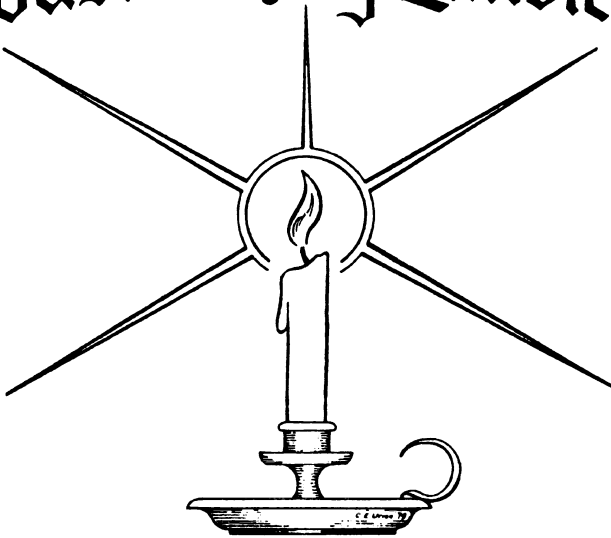


**The Pilesgrove – Woodstown
Historical Society
Proudly Presents
The 29th Annual**

Woodstown by Candlelight



December 2, 2005

**4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Crafts • Supper • Businesses**

**6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Homes • Churches • Banks**



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

WE suggest that our visitors bring flashlights since some of the sidewalks are uneven. **Tickets and information** may be obtained at the Mobil Station (#1), the Fire Hall (#3), the Borough Hall (#4), the Baptist Church (#6) and the Friend's Meeting House (#8). These places are also marked on the map with an "O".

This year's souvenir **Christmas Candle Ornament** was handcrafted of wood with a tin star especially for the 2005 Tour. The ornaments are for sale in the Reliance Fire Hall (#3), the Borough Hall (#4) and the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church (#6).

A **light supper** will be available at the Reliance Fire Hall on Broad Street. See notice in program (#3).

Carriage Rides are available at an additional charge. They will leave from the corner of North Main Street and Bowen Avenue next to Papa Luigi's Restaurant.

Special music & drama programs in our town this evening (see details in the program):

- 6:00–9:00 PM Baptist Church Sanctuary (#5): Vocal and Instrumental Music
- 6:30 PM Woodstown Borough Hall (#4): the *Cumberland Blues*
- 6:30 PM Asbury Methodist Church (#7): Asbury Puppeteers & Handbell Chorus
- 7:00 PM Friends Meeting House (#8): *Red Oak Trio*
- 7:00 PM Woodstown HS (#15): Select & Chamber Choirs of the Woodstown HS
- 7:00 PM Asbury Methodist Church (#7): Asbury Puppeteers & Handbell Chorus
- 7:30 PM Woodstown HS (#15): Mary Shoemaker Elem School 4th grade chorus
- 7:30 PM Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (#6): Strolling Strings
- 7:30 PM Asbury Methodist Church (#7): Asbury Puppeteers & Handbell Chorus
- 7:45 PM Friend's Meeting House (#8): Men's Chorus of Morningstar Baptist Church
- 8:00 PM Woodstown Borough Hall (#4): the *Cumberland Blues*
- 8:00 PM Asbury Methodist Church (#7): Asbury Puppeteers & Handbell Chorus
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- 8:30 PM Friends Meeting (#8): *Red Oak Trio*
- 8:30 PM Asbury Methodist Church (#7): Asbury Puppeteers & Handbell Chorus
- 8:45 PM Woodstown Borough Hall (#4): Strolling Strings
- 9:00 PM Baptist Church Sanctuary (#5): Caroling
- 9:00 PM Asbury Methodist Church (#7): Asbury Puppeteers & Handbell Chorus
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During the evening, instrumental musicians and other carolers will provide music throughout the town. Our thanks to the Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadets and Seniors from the Ashwood Community of the Girl Scouts of South Jersey Pines Council for their caroling; to members of the Woodstown School Choruses and the Pennsville High School Strolling Strings.

Hot Wassail and Homemade Cookies will be served in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church (#6) on South Main Street **to ticket holders**.

Circulating through the town during the evening will be our **Town Crier, Ron LeHew. Artisans and Crafters** are located in the Borough Hall (#4). A **tour ticket** is required for admission.

Lost and Found is located at the Borough Hall (#4). **Rest Rooms** are marked on the map with an “R”. **Parking** areas are marked on the map with a “P” and **Public Telephones** are marked with a “T”.

Yellow Mini-buses will circulate through the town on the route indicated by the dotted line on your tour map. Stops will be made near each of the homes and public buildings.



Welcome to: Woodstown by Candlelight!

