

# David Library releases schedule of free lectures

The David Library of the American Revolution's educational programs that will be offered admission-free in the library's lecture hall over the coming months begins May 14.

The David Library, 1201 River Road, Washington Crossing, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the study of American history between 1750 and 1800.

The lecture series starts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, with a talk by Larry Kidder titled "George Washington's Ten Crucial Days."

Kidder, who lives in Ewing, N.J., is the author of the new book, "Ten Crucial Days: Washington's Vision for Victory Unfolds," as



LARRY KIDDER

well as "A People Harassed and Exhausted: The Story of a New Jersey Militia Regiment in the American Revolution."

Prior to his second career as an author, Kidder taught history for 32 years at the Hun School in Princeton. His talk at the David Library will focus on the critical decisions George Washington made between Dec. 25, 1776 and Jan. 3, 1777.

David Library Lectures are free, but reservations are required. Call 215-493-6776 x100 or email [rsvp@dlar.org](mailto:rsvp@dlar.org).

Additional lectures scheduled at the David Library include:

- "The Usual Suspects: General

Washington, His Critics, and the Conway Cabal Reconsidered," by Mark Lender, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13;

- "Occupied Philadelphia and the Disaffected of Revolutionary America," by Aaron Sullivan, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25;

- "Revolution in the News," by Joseph Adelman, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 24;

- "Remembering Material Worlds: The Stuff and Spaces of Interpreting Early America," by George Boudreau, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4;

- "The Founding Generation and their Spirits: How Consumption Shaped American Politics and the

Presidency," by Matthew Costello, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13;

- "Supreme Injustice: The Proslavery Jurisprudence of John Marshall and the Legacy of the American Revolution," by Paul Finkelman, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24;

- "The Providence of John and Abigail Adams," by Sara Georgini, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10;

- "Quatering the British Army in Revolutionary America," by John Gilbert McCurdy, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22.

For more detailed descriptions of the programs, and for possible program additions, visit [dlar.org/events.htm](http://dlar.org/events.htm).

## Friends plan talk about business on Morris Canal

The Friends of the Delaware Canal will host a program, "Doing Business on the Morris Canal," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, in the first floor meeting room of Riegelsville Borough Hall, 615 Easton Road, Riegelsville.

Joe Macasek, president of the Canal Society of New Jersey, will share the history and technology of the Morris Canal. Used by canal boatmen hauling coal from the mines of northeast Pennsylvania, it crossed northern New Jersey, connecting New York Harbor with the Delaware River at Phillipsburg, N.J.

Completed in 1831, the

102-mile-long canal overcame an elevation change of more than 900 feet. To do so, water-driven inclined planes were utilized along the route.

Using photographs and documents from the Canal Society's archives, Macasek will tell how the inclined planes operated, how tolls were collected, and the workers' rates of pay. He also will explain how the Morris Canal influenced the use of hinge boats on Pennsylvania's Delaware Canal.

Macasek is the author of "Guide to the Morris Canal in Morris County," and is former president of the Roebling Chapter of the



Approaching an inclined plane on the Morris Canal.

Society for Industrial Archeology, and a member of many of the entities working on the transformation

of the waterway's route into the Morris Canal Greenway.

The public is invited to the free

presentation. Donations for Delaware Canal improvement projects will be accepted.

## Rago welcomes former Corning Glass curator

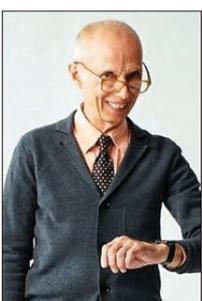
Rago Auctions in Lambertville, N.J., hosts Fellow and former curator of the Corning Museum of Glass, William Warmus, Wednesday, May 15, as he delivers a presentation titled "Searching for Masterpieces: 40 Years of New Glass."

In 1979, Warmus curated the landmark exhibition "New Glass" at the Corning Museum of Glass. In May 2019, Corning marks the 40th anniversary of that show with "New Glass Now."

In his talk, Warmus will take a look back at iconic objects from the last 40 years and look forward to the artists that are creating the icons of the future.

Warmus became the curator of modern glass at The Corning Museum of Glass in 1978, and curated three landmark exhibitions. Since leaving the museum, Warmus has pursued a career as an independent curator, historian, and appraiser.

He is the author or co-author of more than 15 books, including



WILLIAM WARMUS

biographies of Tiffany, Lalique, and Chihuly.

A wine and cheese reception begins at 5 p.m. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. R.S.V.P. to [raac@ragoarts.com](mailto:raac@ragoarts.com) or 609-397-9374 x119.

The musical gifts of ethnic-folk duo Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon are anything but simple. Yet somehow their sound feels effortless, as they switch seamlessly among 12 different instruments and as many musical traditions.

