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The remaining Dunlap broadsides included only the names of John Hancock and Charles Thompson, and just 26 of those remain today.

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man." – Benjamin Franklin

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