WE hope that you will enjoy your tour of the homes and buildings open for your visit with us. We **THANK YOU** for **not smoking in the houses**. Free mini-buses are available to transport you through the town.

1. Information, Tickets and Rest Rooms

North Main Street and East Avenue

Courtesy of the Woodstown Mobil Station

Tickets will be available at this location beginning at 4:00 PM.

2. Candles

South Main Street and Park Gardens

Candles, a symbol of hospitality throughout the years, have also become a symbol of our tour. These giant candles, ranging from 10 to 16 feet in height and fired by propane, provide a spectacular sight during the holiday season. These candles were donated to the Historical Society by Warren Hitchner.

3. Reliance Fire Company

25 Broad Street, Entrance at rear of building

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Company will serve a **light supper** of homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverage between 4 PM and 7 PM.

Tickets and the 2005 Christmas Candle Ornament will be available at this location at 4:00 PM.

4. Woodstown Borough Hall

West Avenue

This 1928 building replaced the original Borough Hall that was built on this same site in 1895. The Borough Hall has been completely renovated to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Tickets and the 2005 Christmas Candle Ornament will be available at this location at 4:00 PM.

Also beginning at 4:00 PM **artisans from the South Jersey area** will have their **crafts on display and for sale**. These artisans will be available for information about their respective art. Among those exhibiting are:

- Leighton's Country Primitive Shop
- Nancy and Claudia — Handmade Santas and Snowmen
- Mary Ann Vandermark — Handcrafted Jewelry
- E. Raye LeValley — Handcrafted Jewelry
- Rae Walzer — "Etc. Shop" general store
- Marge La Barbera — Pressed Flowers
- Linda McDonald — Handmade Gifts
- Mary Wilson — Glassware
- Sue Catalano — Scarves and Mittens
- Kris Rainey — Homemade Dog Treats
- Amber Pettit — Handmade Jewelry
- Mary Ann Van De Mark — Toys and Accessories
- Bernie Lodge — Prints and Pictures



This evening at 6:30 and 8:00 PM the ***Cumberland Blues*** will be entertaining visitors at the Woodstown Borough Hall. The group performs music of the nineteenth century and the Civil War. They feature vocal and instrumental music including guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, mountain and hammer dulcimer, percussion and bass. The name, ***Cumberland Blues*** was the nickname of company K of the 12th New Jersey Volunteers formed out of Cumberland County, New Jersey. They wore the Union blue, thus the name

Cumberland Blues. We hope you will stop and experience this special group.

At 8:45 PM the **Strolling Strings**, an elite group of 22 instrumentalists from Pennsville High School, will entertain you with a 45-minute program of light classical, popular and novelty music. The students' instruments consist of violin, viola, cello and bass and are directed by their teacher, **Susan Kille**.

5. First Baptist Church **117 South Main Street**

This church was built in 1815. A modest beginning with 14 members, the First Baptist Church has grown to a membership of over 400 persons who minister to the community, the nation and throughout the world. The sanctuary is decorated for the Advent Season and special music will be played during the evening.

- 6:00–7:30 PM Seasonal music by several vocal and instrumental soloists, including Laurie Goforth and Blythe MacDonald
- 9:00–10:00 PM Carol singing

Visitors are encouraged to come and go as they wish.

6. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall **117 South Main Street**

Cookies and Wassail will be served in the Fellowship Hall this evening to all ticket holders. The table decorations this evening feature seasonal greens.

Did you ever wonder how wool goes from sheep to wearable clothing? During the evening, **Susan Garrison** and **Jean McCall** of the Third Star Fibre Artist Guild will share the secrets of their craft. Feel yarn made from Alpaca, Mohair, Angora Rabbit and silk. Watch handspun yarn made into a “one-of-a-kind” scarf.

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At 8:30 PM the ***Woodstown High School Chamber Choir*** and the ***Select Choir*** will be presenting a 45-minute program of Christmas music. The students are directed by **Kahlil Gunther**, the Woodstown High School music teacher and choir director.

Information, tickets and the 2005 Christmas Candle Ornament will be available at this location.

7. Asbury Methodist Church **149 South Main Street**

This church, named after the first Methodist Bishop, Francis Asbury, was founded in 1823 when Nicholas Hiles and ten others met in Woodstown with two itinerant Methodist preachers, Edward Stout and Elwood Stokes. Two years later the group became a regular appointment on the Salem Circuit. The church building was first located on the road to Yorktown, where a small cemetery maintained by the church is still located. In 1856 the church moved to a new building at the present location, but that building burned and was replaced with the current structure. The education building was added in 1958.

The congregation wishes you a joyous Christmas and invites you to enjoy the warmth of the season. At 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00 and 9:30 PM the ***Asbury Puppeteers*** and the ***Asbury Handbell Chorus*** will be presenting a program.