Performing together as Simple Gifts, Littleton and Hirshon have appeared at the Smithsonian Institution, the National Theater, Longwood Gardens, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Folk Festival and on PBS.

Their performances typically draw on many different musical styles and traditions. A klezmer freilach slides into a Balkan dance tune, which morphs into an Irish jig followed by an American reel.

They will hold a concert followed by a public musical jam at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 10 Chapel Road, New Hope, at 3 p.m. May 12.

"We encourage anyone interested in music - in particular, fellow musicians - to attend the concert and jam on Sunday," said the Rev.



LINDA LITTLETON AND KAREN HIRSHON

Michael Ruk, rector of St. Philip's.

The weekend is part of St. Philip's ongoing effort to support the arts in the greater New Hope area. There will be a free-will offering for the musicians and the continual outreach of the church to the community.

For information, contact Ruk at 215-862-5782 or [michael@st-philipsnewhope.org](mailto:michael@st-philipsnewhope.org).

## Take mom to hear music of Sinatra on Stangl Stage

Visit Stangl Stage Saturday, May 11, for an evening of hits and ballads from Frank Sinatra, sung by local talent Jack McDade, accompanied by Rick Charwin on piano.

The 7:30 p.m. performance will include two sets of Sinatra classics.

Stangl Stage is located at 50 Stangl Road in Flemington, N.J.

McDade is a singer, comedian, and longtime radio personality with WDVR-FM 89.7 and [wvrfm.org](http://wvrfm.org). He has performed before thousands of people in the Central Jersey area, and in addition to his Sinatra retrospective, has sung the national anthem on numerous occasions for Somerset Patriots, Trenton Thunder

and Philadelphia Phillies baseball games. He was Dick Clark's first musical guest on American Bandstand in July of 1956.

Have dinner at the Blue Fish Grill next door before the concert and get 20 percent off the pre-tax total price of your meal. Make a reservation for between 4:45 and 6:15 p.m. and show your ticket(s) upon arrival.

Concert tickets are \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. Purchase tickets at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or [FriendsofHistoricFlemington.org](http://FriendsofHistoricFlemington.org), or by contacting Joanne Braun at 908-268-6638.

The concert will benefit Friends of Historic Flemington. Visit [FriendsofHistoricFlemington.org](http://FriendsofHistoricFlemington.org).

## Yardley celebrates second Saturday with mom in mind

Downtown Yardley hosts its monthly 2nd Saturday Yardley event in May with a #CelebrateMom theme, supported by Visit Bucks County and sponsored by Customers Bank in conjunction with Mother's Day Weekend.

Downtown businesses, the Yardley Friends Meeting, and Yardley Farmers Market will share a variety of experiences, specials, and even chances to win prizes from 8:30 a.m. to midnight May 11.

Visitors and their moms can pick up Mother's Day gifts and flowers, participate in a music workshop or yoga class, see plein air paintings, listen to live music in four different venues, enjoy treats and snacks, pick up a free glass of wine (mothers with adult guest only), get served lunch and dinner specials outdoors or inside, meet an artist up close, find great

deals on spa services and fashion, and take a pilates studio tour, all within walking distance in Yardley's downtown.

All told, participants can take advantage of an array of things to do, see and win, along with enjoying #CelebrateMom specials in 14 downtown businesses.

The schedule of #CelebrateMom 2nd Saturday Yardley events can be found at 2ndSaturdayYardley on Facebook, as well as on posters all over downtown Yardley.

2nd Saturday Yardley is run by the all-volunteer nonprofit Experience Yardley organization.

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## Vampire takes Lambertville by storm in new film

The Joyful Vampire Tour of America presents a one-night-only Lambertville, N.J., screening of the award-winning independent feature film, "Bite Me," at the ACME Screening Room, 25 S. Union St., at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 10.

"Bite Me" is a subversive romantic comedy about a real-life vampire and the IRS agent who audits her. It offers a unique, while universally relatable, story about outsiders fighting to be seen.

"Bite Me" is the second feature film of award-winning filmmaking

duo Naomi McDougall Jones and Meredith Edwards.

The screening will be followed by a post-screening Q&A with Executive Producer Joanne Zippel and Actress/Writer/Producer Jones. Afterwards, at the Inn of the Hawke, 74 S. Union St., Lambertville, there will be a Vampire Shindig to meet the actors. This is a "pay as you go" event. Best vampire attire is welcomed, caps and tiaras will be available.

For information and film tickets, go to [acmescreeningrooms.org](http://acmescreeningrooms.org) or [bitmethemfilm.com/screenings](http://bitmethemfilm.com/screenings).

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