The Trent House Association
Annual Meeting 2016
Saturday, May 14 at 1:00PM
“John Hart: Portrait of a Patriot”
$10 for non-members, free for members

You are cordially invited to be our guest at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Trent House Association to hear a special illustrated lecture by Dave Hart, historian and co-author of the 2010 novel Trenton. As a descendant of John Hart – a signer of the Declaration of Independence and leader in the American Revolution – Dave Hart will speak of his life and role in the Revolution. He will also discuss a new film he is producing about John Hart’s life, for which the Trent House and other local sites will be used as filming locations.

As a member of the Trent House Association, you will also be briefed on new developments within the organization and highlights of the past year.

First Trees for Mr. Trent’s Apple Orchard

On March 26th, Charles Thomforde, the Trent House’s volunteer Historic Horticulturist, supervised a small group of volunteers including Master Gardeners Andre Butts and Louise Senior in preparing the grounds for “Mr. Trent’s Apple Orchard.” This site will re-create in miniature an orchard that would have provided the Trent household with apples, used primarily for juice fermented into hard cider. The first trees to be planted include heirloom varieties that might have been grown in this region during William Trent’s time: Albemarle Pippin, Roxbury Russet, Yellow Bellflower and Smith’s Cider. Over the next year, as they become available, saplings of several other varieties will also be planted, so that in years to come visitors will be able to see firsthand the wide range of colors and sizes of apples available in early America. Two saplings of the Harrison apple are also included in the orchard. The Harrison apple was the most prevalent cider variety grown in New Jersey in the 19th century, during which the state was known internationally for the quality of its hard cider.

Purchase of the trees has been made possible by generous donations from the Dogwood Garden Club, the Trenton Garden Club and the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County. Please consider contributing to the Trent House Apple Orchard Fund, which will be used to pay for permanent signs, educational materials, and ongoing maintenance.

Please find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/trenthousemuseum
President’s Message

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!
Archaeology, history, events, educational activities, programs, gardening projects, lectures – we have it all. What we need is YOU!

The Trent House Association is providing a record amount of programming and events, and the ideas keep coming. To accomplish these goals, we appeal to all of you – especially our Trenton friends to come forward and make a difference. We have openings on our vibrant Board of Trustees for folks of varied interests and points of view to assist in preserving and promoting the historic Trent House and its role in local and national history. We invite you to consider joining to help us provide educational and socially conscious programming and activities for our visitors and our community. I can assure you that you will find our mission rewarding, and I guarantee you will never be bored! Please contact our Director, Kate Nolan, at: knolan@williamtrenthouse.org, or 609-989-0087. Thank you.

Spring is upon us, and the busy season begins. The first six of our twelve heritage apple trees have been planted, thanks to Master Horticulturist Charlie Thomforde and Sam Stephens. For those of you who would like a look, our “mini orchard” is located on the grounds west of the Trent House – ahead and to the left once you enter the gates.

Our archaeology projects proceed apace with a ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey of the northeast quadrant of the grounds just north of last year’s Kitchen Dig. Please see my archaeology report for details.

On the Trent House rehab front, drainage issues have been successfully resolved and we await bids for the roof and cornice repairs, as well as window and door repair and painting. Bulkhead and weatherstripping repairs have been approved, and should begin soon.

On the grants front, we are looking into grant opportunities to support development and expansion of our programming and hope to share our progress in the near future. In the meantime, we rely on our friends and supporters to help us continue our programs and events.

In case you haven’t noticed, our lecture series is developing remarkable momentum and generating full house attendance. We have improved our seating arrangement to better accommodate our audience in a more comfortable setting. Kudos to VP and Program Director Sam Stephens for spearheading this fantastic series. Don’t miss any of our upcoming speakers – they are all stellar!

Finally, in transition, we say goodbye…to our dear past Administrator, Bev Mills. Bev was our rock and guide, and always a calm voice of reason and wisdom. We will miss her. And hello…to our new Director, Kate Nolan, who has already masterfully taken the lead in moving the Trent House forward into new opportunities and possibilities. Thanks, Kate!

I hope to see you all on May 14.

– Kevin Joy

Meet the Staff

Shawn Carney, Docent/Tour Guide
Since 2014, Shawn has served as the Trent House Museum’s docent and archaeological consultant. Shawn received her Bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from Rutgers University and has participated in archaeological digs for more than ten years. Currently, she is heading the Museum’s effort to exhibit artifacts uncovered during the 2015 dig of the 1742 Kitchen outside the Trent House. She is also an integral part of the museum’s annual summer archaeology programs for children.

Samantha Luft, Museum Manager
Beginning her career at the Trent House Museum in 2012 as a docent, Samantha took on a new position this year as the Museum Manager. Samantha received her Bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from Monmouth University and her Master’s degree in Museum Professions from Seton Hall University. She manages the maintenance of the museum and leads program development in areas of outreach and interpretation. Currently, she is expanding upon the museum’s tour offerings by creating new thematic tours.

Kate Nolan, Director
Taking on the role of Director at the Trent House Museum this year, Kate has an extensive background working with preservation non-profits. She received her Bachelor’s degree in History from Rowan University and will receive her Master’s degree in Historic Preservation from Goucher College at the end of the year. Currently, she is focused on guiding efforts to maximize the potential of the Trent House in anticipation of the 300th anniversary of the Museum in 2019.
Lecture Series at the Trent House

Due to the overwhelming success of last year’s Lecture Series, the Trent House Association continued this year with new speakers and topics.