8. Friends Meeting House **104 North Main Street**

This meetinghouse was completed in 1785. A need for more space required major renovations in 1849 and the newer section is clearly visible on the exterior brick walls. Eight original shutters with their handmade hinges and catches are still in place. The double doors and hardware are also original.



This evening at 7:00 and 8:30 PM the **Red Oak Trio** will be in the Woodstown Friend's Meeting entertaining visitors during the Candlelight Tour. **Red Oak Trio** first performed together at the annual Woodstown Presbyterian Church picnic. From there, they have broadened their musical performances to include gospel, bluegrass, and country music. Their Christmas program will include many traditional carols and childhood favorites. The trio includes Bob Tanyer on vocals, acoustic guitar and bass fiddle, Gary Rogers pickin' on guitar,

and Melissa Hoeldtke on vocals.

At 7:45 PM the **Men's Chorus of the Morningstar Baptist Church** will present a concert featuring songs of the Holiday Season.

This evening, across the street from The Friend's Meeting, you will see the **carriage that Dr. Lewis H. Miller used to make "house calls"** in his medical practice in the early 1900's. It is loaned by his grandson, William Miller.

In the **Friends Annex** this weekend, a wide variety of unique handmade gifts from **Ten Thousand Villages** will be for sale. Some featured items include jewelry, baskets, pottery, musical instruments, ornaments, nativities and hand loomed textiles. **Ten Thousand Villages** works with artisans in more than thirty developing countries who would otherwise be unemployed. This income helps pay for food, education, health care or housing. All proceeds are returned to **Ten Thousand Villages**, a nonprofit program of the Mennonite Central Committee.

A Ticket and Information Booth is located on these grounds.

9. Woodstown Presbyterian Church Auburn Road at Grange Court (exterior only)

This year the Presbyterian Church in Woodstown celebrates its 150th Anniversary. On October 4, 1854 the Presbytery of West Jersey appointed a committee to organize a Presbyterian Church in Woodstown. Worship services began and the church was officially organized by West Jersey Presbytery in November of 1855. A house and lot were secured for \$1000 and construction began. The congregation met in the Town Hall for two years while the church was being built. This first church was located on South Main Street where the Candles now stand each holiday season. That church building served for 100 years. In 1955 the present church on Auburn Road and Grange Court was dedicated.

Christmas music will be played throughout the evening on the carillon.

10. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church **51 Broad Street**

In 1870 the number of Catholics in Woodstown was deemed sufficient to warrant a place of worship. A small frame building was started with \$150 collected from parishioners. Although a storm leveled this facility and the lumber was sold to pay off the contractors' debts, the would-be parishioners persevered and their second attempt resulted in a neat frame church, 25 feet by 40 feet, at the fork of Mullica Hill Road and Harrisonville Road. In 1876 the mission at Woodstown was officially named Saint Joseph. In 1894, when the church was moved to its present location on Broad Street, the sacristy and 25 feet in length were added. In 1899 the rectory was added. Saint Joseph is a small, quaint country church with lovely stained glass windows that invite our attention, prayer and meditation.

11. Christian Science Reading Room **7 Dickinson Street (exterior only)**

In December 1958, a group of Christian Scientists from all parts of Salem County, who had been holding services since 1956, rented this building from the Snellbaker Estate. In 1987 they purchased the building and redecorated.

This structure was formerly a doctor's office and before that was occupied by the maker of cemetery monuments. There are still marble chips found in the yard.

12. Spencer Union American Methodist Episcopal Church **314 Bailey Street (exterior only)**

This year this historic church is celebrating its 185th year in Woodstown. It was originally called "The Union Church of Africans of Baileytown" and was built in 1818. In 1852 the name of the church was changed to its current name. The original church building has undergone renovations in 1842, 1907, 1923, 1996 and 1998.

The founder of the original church was Reverend Peter Spencer, who was born in Kent County, Maryland about 1779. He went to Wilmington, Delaware and joined the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church on Third and Walnut Streets. After repeated denials of the rites and legal redress of the church, he and 42 other black members withdrew, and in peace and harmony, organized. They worshiped in houses and groves until 1812 when they built a church at Ninth and French Streets, now Ezion Methodist Episcopal. They had no desire or intention of forming a new denomination and expected to be loyal and law-abiding Methodist Episcopal, but also reserving the right to reject as their preachers those rejected by the Methodist Episcopal conference. Reverend Spencer and his followers were told that they had no choice but to obey. Reverend Spencer refused and decided to sever all relations with the Methodist Episcopal Church. They purchased land, built a church at Eighth and French Streets, and there organized *The First Independent Church of Blacks* on September 18, 1813. They then established a church in Woodstown in 1818.

