



MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES & CRAFTS

Fall Newsletter 2019

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Celebrating 50 Years of METC!

Thank you to all our sponsors, donors and guests for your support of METC 's 2019 Benefit!



On September 27, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of METC at our 2019 Benefit Dinner at the Park Avenue Club. We were thrilled to return to the Park Avenue Club for this year's event, where our guests were treated to a wonderful evening of delicious food and drink, entertainment by Broadway and West End star, Tom Sellwood, and silent auction baskets filled with fabulous prizes .

We were joined by several special guests to help us celebrate this special anniversary year. We were thrilled to welcome the family of our founders' Edgar and Agnes Land, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, Madison Mayor Bob Conley, and educators from ECLC who joined our celebration. Past staff and board members were in attendance as well including former Executive Director Elaine Clements, who helped lead the museum during its 1997 restoration, and numerous former board chairs and members who aided in METC's success over the past 50 years.

Special thanks to our generous lead sponsors—without your generosity, none of this would be possible. Andrew Boles and Rich Tierney of Edward Jones; The MCJ Amelior Foundation; PSE&G; The Madison Area YMCA; The Allergan Foundation; Isaac & Deborah Starker; Nisivocchia, Benjamin F Edwards & Co, Pascarella Wealth Management; Codfish Park Design, BASF; Irene Maroney & Claudio Bergamasco.

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*Deborah Farrar Starker, METC
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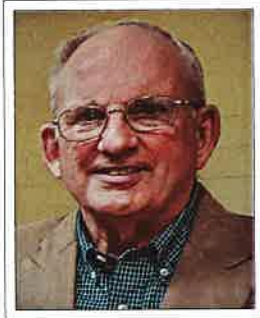
...We are committed to the idea that we are helping to shape the future of museums.

Last month, METC held its annual benefit celebrating the founding of METC 50 years ago. To mark this auspicious occasion, the museum was honored and recognized by our local, and state elected officials. The week before our event, Madison Mayor Bob Conley presented a Proclamation recognizing our 50 year presence as one of Madison's key cultural sites. During our benefit dinner, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey read a joint legislative resolution honoring METC for 50 years of meritorious service and commitment to the community. And finally, our own NJ 11th District Congresswoman, Mikie Sherrill signed a Congressional proclamation honoring and congratulating METC which was presented to us by Councilmember Maureen Byrne! In addition, we were thrilled to have in attendance the family of Edgar and Agnes Land, who created this wonderful museum in 1969.

It was a perfect evening and we successfully raised nearly \$15,000 for our scholarship fund. All of this was due to the generosity of our corporate sponsors, our donors, members and friends. And while we all love a good party, we would also love to have our members and partners visit us at the museum to see our new exhibits, participate in a program or lecture, observe one of our educators in action or just to stop by and say hello. Non-profit museums like ours are continually seeking ways to bring exceptional programs to our constituents while at the same time stretching those dollars to maintain our collection and our facility and making sure our staff are being compensated fairly. Yes, there are challenges, but there is so much going on at METC, and with your support, we are excited to continually provide new opportunities and new ideas for all our visitors, helping to shape the future of museums.

- Deborah Farrar Starker

The Chairman's Letter



Thomas H. Judd, METC Board Chair

New Beginnings

Traditionally Spring has been the time of new beginnings. Winter is done, new plants are sprouting, and a new year looms ahead.

But for museums Fall is the new beginning. At METC our year correlates with the school year, not only because education is such an important part of our mission but also because the lives of so many of our patrons revolve around their children's schedules.

So we refresh our school offerings, keeping and strengthening some, discontinuing others, and introducing new topics to stay in sync with the needs of the many schools who take advantage of our programming both here and through outreach.

Fall is also the time for planning new exhibits, and perhaps for fine-tuning others. We also plan and schedule special events for both youngsters and adults. Some to complement an exhibit or curriculum and others just because they are timely and interesting.

