


The Meadow Lark



Calendar of Events 2008

APRIL

Apr 12 John Stevens,
Architectural Historian: the
architecture of the Van
Wickle House
2 pm \$10 per person

SEPTEMBER

Sept 13 & 14 Save the date
Tentative—Civil War event
at Van Liew Suydam,
Pending permits

Sept 21 Apple Festival at
Hageman; family fun festival
of the fall harvest with baked
goods, children's activities

OCTOBER

Oct 11 & 12 Colonial Times
in Franklin at Wyckoff –
Garretson; two days of early
American crafts and lifestyle
demonstrations

Oct 26 Pumpkin Patch &
Enchanted Forest at Van
Wickle

NOVEMBER

Nov 8 Poetry Reading at
Tulipwood
2 pm \$10 per person

Nov (TBD) Annual Meeting
and Elections at Van Wickle
1pm -4pm

DECEMBER

Dec 7 Sinterklaas Festival at
the Van Wickle House
1pm – 4 pm donation

Dec 14 Old Fashioned
Christmas at Hageman and
the Franklin High School
Madrigal Singers
12pm-4pm Free family fun

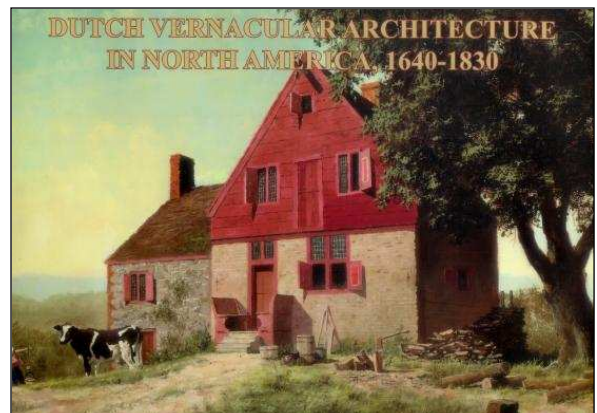
**NOTE: Due to limited
resources, Second Sun-
day House Tours have
been suspended**

DUTCH VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE Architectural Historian to Discuss Van Wickle House

Architectural historian John R. Stevens will be at the Van Wickle House, 1289 Easton Avenue, in Somerset, to discuss the house's rich architectural past. Mr. Stevens will have copies of his book, *Dutch Vernacular Architecture in North America, 1640–1830*, available for sale and signing. Critical praise for *Dutch Vernacular Architecture* has been lavish. Natalie Naylor, Hofstra University, says: "This book is a significant and important contribution to architectural history and our understanding of the early Dutch settlers. It will be invaluable to those interested in Dutch-American architecture, buildings, and culture. His scope includes western Long Island, Staten Island, New York



The Van Wickle House, circa 1722



The book includes 276 illustrations and 4 plates. xiv+449 pp.
Come meet the author for an autographed copy.

City, [and] northern New Jersey." Charles Gehring, director of the New Netherland Project, notes, "At last a definitive study of Dutch vernacular architecture. Stevens' exhaustive and highly illustrated book covers both houses and barns with details of interiors and exteriors in a very appealing format. Tantillo's painting of the Winne house on the cover is alone worth the price. Without question, it is a major contribution to New Netherlandic studies."

Doors open April 12 at 1:15 PM, program begins at 2PM Tickets are \$10/person. Reservations can be made by calling 732-560-1977.

FIRESIDE CHATS ARE RESOUNDING SUCCESS



Our hearts certainly have been warmed this winter with the tremendous audience response to our 2008 Fireside Chats. Every event has been *sold out*—something for which we thank YOU, our loyal audiences. We've had singers and story tellers, spies and soldiers, give everyone most

memorable and enjoyable Saturday afternoons.

Planning for the 2009 series will begin soon. If you would like to be part of the planning process, please join our Arts & Culture committee, call 732-748-7657 or chrisflp@aol.com for more information about this committee and its work.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEADOWS FOUNDATION

With the winter behind

us we look forward to spring clean up at the various properties and also spring and summer programs and events. Check out our calendar of events in this issue or our website www.themeadowsfoundation.org for the most up to date information.

Now in our 31st year of operation the Meadows Foundation has made great strides in preservation and restoration at our various

properties. We are always looking for people interested in helping out as members, board members, friends and volunteers.

Earlier this month in my travels, I made an unannounced stop and the Lockwood Matthews Mansion Museum in Norwalk Ct. The Assistant Curator Laura Macaluso gave me a warm reception and a special behind the scenes tour of the historic mansion.

Lockwood Matthews is a 62 room masterpiece designed in 1864 and completed in 1868 by the famed Danish Architect Detlef Lienau. The

mansion is the most important surviving work of Detlef Lienau and was designed for his client LeGrand Lockwood. Check out the Lockwood Matthews Mansion Museum website at www.lockwoodmathewsmansion.org Not surprisingly most historic preservation organizations are faced with similar challenges and concerns in this ever changing world.