13. Church of the Nazarene

184 Elm Street (exterior only)

This church was first established in 1946 and began with Sunday afternoon services held in a grocery storefront on South Main Street. Since at that time stores were not open on Sunday, the church and store schedules did not conflict. When the church outgrew this space, they moved to their present location, where the building was originally built completely by volunteers.

In the original layout, stairs to the basement were located in what is now the room behind the sanctuary. A heater in the center of the basement floor was lit each Sunday and a large vent in the middle of the sanctuary floor allowed the heat to reach upstairs. The front of the building was white with several steps leading up to the door. Later the front portion of the church was remodeled allowing for the addition of bathrooms and another small room plus a new set of stairs to the basement and a brick entrance to the building. In the 1960's the adjacent parsonage was built.

Although the church building is not open this evening, if you peak through the windows you will notice that it is decorated to reflect the Christmas customs and traditions of Latin American cultures.

14. St. Luke's Episcopal Church

37 East Grant Street (exterior only)

This church was begun in 1946 by a small group of Episcopalians who lived in Woodstown, meeting in each other's homes.

15. Woodstown High School

East Avenue

Built in 1915, this structure originally housed grades 1–12. Since that time, there have been several additions—a new Middle School in 1950; science classrooms, cafeteria and band room in 1960; and a new gymnasium and major renovations throughout the school in 1983.

At 7:00 PM the **Woodstown High School Choir**, under the direction of **Kahlil Gunther**, will present a holiday performance on the front steps of the High School. Following this a portion of the choir will circulate throughout the town singing seasonal music.

At 7:30 PM in the High School auditorium, the **Mary Shoemaker Elementary School 4th grade chorus** directed by **Mrs. Christine Nowmos** will perform a variety of winter holiday music from around the world. Included in the program is a lovely arrangement of *Silent Night* called *Peace, Peace* and an African Noel.

16. Woodstown-Pilesgrove Library

Corner of East Avenue and School Lane (exterior only)

The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Library Association was incorporated in 1868. The present building was completed in 1954 and an expansion was completed in 1987. In October 1999, the trustees of the library purchased the property next to the library. Also in 1999, the library added computers, which are linked to the

Cumberland County Library Internet hub. More recently, additional computers were added which are linked to the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Schools' network.

17. George and Connie Rosenberger **126 Washington Street**



This large Dutch colonial home has been on Woodstown's Candlelight Tour before. It is well worth your short trip out of Woodstown's main historic area. The house sits on a beautifully landscaped lot on one of the town's quiet little streets. It was built by Horton Jones, a prosperous local butcher, around 1930.

The current owners have enhanced the home's charm with tasteful upgrades including wainscoting in the center hall and extending up the open staircase. The 18th century furnishings in the home include a pre-revolutionary Delaware Valley secretary and Chippendale side chair. Some of Mr. Rosenberger's antique cast iron and bronze dog figurines will be on display amid seasonal decorations which include a large Christmas tree. There is an open modern kitchen. There will be two fires burning, one in each of the home's two fireplaces—an invitation to linger and warm body and soul!

18. James and Stephanie Foley **45 Lotus Avenue**

Circa 1750, this historic home is considered to be the oldest in Woodstown. It was built by Jeremiah and Catherine Wood of sun-baked brick. Jeremiah, a shoemaker from Long Island, New York, moved to Woodstown some time in the 1730's, where with his wife Catherine, they owned and operated a tannery. A clapboard addition was added to the rear of their home in 1790. This home has undergone renovations during the past 250 years; however, many original features remain, including the wide-plank floors and the kitchen fireplace.



Sometime in the 1800's the entire brick house was covered with stucco. Owners during the 20th century began the difficult task of removing the stucco. They progressed as far as the first storey. The house sat for many years, brick on the bottom, stucco on the top. The present owners have just begun removing the stucco facing that still remains on the second storey of the house. It won't be long before the house will once again resemble the home Jeremiah Wood built in 1740.

19. Thomas and Angela Cooper, Bethany and Rebecca **110 South Main Street**

The first written reference which mentions “Woodstown” by name was in ad by Jackanias Wood which was placed in a Philadelphia newspaper in 1766 for an Equine stud service. The address given in this ad was “Wood’s Town” Salem County.

This stately brick house is known locally as “The Wood House.” It is fortunate that such a fine home, almost entirely original, still stands in Woodstown.

The original and oldest part of the house was built in 1757 by Jackanias Wood. Unfortunately, most of the original building was destroyed by fire, but a small section on the left side of the house still stands and was incorporated into its reconstruction. The Flemish Bond construction makes is easily distinguishable from the rest of the building. It is the only example of Flemish Bond in Woodstown.

The front part of this brick Colonial home was rebuilt on a grand scale in 1792. The Victorian front porch was a later addition. Wooden floors and staircases, glowing chandeliers and 5 original fireplaces still warm this historic home.