In January, Richard Veit, Professor of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University, presented A Monument to Fallen Royalty: Rediscovering Joseph Bonaparte’s Point Breeze Estate, elaborating on Bonaparte’s role within New Jersey history. In February, Richard Gefken, Historian of the Farmingdale Historical Society, presented The Story of Shrewsbury Revisited: 1665-2015, which explored Shrewsbury’s colonial past and the compelling role of Shrewsbury Quakers in the abolition of American slavery. In March, Laura Poli, Archivist of the Trentoniana Collection at the Trenton Free Public Library, presented From Point Breeze to the Trent House: Paintings from the Bonaparte Collection, building upon our January lecture and exploring a collection of paintings owned by Joseph Bonaparte and later by residents of the Trent House. Most recently, in April, Beverly Mills and John and Elaine Buck, all of the Stoutsburg Cemetery Association, presented Proud Heritage: African-American History in the Sourlands, examining a quest to preserve family history that has grown into an effort to preserve and document an important cemetery and create an African-American museum in the Sourlands.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

No reservations required for any event.

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<td>1-3PM</td>
<td>3rd Annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social: Free ice cream with toppings and tours of the Trent House! Live music!</td>
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<td>Sat., July 9</td>
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<td>Colonial Kids Day: Dress up, learn how to write with a quill pen, make a yarn doll and marbles from clay, play games that Billy Trent would have enjoyed, and more. Prize for completing all activities. $3 per child, fee for accompanying adults.</td>
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<td>Illustrated Lecture commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service – speaker to be announced. $10 for non-members, $8 for members.</td>
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<td>Sat., Aug. 27</td>
<td>1-3PM</td>
<td>Camp Trent: Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service at New Jersey’s oldest National Historic Landmark! Crafts and games for children with a prize for completing all activities. $3 per child, free for accompanying adults.</td>
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<td>Sat., Sept. 24</td>
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<td>Illustrated Lecture by Gary Saretzy on nineteenth century Trenton-based photographers. $10 for non-members, $8 for members.</td>
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<td>Sat., Oct. 15</td>
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<td>Illustrated Lecture by Richard Veit on graveyard archaeology – history uncovered in cemeteries and tombstones. $10 for non-members, $8 for members.</td>
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<td>Sat., Nov. 19</td>
<td>1PM</td>
<td>Illustrated Lecture by Joseph Grubes on deeds, boundaries, and property disputes in early New Jersey. $10 for non-members, $8 for members.</td>
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Join the Trent House Association!

The Trent House Association’s mission is to preserve, with the City of Trenton, the 1719 William Trent House and kitchen garden as an historic house museum used for the purpose of public education. Governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees, the Trent House Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Operating funds are provided by private donations, fund raising activities, and a general operating support grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. Please support us!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

**Basic**: Unlimited free tours of the house, 10% discount on gift shop items, discounts on events and programs.

**Madame Trent’s Coterie**: Above benefits + 4 guest passes for tours, discount on events and programs. Invitation to November members-only program.

**William Trent Society**: Above benefits + Director-led tour of the house to include the view from the cupola.

**Membership Application Form**

You may purchase or renew your membership online using PayPal at www.williamtrenthouse.org or fill in the form below and mail with your check or money order to Trent House Association.

Please indicate membership level by checking the appropriate box.

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Memberships last for a period of one year, beginning on March 1 of each year. All members with dues paid in full for the year will be invited to the annual business meeting in May. Individual members are entitled to one vote on matters brought before the membership. Family/Household members and above are entitled to two votes.

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Trent House Archaeology Update

The first stage of the ca. 1742 Kitchen Dig has been completed! Hunter Research has closed ground on the test pits, the artifacts have been cataloged, and a comprehensive report generated. As of this writing, a preliminary Ground Penetrating Radar survey will have been conducted in the northeast quadrant of the Trent House grounds, north of the Kitchen Dig test pits. On May 2nd and 3rd, Hunter Research and technician Peter Leach will have scanned this area in a follow up to last year’s successful dig and as a continuance of our archaeology program. Once again, with generous support from our “Archaeology Benefactor” we are able to provide continuing scholarship as we attempt to uncover the history of the Trent House and its occupants. After analysis, we will post our findings in our next newsletter and on our website. We are also planning a lecture by Hunter Research on the subject this Fall. Unfortunately, the complexity and sensitive nature of the project precludes public participation in the GPR survey. In its stead, we are fortunate that Shawn Carney, our Docent and resident archaeologist will be mounting a display and interpretation of a sampling of the artifacts uncovered in our Kitchen Dig, which will be installed in our Visitor Center this summer. Shawn will also be preparing an interactive children’s archaeology program at the same time. Please visit our website for details.

Would you like to be a part of discovering the history of the Trent House? Please consider becoming a member of the Trent House Association, or donating to the cause. You can earmark your donation to “Archaeology” if you like, and we will duly credit your generosity in an appropriate manner (…or you may remain anonymous if you prefer.) Thank you.