



# THE CRANBERRY SCOOP

## New Jersey Questers Newsletter

THE QUESTERS MISSION STATEMENT:

"QUESTERS KEEP HISTORY ALIVE BY SUPPORTING PRESERVATION,  
RESTORATION AND EDUCATION"



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### The President's Message

*Dear Members,*

**As I start my new term of office I want to thank and acknowledge our Chapter Officers!!!** I have always felt that you are the bedrock of our organization!!! Without you stepping up for your chapters and putting in your efforts and time, we would not still be existing as an organization! This is very true in New Jersey. The chapters we lost this past year were because no one would step into the leadership of their chapters. You can no longer be a Bystander in your chapter. **To make your chapters work and the state too, you have to raise your hand and not sit back and let others do the work!! Please don't be shy we need you all.**

The NJ board is working hard to come up with new ways to support our members, chapters and their P&R projects. This year we are trying something new with the host chapter of the Fall Conference. They will be able to sell something at the conference to replenish their P&R fund. Also, the Chapter Presidents are now invited to attend one of our Executive board meetings.

Remember that by November 15th you can apply for the state Matching Grants for your P&R projects. The forms will be on the new Website, **[www.njquesters.org](http://www.njquesters.org)** . You can also get them from the NJ 3rd VP, Carol Duffy.

We now have a new NJ website at **[www.njquesters.org](http://www.njquesters.org)** . You create your own member password by going on the site, signing up and creating one.

I would like to thank the outgoing members of the NJ Board. You ladies are wonderful and a great part of the NJ Team Questers!!! I also would like to acknowledge the new incoming members. Thank you for saying "yes" and all your work so far.

I am lucky to have this team of chapter officers and board members, and I look forward to the year ahead.

Yours,

**Beth Wipperman**

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*Cranberry Scoop*

*deadline for spring articles-*

*1-15-2025*

# New Jersey Questers Fall Conference 2024



## NEW JERSEY QUESTERS

## FALL CONFERENCE INVITATION



**As Time Goes By #1513 cordially invites you to the**

**New Jersey State Fall Conference**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

**Spring Lake Manor**

**415 Highway 71, Spring Lake, NJ**

**9:00-10:00am check -in and continental breakfast, cash bar available**



**Before our program starts, we invite you to browse the treasure table, purchase 50/50 raffle tickets and shop our special handmade gift table. All proceeds will go to preservation and restoration projects.**



**The program for this conference will be presented by As Time Goes By, a special presentation on the history of the silent film industry in Fort Lee, NJ.**

## New Jersey Questers Fall Conference 2024

**THE PRESENTATION is titled—  
BEFORE HOLLYWOOD—THERE WAS FORT LEE.**



**LUNCHEON MENU- order will be taken at the table**

Salad

Penne Vodka

Choice of Chicken Francaise or Stuffed Sole both with vegetables

Cookies, Cannoli, Biscotti, Brownies



### **Preservation & Restoration Opportunity Baskets and Themes**

- ♦ Blockhouse #751- “Bubbles & Smooth”
- ♦ Indian Springs #973 – “Pizza Party!”
- ♦ Nooks and Crannies #1521- “For the Birds”
- ♦ Olde Cape Light House #1212 – “Red, White & Blue”
- ♦ Sandpipers#1501 – “Sweet & Savory”

## New Jersey Questers Fall Conference 2024



DISPLAY - Our chapter enjoys collecting and sharing fashion from the past, we hope you enjoy our exhibit called, ***FASHION THROUGH THE DECADES.***



# New Jersey Questers Fall Conference 2024

Fall Conference, Wednesday, October 23, 2024

will be at *Spring Lake Manor, 415 Highway 71, Spring Lake, NJ*

## Directions:

**From the North:** Follow Garden State Pkwy S to NJ-34 S in Wall Township. Take exit 98 from Garden State Pkwy S- 37 min (41.4 mi)

Merge onto Garden State Pkwy S

Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 98 for NJ-34 N/NJ-34 S toward I-195 W/Trenton Use the left lane to merge onto NJ-34 S via the ramp to Brielle

Merge onto NJ-34 S- go thru light south ↻

At the traffic circle, exit onto Allaire Rd- 3<sup>rd</sup> turn 2.2 mi Travel thru 2 lights

Turn right onto Warren Ave after 2<sup>nd</sup> light 1.0 mi

At 3<sup>rd</sup> light Turn right onto NJ-71 S, travel down road to Spring Lake Manor on right side of road. Will have just missed it if you hit a light.

**Western NJ:** Get on I-295 N in Mount Laurel Township from Mt Laurel Rd and NJ-38 E 7 min. (2.8 mi)

Continue to Wall Township 47 min (53.5 mi). 195 changes to NJ 138. Continue on NJ-138 E to 3<sup>rd</sup> light New Bedford Road turn right at light. Travel to 2<sup>nd</sup> light, turn left onto Allaire Rd. take the immediate right onto Warren Ave.

At 3<sup>rd</sup> light Turn right onto NJ-71 S, travel down road to Spring Lake Manor on right side of road. Will have just missed it if you hit a light.