20. Michael Burke and Lisa Marandola **15 West Avenue**



This home was built in 1885. For years it was locally known as “Woody’s house” since for many years Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bailey lived here and operated their taxi cab business from their residence. A former owner who was a builder and cabinetmaker made extensive renovations in the back kitchen, which still has the original built-in pine cupboard.

During these renovations evidence of the original exterior clapboard siding was discovered behind the home’s present brick facade, as well as a 1940 date indicating that some remodeling was also done at that time. Of particular interest in the dining room is a built-in chestnut china closet.

The original chestnut stairway and woodwork, as well as the original oak and pine flooring throughout the house, make this home a wood-lovers dream!

21. Randy and Dawn Davenport **21 Bowen Avenue**



This charming Victorian home was built in the late 1800's as evidenced by bricks in the basement dated 1887. The outside of the home features a wonderful wrap around front porch. Inside there are original pine and oak floors throughout.

The present owners have lived in the house two and a half years and have been busy painting, sanding and restoring. They recently discovered the home's original chestnut shutters in the attic and have reinstalled them on the interior of many of their windows. There are handmade red oak countertops in the kitchen. The den features a tin ceiling.

The antique furnishings throughout the home are a combination of family pieces and items the owners have collected over the past 20 years. Of special interest are several items from the 1920's: a Belgian walnut buffet and a card catalog from the library at the University of Delaware. The collections of original paintings in the home are all by American artists. The owner began the extensive collection of Lladro figurines after she visited the Lladro factory in Spain when she was a teenager.

22. David and Christine Lindemuth **25 East Grant Street**

The Lindemuths are excited to have their late 19th century home open for the very first time this year on Woodstown's Candlelight Tour.

The house was built circa 1899. This Folk style Victorian home was reportedly the very first house in the block to be heated by using coal. As visitors approach the exterior of the home they will be greeted with quintessential Victorian lattice-work which frames the mahogany front porch. Once inside, guests will see the original woodwork surrounding the windows and on the floors, as well as original hardware on doors and cabinets. Of special interest is the hat warmer in the family room.



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23. Woody and Diana Gross **216 North Main Street**

Dating from 1907, this comfortable home is typical of the period. The house was built for Joseph and Martha Andrews at a cost of \$7,800. It remained in the Andrews family until the mid-1970's and for a number of years was divided into 3 apartments. When the Grosses bought the house in 1978, it once again became a single family dwelling. An addition to the back of the home was completed in 2001, creating a new kitchen, a cozy breakfast room and a screened in back porch.



Original cherry, chestnut and oak woodwork, stained glass windows, a number of family antiques and lovely Christmas decorations contribute to the warm holiday glow evident in this home. On display is a family quilt crafted in 1885 and the wedding dress of the homes's original occupant, Martha Andrews.

24. Jim and Judy Salvino **122 N. Main Street**



This circa 1906 Colonial Revival home, known as the Elwood Davis House, features a grand wrap-around porch. The home is tastefully decorated with Victorian and Colonial Revival antiques collected by the owners who also own The Front Porch Antiques store in Mullica Hill. Upon entering the large foyer, take note of the three beautiful stained glass windows on the staircase landing. They are original to the house.

While restoring the home to its former beauty, the current owners renovated the kitchen and added two 1860's gaslights. A family room and deck were added to the back of the house. In the family room a 1900 reverse painted chandelier hangs from the vaulted ceiling. Visitors will also enjoy the Victorian cranberry glass, 1930's Hull pottery and Piano Babies collections in the living room.

The Salvino's next project is to concentrate on landscaping to compliment the over 200 year old Ginkgo tree which towers over their house in their side yard. Be sure to notice the tree as you exit their home.

25. Charles and Charlotte Harrison **134 North Main Street**

Josiah Davis built this house in 1850 for his daughters Mary Ann and Esther. It is a classic example of Carpenter Gothic architecture. The costly Gothic stone



of Europe became Gothic wood in Victorian America; hence the term Carpenter Gothic. Key exterior features of this style are the peaked roof and the gingerbread trim. The house originally consisted of two large rooms: one downstairs and the other directly over it. Of particular interest in the interior of the home are the two original plaster ceiling medallions. One is in the hallway and the other is in the living room. The random width pine floors and the shutters on the bay windows are also original.

The home is furnished with a number of antique and early 20th century pieces. Special displays include a crèche made from natural products in Maine, a silver spoon made by a relative who was imprisoned by the British during the American Revolution and the Shaker rocker in which Mr. Harrison's mother was rocked as a baby.

The second floor of the Harrison's home is open during the Tour for the first time this year.