Our Staff and Trustees work year round to keep the Museum running smoothly, but this is the time of year when everything seems newer and fresher, with a new season stretching ahead. So this is a great time to come visit us - perhaps to see a new or old-favorite exhibit, or to explore our new main-floor permanent exhibit, or simply to marvel at our fabulous historic building with its newly restored exterior.

Come for a visit - there's something for everyone!

- Thomas H. Judd



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VISIT US ONLINE AT METC.ORG OR CALL 973-377-2982 FOR MORE INFORMATION

NOVEMBER

NJ Animals from Past to Present (ages 3-5)

November 7, 10-10:45am

Cost: \$10 per class

Join METC's educators as we explore the animals that roamed New Jersey 200 years ago and today! This month: Wild Turkey! Pre-registration required at www.metc.org

Teacher Convention Mini Camp: A Day in the Life...

November 7, 1-3pm

Cost: \$12 per child (\$10 for METC Members)

Grades: 1-5

Time travel back to the 1800s and experience a child's daily life by trying your hand at making butter, simple weaving, crafting a toy and more! Pre-registration required at www.metc.org

Teddy Bear Picnic

Wednesday, November 13, 4-5pm

Cost: \$5 per child

Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day at METC. Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed friend to gather and hear teddy bear stories, make a craft, and more! Pre-registration required at www.metc.org

Madison Holiday Arts Festival

Friday November 29 & Saturday November 30

Admission by Donation

A community-wide celebration of the arts. Admission by donation all day at METC. For more information visit www.madisonartsnj.org.

DECEMBER

Holly Walk

Saturday, December 7 & Sunday December 8

\$30 per person

Kick off your holidays with visits to historic sites throughout Morris County on December 7 and 8. On Saturday, METC will host a craft and trade show as part of the event showcasing local artisans who will demonstrate their craft. These unique products created by these artisans will be available for purchase as gifts for the holiday season. This event is sponsored by Morris Tourism and tickets available through their website

NJ Animals from Past to Present (Ages 3-5)

December 9, 1-1:45pm

Cost: \$10 per class

Join METC's educators as we explore the animals that roamed New Jersey 200 years ago and today! This month: Red Cardinal. Pre-registration required at www.metc.org

Gingerbread House Workshop

Saturday, December 14, 11am -2 pm (Please choose a time slot when you sign up!)

Cost: \$15 per participating child

Celebrate the holiday season at the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts! METC staff will guide participants in constructing their very own gingerbread house. All materials, including candy to decorate, will be provided. Pre-registration is required by December 6, 2019.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

New Exhibit : Surveying the New Jersey Landscape

Monday, January 20, 2020

METC will be open on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and so will our new Main Gallery Exhibit, *Surveying the New Jersey Landscape!*

Members Only Special Event

Thursday, January 23, 2020, 5-7pm

Free for METC Members

Join METC for a members-only exhibit opening reception with a special tour of the new Main Gallery Exhibit, *Surveying the New Jersey Landscape*.

NJ Animals from Past to Present (Ages 3-5)

Monday, January 27, 1:00-1:45pm

Cost: \$10 per child

Join METC's educators as we explore the animals that roamed New Jersey 200 years ago and today! This month: Red Fox. Pre-registration required at www.metc.org

#lookfortheriver: How Finding Lost Waterways can Help Us Adapt

Thursday, February 6, 2020, 7pm

Cost: Included with Museum Admission

In this Public Scholars Program session, Heather Fenyk, founder & president of the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership, will discuss the changes made to our urban streams over time; how to read a topographic map, identify watersheds, and #lookfortheriver – to empower community members to explore their own local landscapes .

This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

NJ Animals from Past to Present (Ages 3-5)

Monday, February 10, 2020, 1:00-1:45pm

Cost: \$10 per child

Join METC's educators as we explore the animals that roamed New Jersey 200 years ago and today! This month: Raccoon. Pre-registration required at www.metc.org

A Special Visit from the Land Family



We were thrilled to welcome members of the Land family to join our celebration of the 50th anniversary of the museum. The siblings traveled from all over the country to join us that evening, coming from nearby Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and even as far as Texas! Edgar Law Land, Jr., his wife Donna, Justina Land Leler, Kevin Land, his wife Victoria, Tony Land, and his wife Kathleen joined us on September 27 for our annual benefit dinner. During the event, Edgar Jr. and Justina also made a few remarks talking to guests about their parents' legacy and inspiration to create the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts.