## **South New Jersey using the NJ Parkway:**

Get onto NJ Parkway north and travel to Exit 98 towards NJ- 138 East

Keep right, follow signs for NJ 138 E and merge onto 138 E. Travel to third light New Bedford Road turn right at light. Travel to 2<sup>nd</sup> light, turn left onto Allaire Rd. take the immediate right onto Warren Ave.

At 3<sup>rd</sup> light, Turn right onto NJ-71 S, travel down road to Spring Lake Manor on right side of road. Will have just missed it if you hit a light after turn.



# New Jersey Questers Board News

## NJ President's P&R Grant Project 2024

### STAR AND EAGLE FLAG c1850's at Allaire Historic Village

This "Star and Eagle" Flag was most likely made to fly on ships on the Hudson River, although it is unknown if it actually flew on a ship while underway. The flag has one blue corner with 13 stars arched over an eagle, made of white cotton, handstitched and inset on blue gauze. There are 7 red gauze stripes interspersed with 6 white strips. There is a maker's mark stamped in one corner and it is a man standing on the bow of a ship holding a flag bearing the name "Excelsior".

Because there was no official "star pattern" for the American national flag until 1912, the design was left up to the artistic liberties of the maker. This is an American Eagle "jack" styled flag that became popular in the mid 19th century. They were widely used on merchant ships and vessels on rivers and in harbors by steamboats. Referred to as "jacks" they were seen on the "jack staff". Often seen flying when "dressing" a ship for a launching, christening, or other special occasion or celebration. The American Bald Eagle bears the arrows of defense and the olive branch of peace.

The flag was donated to Allaire Village, by Mrs. Henry Parcel and an article appeared in the Asbury Park Press in May 1957. It is unknown where the flag was until then and assumed to be with descendants and handed down over the years.

In 2001 the flag was brought to the Smithsonian Archives and examined in their textile archive area. After their examination they said it was unlikely that it ever flew on the ocean since there were no traces of salt water damage in the fabric. It was most likely displayed on ships on the Hudson River. Also, The Smithsonian has an identical flag; however, it is not in as good of condition as the one owned by Allaire.

The flag is in "fair" condition but had several issues needing attention and repair to help stabilize it so further deterioration is minimized.

Dust, grime, damage from display, fabric loss, and damage from some sort of minor fire that were not discovered for a period of time when it was stored away.

It needed spot cleaning, vacuuming, crease reduction, burn stain removal, tear and loss stabilization, complementary fabric added to secure areas and rehouse in an acid free box.

Some time ago the original flag was hung adding to the condition issues. Now on July 4th the flag is displayed on the altar of the chapel on the grounds of Allaire Historic Village. It is a valuable part of our history and impressive to see. A replica flag hangs from the third floor of another building on the property, for special occasions and national holidays.

New Jersey Questers can be proud to have contributed to this treasured piece of our history, and the President's Grant money awarded to the Allaire Historic Village for its' preservation.

*Lynn Stulz, Immediate State President (2022-2024)*



## New Jersey Questers Board News

### Pictures of the restoration on the Star and Eagle Flag c 1850's



General Store at Allaire Park with flag 2018



Independence day 2002- Original Flag



Damage to flag before repairs



Repaired



Hance M Sitkus, Executive Director, and Felicity Bennett, Allaire Museum Collections Manager, Lynn Stulz, NJ President and Joyce Mitchell, NJ 1st VP, presenting a check for \$6750 to finish the restoration of the flag. The money was a combination of \$5000. from Lynn's President's Grant and \$1750 from the King Road # 1014 chapter treasury. Kings Road had disbanded earlier this year and donated their funds to our State P&R Fund.

## New Jersey Questers Board News



### **Sally Bertellotti, NJ 1st Vice President**

As your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in charge of membership, I would like to reach out to all our chapters and offer my services. If you need help in any way to make your chapter thrive, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can help with programs as well as membership. International website is a great resource for program suggestions.

Membership is always a problem and I hear from all that we are not getting younger, and young people do not want to join our organization. A great resource for new members is the newly retired, especially teachers.

Again, please contact me with any of your chapter problems or questions. I will be glad to help.

***Sally Bertellotti***



### **Carol Duffy, NJ 3rd Vice President**

The **As Time Goes By #1513** chapter has been hard at work planning our upcoming Fall Conference to be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Spring Lake Manor in Spring Lake. The program for this year's conference titled ***"Before Hollywood – There was Fort Lee"*** will be a special presentation by the **As Time Goes By** chapter about the history of the silent film industry in Fort Lee.

Thank you to the following chapters who will be donating Opportunity Baskets for the Conference:

Nooks & Crannies #1521	"For the Birds"
Olde Cape Lighthouse #1212	"Red, White & Blue"
Sandpipers #1501	"Sweet & Savory"
Blockhouse #0751	"Bubbles & Smooth"
Indian Springs #0973	"Pizza Party"

Chapter presidents will be receiving raffles books in early September (one book per chapter member) for the Opportunity Baskets. Each chapter member is encouraged to buy at least one raffle book. Additionally raffle books will be available for purchase on the day of Fall Conference.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Fall Conference in October, which is shaping up to be a terrific conference!