26. Jack and Trudi Hathaway **74 North Main Street**

This early Victorian residence was erected in 1850 by Isaiah Dunn Clawson and remained in the Clawson family for over 100 years until Wallace Cates acquired it in 1951. The Hathaways purchased the property from the Cates in 1972.

In 1850 Dr. Clawson married Martha Shinn and built this home on land deeded to them as a wedding present by her family. Martha Shinn grew up in the red house next door known as the Shinn House. Dr. Clawson, a noted physician, also became a state assemblyman and a U.S. Congressman.



The library of the home, formerly the doctor's office, has on display this evening a variety of art work and books about Woodstown and this particular home.

The interior of this home features eleven-foot ceilings in the front portion of the house and six over six windows throughout. In the late 1800's several Victorian additions were completed including 3 bay windows, a second floor porch and a massive ornate fireplace mantle and mirror.

A back stairway, once leading to the maid's quarters, now provides an intriguing passage for the Hathaway's five grandchildren to explore. These quarters have been refurbished during this past year.

Antique furniture, oriental rugs and old quilts complement the interior.

27. *Tim and Regina Harple* **60 North Main Street**



This American Colonial home, known locally as the William Shinn House, was built about 1820. General Isaiah Shinn deeded the house to his son William Shinn in 1822. It originally consisted of four rooms: two downstairs and two upstairs. Over the years there have been a number of additions made: the most recent was a mud room and laundry room in the early 1990's.

This is the second year that the house will be on the Tour since the current owners purchased it in 2001. Nearly all the rooms on the main floor have been refurbished. Please note the two antique chandeliers in the hallway and dining room. Take a minute to admire the “pigeon’s blood” glass above the dining room door. There also are artifacts from the home dating to the pre-Civil War era.

Come and join us for some seasonal music performed live and also some tasty treats! We hope you enjoy your tour of our home!

28. *Donald and Janice Johnson* **34 North Main Street**

This Victorian house was built in 1865 and is known as the Sara Dickeson House. The previous owners restored the property from a duplex back into a single family residence. Since the present owners moved into the house in the fall of 1998 they have built a garage with a second floor loft and installed a brick paver patio and walkway.



The first floor has been painted to emphasize the original plaster ceiling medallions, crown molding and fireplaces. A mud room, powder room, and butler’s pantry were added when a 300 square foot addition was built on the back of the house in 2004. Also at that time the former playroom was divided into a walk in closet and laundry room.

On the outside extensive work was done to repair the front porch and second floor deck off the master bedroom. The deteriorated railings and steps on the front, side, and back porches were also replaced.

29. *Pilesgrove-Woodstown Historical Society* 42 North Main Street

The **Samuel Dickeson House**, one of the oldest homes in Woodstown, was built in 1749 and is currently the museum of the **Pilesgrove-Woodstown Historical Society**. The Historical Society was able to purchase the house with receipts from many Candlelight Tours.



On display in the Historical Society this evening are a number of South Jersey Historical Flasks from the collection of **Frank Stubbins**, a member of the Pilesgrove-Woodstown Historical Society. Frank has been a collector of antique glass for over 35 years and is a member of the Wheaton Village Volunteer Glass Blowers. South Jersey Historical Flasks actually are fancy glass containers that were designed to help sell more whiskey. Many Historical Flasks depict an event, person or date. Some were even political and agricultural in design. Most were produced between 1835 and 1870. There were about six glass factories in South Jersey that produced flasks of some design.

Also on display will be a **Hollinshead Clock** belonging to the Historical Society. The clock was made by George Hollinshead in the late 1700s. Mr. Hollinshead was a Woodstown craftsman whose shop was located across the street from the Museum.

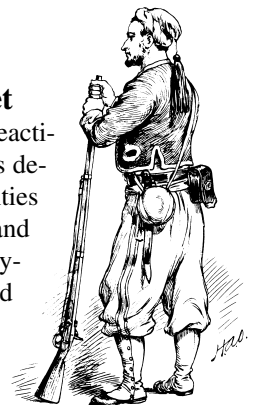


The interior of the Museum, holiday trees and mantels, as well as the exterior of the Museum have been decorated by the **Woodstown High School F.F.A.**

The **Eldridge's Hill Schoolhouse**, located behind the Museum is also open this evening. Host and hostess Judy and Howard Riegal are there to greet you.

30. *Civil War Regiment Encampment* on lawn adjacent to 42 North Main Street

This evening the 12th New Jersey Company K has reactivated a Civil War regiment that was called to the nation's defense in 1862. Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester counties all sent men to form a 1,000-man force. Today the men and women who make up this group are authentically portraying the life of that time. Camp life, battle recreations, and living history demonstrations are all a part of this.