The Meadows Foundation has a related house which of course is Tulipwood designed by Detlef's architect son J. August Lienau. Another local house which was actually

listed in the Lienau papers as designed by both Detlef Lienau and Jacob August Lienau which was known locally as "Shady Rest" but in the Lienau papers as "The Williams Cottage" is currently being demolished. This demolition was expected but the shock of it still has a big impact. It really makes one think of how valuable our work in preservation truly is.

Thank you for your tireless support of the Meadows and preservation,

John L. Mullen III
President

Open Letter from Laura A. Macaluso, Assistant Director & Curator

LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM

Hello Friends in New Jersey,

As the new Assistant Director & Curator of the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum in Norwalk, Connecticut, it was my pleasure to welcome John Mullen, who stopped by to see the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, which he hadn't seen in a few years. There have been many changes at the museum over the past year.

I was certainly glad to meet a "friend" from NJ - someone who knows first hand the work of Detlef Lienau, and the important and challenging work of historic preservation.

The Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers have great optimism that the strides we have taken to renew focus on our members, visitors and programs will bring in many new friends to the Mansion.



Our program line-up for 2008 includes a Victorian Tea on May 4, a Victorian Ice Cream Social on July 13 and

many speakers. There is a special screening in April of the documentary *The Rape of Europe*, which tells the story of the Nazi looting of Europe's great art treasures during World War II.

This past March, we took a bus tour to the Upper East Side, to view a private 19th century brownstone. It was fully restored and refurbished with spectacular wallpapers, furniture and works of art. We

hope to design a bus tour to visit Detlef Lienau sites in New Jersey, with John as a guide, in the spring of next

year. Until we meet each other then, let me at least invite all of you to take a drive to Norwalk, Connecticut, to visit Lienau's great work, the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum.

Best regards,
Laura A. Macaluso



Early American History : Civilian & Military Lifestyles

Colonial Times in Franklin

Wyckoff-Garretson House
215 So. Middlebush Road
Sat. Oct 11 (10a-5p)
Sun. Oct12 (11a-4p)

This popular event features crafters, soldiers, civilians, and reenactors who practice the not-so-simple lifestyles of our Colonial American heritage. An excellent opportunity to experience history.



Pictured is a craftsman, and wood-worker demonstrating his talent.

Civil War Life Demonstrations and Reenactors

SAVE THE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 13 & 14
for a Civil War event, tentatively scheduled at Van Liew Suydam, pending permits.

The house was built shortly following the war between the states. The land, an expansive farm is well suited for the encampment.



Pictured are two of the many soldiers from the 6th New Hampshire Volunteers, Company C. for this event.

Arts and Culture Activities at The Meadows

“Mary’s Laughter”

The movie "Mary's Laughter" filmed several scenes at the Van Liew Suydam house on February 16 & 17th.

It is a horror movie in the genre of the old Alfred Hitchcock style so the isolated location was selected to fit the theme. One small corner of the barn, the exterior of the house and the field out to Skillman's Lane was filmed. During the days of the shooting, a police officer to shut down Skillman's and kept people away from the house.

The star is a an 11 year old girl from Franklin. The father character has been in several other historical films. The film’s producer and "girl" are Franklin Township residents.

The producer, John Paxton, was very cooperative and willing to meet with media.

We want to hear from you!
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Take the online survey at
www.themeadowsfoundation.org



Mira and Bruce Foreman shared their research of Jews in the Civil War during a program in January at the Hageman Farm.

You Are Important

Ideas for future programming come from comments made by people who visit our houses and attend our events.

What would you like to see as a program at the Meadows Foundation? Now there is an easy way to let us know. Go to our website, and complete the short ten question survey.

There are several places where you can add comments, and let us know where your interests are.

Some suggestions are to celebrate Tulipwood with a program on the roaring twenties, including the history of Flappers, including a dance social. Maybe some antique victrolas and cars will add to the theme. Another idea is to celebrate Gay Pride month at the Van Liew Suydam. What do you think??? Let us know.



STEWARDS OF EARLY DUTCH & AMERICAN HERITAGE

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The Meadows Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to give the past a future by preserving and restoring historic sites with an emphasis on early Dutch and American heritage.

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Join the Meadows Foundation... support preservation and restoration.

The three houses pictured on the right represent some of the successes of The Meadows Foundation, thanks to dedicated individuals and donations from people like you.

Wyckoff-Garretson has had the foundation restored, drainage issues addressed, the kitchen fireplace repaired, a dormer removed, clapboards, the front porch stairs and benches reconstructed, and is prepared for the interior restorations.

Tulipwood has had the roof repaired, replaced as needed, front porch columns restored, the exterior repaired, scraped, painted, cedar shingles cleaned and replaced, windows and flashings replaced, and many hours of cleaning and painting completed.

Van Liew Suydam has had the porch reconstructed, extensive exterior repairs and painting, shutters repaired and replaced, and is in process of adding an accessible ramp. The interior work is pending, and the barn is scheduled for restoration, too.

In order to continue the interior restorations, many more dollars are needed. Kindly take a moment and send a minimum of \$35 for a family membership, or \$50 as a friend, or \$100 or more.

Make your donation payable to :The Meadows Foundation

Mail to: 1289 Easton Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873

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