***Carol Duffy***



# New Jersey Questers Chapters News

## SANDPIPERS #1501



The Sandpipers #1501 Chapter recently presented a \$2,000 check to Hance M Sitkus, Executive Director at The Historic Village at Allaire for the re-development of a small garden plot at The Village located between the General Store and The Carpenter's Shop to be called the "Sandpiper Revolutionary Tea Garden".

As per the Allaire proposal for the garden, "the plants were suggested both because of their significance to

early American History and due to their potential contributions to other foodways activities. Savory herbs will support culinary activities in the Manager's House, while fruiting plants like red raspberry provide good candidates to expand our interpretive program in shrub and preserve-making. All of the herbs in this garden should be gathered and dried for tea demonstrations."

Several of the herbs that will be planted, such as Witch Hazel and Sumac, appear in period recipes for personal hygiene products and medicines.

The Sandpipers Chapter is thrilled to be a part of this exciting garden project that will be used for educational purposes by the Allaire Historic Village historical interpreters.

**The Carpenter Shop** This was the second carpenter shop built by Mr. Allaire. The first one was located halfway between the general store and the existing building, and on the far end of the carpenter shop, an addition to the building, that is now the wheelwright shop. The tinsmith shop also shares space in this building. Being an itinerate tradesperson, the tinsmith traveled from town to town and works piecemeal in different locations throughout the area.



**The General Store** was built in 1835 at the substantial cost of \$7,000 dollars. As one of the largest general stores in the State of NJ at one time, the store was designed to attract customers from the town as well as the surrounding

community. Shipments from New York provided goods not readily accessible to the local community. The store also included a Post Office and utilized an elevator to lift goods to the upper floors – operating on a system of pulleys. Standing four stories tall, it is the largest building still standing at the village. Today the Store features early 18th and 19th century reproductions for sale as well as other goods reminiscent of a bygone era.



## New Jersey Questers Chapters News

### **Barnegat Windjammers # 989**



On March 26th the Barnegat Windjammers had the pleasure of going to the Shrewsbury Historical Society to view a wonderful display of sewing machines. There were over 40 machines on display including a 1864 Wheeler Wilson. This display is very professional and should be on your club's list of outings for the coming year. The display is open from 11 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays and Sundays or you can call our own Stewart and Judi Buncher at 908-675-3099 to make an appointment.



### **Historical Society of Princeton at Updike Farmstead**

[354 Quaker Rd • Princeton, NJ](#)



In May we were on the "quest" again with a trip to the Princeton Historical Society. The historical society is located on a farm just outside of town. There is an interesting group of old farm buildings and an entire room devoted to Albert Einstein. They even have some of his original furniture. A lovely lunch in downtown Princeton was enjoyed by all of us.

The Historical Society of Princeton purchased the six-acre Updike Farmstead from the estate of Stanley Updike in 2004. The Farmstead consists of a late 18th/early 19th century farmhouse, a large barn built in 1892, wagon shed, corn crib, three-bay garage, garden sheds, and a raised-bed organic garden.

# New Jersey Calendar 2024-2025

## July 2024

15 Articles due for Fall Cranberry Scoop:  
15 Quester Quarterly online and mailed

## August 2024

1 Articles for Fall QQ due

## September 2024

1 Cranberry Scoop Fall Edition on NJ Website  
12 NJ State Ex Board Meeting in Spring Lake (Chapter Presidents invited)  
15 Quester Quarterly on Website and mailed  
30 International Directory e-mailed to State Council members

## October 2024

1 Articles due for Quester Quarterly Winter issue due  
23 NJ Fall Conference hosted by As Time Goes By #1513 at The Spring Lake Manor  
415 Highway 71, Spring Lake, NJ

## November 2024

15 Mail Due Date for International Education Grant Application  
15 Mail Due Date for NJ Matching Grant Application to NJ 3rd Vice President

## December 2024

1 Winter Travelers Notification: Dues collection to State Treasurer by 4/01/2025  
15 Quester Quarterly Winter Issue on Website and mailed

## January 2025

9 NJ State Executive Board Meeting in Spring Lake (Chapter Presidents invited)  
15 International Election Ballot mailed  
15 Deadline for Cranberry Scoop Articles Due

## February 2025

1 Articles for Quester Quarterly Spring Issue Due

## March 2025

1 Spring Cranberry Scoop on NJ Website  
1 Chapter Dues and membership forms mailed from HQ  
15 Spring Issue of Quester Quarterly on Website and mailed

## April 2025

1 Deadline for NJ State Chapters Dues Deposit, 990's and Membership Reports filed  
23 NJ Spring Council Meeting—Clarion Hotel & Conference Center,  
815 Route 37 East, Toms River

## May 2025

TBA in Fall QQ Questers International Convention/Council Meeting

## June 2025

1 Articles for Quester Quarterly Summer Edition due  
12 NJ State Executive Board Meeting in Spring Lake