31. Sun National Bank

North Main Street and West Avenue

The First National Bank of Woodstown, now known as Sun National Bank, was originally designed by Philadelphia architect Albert W. Dilks in 1891. The construction originally cost \$17,000 and was built by James Johnstone.

During restoration in the 1980's, various areas of the interior finishes installed during a 1947 modernization project were removed. The original fireplace opening was discovered behind a plaster wall and the original vault door was uncovered by workmen behind another plaster wall. You will have an opportunity to view the bank's incredible architecture and the interior of the vault which protected much of the money and important papers of early, prosperous Woodstown.

In addition, this evening, Sun Bank is proud to host the **Salem County Art League**, a newly formed art league consisting of artists from Salem County and nearby communities.

On exhibit are original paintings, prints, photographs, porcelain painting, sculpture, and woodcarving.

Membership forms and information on the Salem County Art League will be available at the exhibit.

Also, this evening, Sun Bank is proud to present the art work of a distinguished local artist, **Ann Vashay Pedrick**. Ann's work on the portraits of horses has won her the "Honorary Commission" for the Devon Horse Show.

32. The Bank

South Main Street and East Avenue

The Woodstown National Bank first opened for business in 1920 on the ground floor of the Woodstown Opera House. Mr. E. W. Humphreys, owner of the Opera House, entered into a rental agreement with the bank for a term of five years at \$900 per year. The first farm mortgage for \$6000 was approved on August 10, 1920. The population of the Borough of Woodstown was 1,589 and Pilesgrove was 1,770.

In January 1923 the directors discussed plans for a building on the corner of South Main Street and East Avenue. The architect appointed was David Bassett of Philadelphia, a former resident of Woodstown. Mr. Bassett recommended that the building contract be awarded to Monagham & Losse of Philadelphia. The "new bank" built of brick with Indiana limestone trimming officially opened for business on Saturday, April 12, 1924. The bank was formally approved to have trust powers in 1925 and accordingly, changed its name to The Woodstown National Bank & Trust Company.

Now, with over 80 years of tradition, the Woodstown National Bank has merged with its sister affiliate bank, The Bank, based in Woodbury, NJ. The Bank now has over \$1.0 billion in assets and operates 27 branches throughout South Jersey. In addition, The Bank is an affiliate of the Fulton Financial Corporation of Lancaster which operates 192 banking offices in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be visiting the bank this evening between

7:00 and 9:00 PM. Prepare your “wish list” and plan to have your picture taken with Santa.

33. *Woodstown Opera House* 11 West Avenue (exterior only)

The Opera House was built by Edward Bilderback Humphreys, a prominent merchant and real estate owner, for his son E.W. Humphreys. “The aged treasure is filled with a rich history dating back to 1885.” The original theatre seated four hundred, including the balcony seats. The stage was built on a slope that was seven inches higher in the back. Under the stage one could find the dressing rooms for the performers.

The Opera opened on Christmas Evening, 1885 with the first acts being *The Model Husband* and *The Debutante*. The house was filled to capacity. In 1905, silent films or the “talkies” were introduced and films with sound began in 1903. A fire closed the Opera house in 1939 after providing entertainment for 54 years. It reopened in 1949 with a group called the Curtain Call Club for a 15 year run until 1964.

Besides theatre, the Opera House was once the home of The Woodstown National Bank & Trust Company for five years and the Post Office for 36 years. It also served as a meeting place for members of the Episcopal Church until 1951 when their Church was completed. Following the Church, a Firestone Dealership occupied the building for ten years. In recent years, the American Red Cross, banks, realtors, and attorneys have occupied the building.

34. *Office of Linda Jeffrey* 47 West Avenue

This beautiful Victorian home still retains all of the original chestnut woodwork and stained glass windows. Currently it houses the office of Linda Jeffrey. Ownership records of this site dates to 1813 when “William Wriggans & wife” owned the property. The First National Bank of Woodstown owned an earlier structure at this location. A relic of that bygone era found in the house is a thermometer advertising “The First National Bank . . . Strong, Safe and Conservative.” According to the thermometer, the interest rate offered on savings accounts was 4%. The house was expanded in 1907. Bills from this expansion include payment by Wilburt Sharp of \$1.83 for one’s man’s construction labor for 6 hours. Envelopes addressed to Miss Helen Sharp postmarked 1917 and 1941. The Edison fixtures still present throughout the house were bought from Worrall & Sechrist Electrical Contractors on 12th & Filbert Streets in Philadelphia in 1908 for a grand total of \$112.07.

35. *Pat’s Barber Shop* 6 West Avenue

Stop in and gaze at the wonderful collection of antique shaving mugs. This long-standing barbershop features antique fixtures, circa 1910, some of which belonged to previous Woodstown barbers and were secured from a collection of Emerson Urion.