Some of the Land siblings at METC before the celebration.

Several of the Land siblings visited the museum prior to the Benefit Dinner, touring our exhibits with Karen Spicer, our

Curator of Collections, and Deborah Farrar Starker, Executive Director. We hope to see them back at METC soon!

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Spanish Language After School Program



The METC education department is thrilled to be offering its first ever Spanish-language after school program this fall. This new program was designed to fill a specific need in our community. At our first session, one mom commented how excited she is that METC is offering this type of program as “there aren’t many programs like this out there.” This program was made possible by the addition to our staff of bilingual educator Griselle Casasola and we have been able to offer it free of charge due to generous donations to our scholarship fund.

In the program, *Toys and Games of the Past* or *Juguetes y juegos del pasado*, children will discover, play with and make or decorate a variety of the toys and games used by children in the 19th century, including marbles, tops, spoon dolls and masks. This fun and interactive program introduces children to the museum and to history, while helping make METC’s programming more accessible.

METC will continue to expand our Spanish-language offerings in the future with the option of a Spanish-speaking educator for any program, Spanish translations of exhibit text and guided tours in Spanish.



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New Exhibit Coming in January

New Jersey’s beautiful and varied landscape offers its residents many reasons to celebrate. From the Great Swamp, to the coastal Jersey Shore, to the mountain ranges, our state’s scenery is diverse and eclectic. But how have people come to learn and understand this land over time? In early 2020, METC will open a new Main Gallery exhibit title *Surveying the New Jersey Landscape*. The exhibit will feature historic documents, maps, and surveying tools that provide us with a unique lens through which we can better understand, express, and honor our relationship to this precious land.



Map of NJ, 1795. Courtesy of the Library of Congress



Holly Walk

A beloved Morris County tradition, Holly Walk returns to METC. Visit seven historic sites decorated for the holidays, with one ticket.

This year’s participating sites include:

- Acorn Hall
- Macculloch Hall
- The Ford Mansion at Morriston National Historical Park
- METC
- The Schuyler-Hamilton House
- The Stickley Museum at Craftman Farms
- Historic Speedwell

Tickets

\$30 per person online/in person

Tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite.com. For more information visit www.morristourism.org

METC will be hosting a craft and trade show, showcasing local artisans who will demonstrate their craft. These unique products will be available for purchase as gifts for the holiday season!



Holly Walk is organized by Morris County Tourism www.morristourism.org



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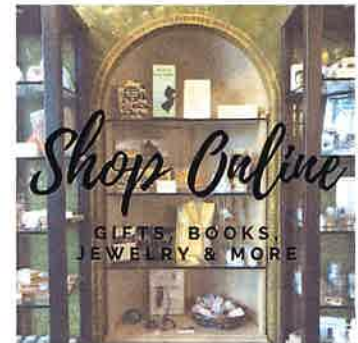
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Holiday Shopping at METC's Museum Store

While METC's collections tell the story of life in early 1800s New Jersey- we've upgraded our museum store into the digital age, now offering an online store to shop from home for the holiday season. Browse our online store at www.metc.org and learn about the variety of handmade products from New Jersey artisans that we offer. You'll find hand spun jewelry and silk dyed scarves from Middle Brook Fiber Works, seasonal scented candles from Ubuntu Candles- apple maple bourbon scent being one of our favorites - to hand felted soap and jewelry by Josephine Dakers. Our store always carries local favorites from Garden Goat Soap and Tassot Apiaries, New Jersey history books, stocking stuffer toys for kids, as well as other seasonal products and unique gifts.. Members receive a 10% discount in the museum store. Shop today at www.metc.org—ship to your home or pick up at our Visitor Center!



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