

## A series of talks and tours exploring the history and culture in the New Jersey Pinelands

### A Visit to Chatsworth

*Date:* Saturday, June 13, 9:00 am to noon

*Location:* Chatsworth

*Speaker:* Ted Gordon, historian

**Description:** Noted historian Ted Gordon will conduct a walking and car caravan tour of Chatsworth and environs to focus on the late 1800s early 1900s when nobility in the form of Prince Mario Ruspoli of Italy “reigned” in these parts of the Pines. We will visit the White Horse Inn, the Methodist Episcopal Church and see the exterior of an old railroad station now converted into a residence. By car caravan we will visit the Apple Pie Hill fire tower for a magnificent view of the extensive surrounding forest and discuss the late Dr. White’s plans to develop here a sanitarium in the early 1900s. Next on the visit is Shamong or Chatsworth Lake, site of the former Chatsworth Country Club and Ruspoli Cottage. Our final stop back in Chatsworth will be the historic Buzby’s General Store, a Pine Barrens institution, once owned by Willis Buzby, “King of the Pineys.”

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### A Revolutionary Tavern in the Pines

*Date:* Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am to noon

*Location:* Old Manahawkin Baptist Church, Manahawkin and Cedar Bridge Tavern, Barnegat

*Speaker:* Tim Hart, Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission

**Description:** A little known colonial tavern with a 200 year old bar tucked in a corner of its main room is still nestled within the Pine Barrens. The tavern was the site of what some historians consider to have been the last “battle” of the Revolutionary War. Learn about Cedar Bridge Tavern: its origins, its life as a tavern, and its recent acquisition by Ocean County.

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After the talk at the Old Manahawkin Baptist Church, we will go by van and car caravan to Cedar Bridge Tavern to tour this extraordinary “Revolutionary Tavern in the Pines.” This tour is sponsored by the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, a division of the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation.

### Atsion Mansion Visit

*Date:* Saturday, August 29, 10:00 am to noon

*Location:* Atsion Mansion, Wharton State Forest

*Speaker:* Wharton State Forest Staff

**Description:** In 1826, Samuel Richards built the classically-inspired Atsion Mansion overlooking both the ironworks and the mill pond that provided water power to the town. The State of New Jersey purchased the mansion in 1954 as part of what is now Wharton State Forest. After many years of disrepair and several restoration efforts, the mansion is now open to the public for tours. Please join us for an exclusive look into this historic site.

### Double Trouble Historic District Walking Tour

*Date:* Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am to noon

*Location:* Double Trouble State Park, Bayville

*Speakers:* Andrew Anderson, Historic Resource Specialist, Double Trouble State Park

**Description:** The Double Trouble Historic District at Double Trouble State Park illustrates two pinelands industries: lumbering and cranberry harvesting. This village with the unique name was first settled during the Colonial era. As swamps were cleared of the timber used for cedar shingles, laths and ship building, they were planted with cranberry vines.

Highlights of the field trip include tours of the restored sawmill and cranberry sorting and packing house as static exhibits, and a visit to the active cranberry bogs. There will be some walking on sand roads. Andrew Anderson will share stories of this village’s past while guiding the group through the historic district.

*Film Premiere:*

### The Blue Comet Train

*Date:* Thursday, October 8, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

*Location:* Batsto Visitor Center, Wharton State Forest, Hammonton

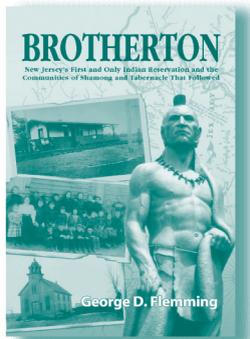
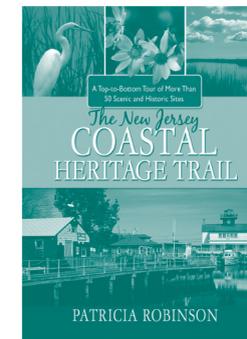
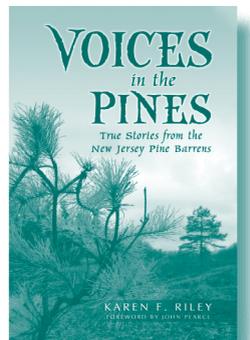
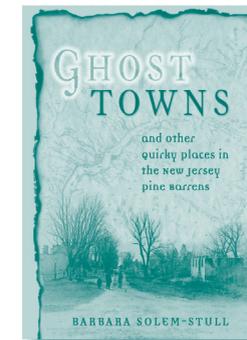
*Speaker:* Robert Emmons Jr., digital documentary filmmaker

**Description:** Once again, New Jersey documentary filmmaker Robert A. Emmons Jr. explores one of New Jersey’s obscure treasures. As with his journey to bring Emilio Carranza to a wider audience, Emmons now looks to New Jersey during the Depression and the lost glory of the Central Railroad of New Jersey’s Blue Comet passenger train. Mr. Emmons’ film explores the train’s past, present, and future as well as transportation and vacation history in New Jersey. See the Blue Comet as a powerful locomotive and one of the most treasured toy trains ever conceived by Lionel! Robert A. Emmons Jr. is a digital documentary filmmaker focusing on American popular culture of the New Jersey area. Most recently, Emmons has had the privilege and honor to receive Mexico Lindbergh-Carranza Goodwill Award as a “Messenger of Peace” for his film “Goodwill: The Flight of Emilio Carranza.”

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## Brotherton: The Story of New Jersey's First and Only Indian Reservation

Date: Saturday, November 7,  
10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Pinelands Preservation Alliance  
office, Southampton

Speaker: George Flemming, author of  
*Brotherton: New Jersey's First and Only  
Indian Reservation and the Communities  
of Shamong and Tabernacle That Followed*

**Description:** George Flemming's fascinating illustrated talk about Shamong and Tabernacle Townships weaves together maps, old photographs, archeological research, authentic artifacts and memories long gone. He will share his passion for Brotherton, New Jersey's only Indian reservation. George D. Flemming, a life-long resident of South Jersey, is the author of *Brotherton: New Jersey's First and Only Indian Reservation and the Communities of Shamong and Tabernacle That Followed*. He has been a student of history and archaeology since his teen years and has published numerous articles in historical journals and magazines. Flemming has been a member of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey for 55 years and maintains memberships in many other historical and research organizations.

For more information see:  
[www.pinelandsalliance.org](http://www.pinelandsalliance.org)

## Early Architecture in the Southernmost Pinelands

Date: Thursday, November 12,  
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: TBD

Speaker: Joan Berkey, author of *Early  
Architecture of Cape May County, NJ:  
the Heavy Timber Frame Tradition*

**Description:** Architectural historian Joan Berkey has spent two decades researching historic buildings in southern New Jersey for her book *Early Architecture of Cape May County, NJ: the Heavy Timber Frame Tradition*, published in 2008. Her illustrated talk will focus on the 17th and 18th century buildings—mostly houses—still standing in Cape May and Atlantic Counties. Built the same way the Pilgrim's erected their houses in New England, these structures are survivors of a type of construction that was once common throughout New Jersey but today, few examples remain. Ms. Berkey will discuss the buildings she studied that are located in the southernmost section of the Pinelands. A book signing will follow her presentation.

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