36. *Bee-Lightful Coffee House*
10 West Avenue

Take time out to stop in for a refreshing break at our coffee house. Enjoy one of our specialty sandwiches, drinks, coffee or baked goods. Browse through the gifts or just sit and relax!!!

37. *The Cuckoo's Nest*
32 West Avenue

The shop will be full of local crafters providing a festive evening.

38. *Cross Roads Antiques*
2 South Main Street

Antiquities for everyone. Refreshments will be served.

39. *White Rabbit Tea Company*
4 South Main Street

Shop for unique Christmas gifts while enjoying seasonal music being played by our antique player piano. Sample our special Christmas teas and baked goods. "Elegance with a Touch of Whimsy!"

40. *Gus's Pizzeria*
14 South Main Street

Stop in this evening and enjoy a pizza!!!.

41. *Second Time Around*
22 South Main Street

We will be featuring a special holiday display. Stop in, look around and have refreshments.

42. *Taylor's Florists and Gifts*
24 South Main Street

Featured throughout the evening will be displays of various Christmas Swags and fresh greens for decorating your home during the holiday season. Christmas present wrapping demonstrations throughout the evening and lots of gifts to put inside the boxes!! Refreshments and shopping until 10.

43. *Leighton's Olde Towne Shoppe*
329 South Main Street

Decorate you home for the holidays with "olde towne charm." Enjoy hot apple cider—an old family recipe.

44. *John's Print Shoppe*
29 South Main Street

Stop in for a hot beverage and free event notepads. We can give you some ideas for personalized printed materials for the Holidays.

45. *Main Street Health and Fitness*
21 South Main Street

You are invited to stop in for a special tour of Woodstown's most complete fitness facility. We offer everything under the sun, including tanning for both men and women. Ask about our holiday pricing specials!

46. *Tiki Hut Tans*
104-A West Avenue

Stop in tonight to experience Christmas Carols sung by children of all ages beginning at 6:15 PM. Enjoy refreshments and check out our vertical tanning booths. Tropical themes will make you feel like you are on an island!!

47. *Lady Fitness Health Spa*
37 East Avenue

Stop in and visit Salem County's #1 Women's Fitness Center. Discover how easy it is to look and feel your absolute best. At this full service health club there will be a personal trainer available to show you around and answer any questions regarding fitness and nutrition.

48. *Scarecrow Factory—Country Gift Store*
25 East Avenue

Please stop by for some refreshments, door prizes, and great holiday gift items for everyone on your shopping list.

49. *Woodstown Apparel, Candles & Quilts*
21 East Ave.

This may be your lucky night! Stop in and pick up a free chance to win a beautiful holiday quilt. The drawing will be at 10:00 this evening and the winner need not be present to win.

50. *Woodstown Diner*
East Avenue

Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

51. *Beans Coffee Shop*
9 North Main Street

Come visit Woodstown's newest coffee shop and enjoy Christmas carols played on the baby grand piano. Open for coffee and soup and sandwiches all day, everyday!!

52. *Woodstown Hotel*
13 North Main Street

Serving Dinner and Light Fare tonight from 5–10 PM. Antiques from the late 1800's and 1900's will be on display. Stop by and see us.

53. *Crouch & Company*

18 North Main Street (window only)

Crouch and Company, CPA's wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And for Kevin Crouch, there's no better way to celebrate the New Year than to strut down Philadelphia's Broad Street in the annual Mummer's Parade with the Avalon Stringband. The window display this evening features Mummer's costumes worn by Kevin during past parades.

54. *Land Engineering, LLC*

20 North Main Street

This engineering firm will be displaying old and new Surveying & Engineering Maps and some surveying equipment. Come in to enter a drawing for a Free Gift Basket and warm up to some Hot Chocolate & Cookies.

Copies of an 1886 Woodstown Map made from an original map owned by the late Earl Johnson will also be on sale.

55. *Carol's Tuxedos*

21 North Main Street

For your upcoming holiday parties, come see the newest in Tuxedos. Refreshments too.

56. *Body Restoration—Physical Therapy*

26 North Main Street

Come join us at Body Restoration to feel the warmth and joy of Christmas with a spot of hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

57. *Fish-N-Stuff*

5 Bowen Avenue

For all your pet needs, stop in and browse.

58. *Papa Luigi Ristorante*

39 North Main Street

Enjoy a pizza or dinner before, during or after the tour

59. *Bayada Nurses*

87 North Main Street (exterior only)

Call us anytime and learn more about our home health care for your loved ones.

60. *High Bridge Estates*

1 Meadowview Drive

A lovely, active adult community, 55+, by D'Anastasio Corp., priced from \$185,990 to \$242,990. Come visit the beautiful Franklin Model. The first 50 visitors tonight will receive a free Woodstown by Candlelight Souvenir Ornament.

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