

Cross Keys Schoolhouse Undergoes Structural Repair

by Pat Alvino

Built more than 160 years ago, Medford's beloved one-room schoolhouse was showing its age. Visitors who frequented the building noticed the uneven floors and knew that they were common in old buildings, but concern grew when our volunteers who work at the schoolhouse remarked that the floors seemed soft and spongy. Since the Cross Keys Schoolhouse is maintained by the Medford Historical Society, Bill Stauts, President, had the building checked by an expert, and it was determined that some of the major support joists had rotted away or had been eaten by post beetles and termites. They needed to be repaired before our next group of students come for their yearly visit. The schoolhouse hosts over 350 students every year for its Living History Program in the spring, so it was important that the repair work be done as soon as possible.

Bill Pflug, who is a trustee of the Medford Historical Society as well as a builder, undertook extensive repairs to the building in March. The job was quite an undertaking because the joists had to be replaced and/or reinforced. The earth beneath the floor was excavated to allow for the placement of 3 solid concrete blocks upon which were mounted new vertical supports for the joists. In order to do this, the joists had to be raised slightly with a hydraulic jack for clearance of the vertical supports. Recommendations were made to prevent further deterioration in the future.

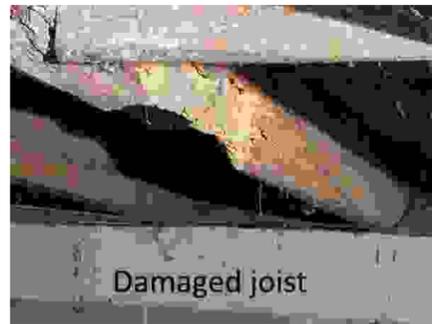
Thanks to the Medford Historical Society, the Crosskeys Schoolhouse is now ready to welcome this year's third grade students.



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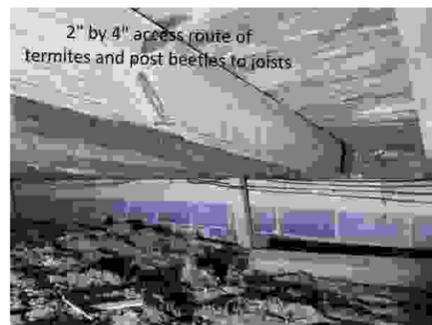
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Cement footing with new support beams



Signs of post beetles and termites damage to joists



2" by 4" access route of termites and post beetles to joists



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MAY 2018

MEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Special Speaker Samuel Davis

Medford Friends Meeting, 14 Union Street, Medford, NJ
Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON

General George Washington will return to the Medford Historical Society's November meeting. The General will be brought to life by impersonator Samuel Davis, who will recount highlights of Washington's life and career. Davis is known for his striking resemblance to the General and for his meticulous research into Colonial life.

Refreshments will follow the presentation.

Samuel Davis spent the last 36 years teaching science, but he has had a lifelong fascination with history and the American Revolution. He is a longtime Freemason and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Sam lives in Chesterfield with his wife and daughter.

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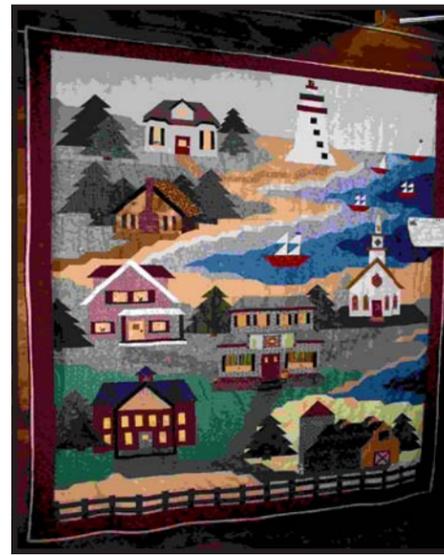
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Quilt Show

and the

Berry Basket Quilters Boutique

In Honor of Betty Molloy



at Kirby's Mill

275 Church Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Sat. June 2 & Sun. June 3, 2018

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (both days)

Free Parking/Free Admission - Donations Accepted

Refreshments Available

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Call to schedule your participation in the Quilt Show by volunteering your time or by displaying a Quilt
(whether you made it yourself or it was given to you, the workmanship is appreciated by all of us)

Country Day at Kirby's Mill

Sunday, July 15, 2018

12 - 4 p.m.

Our museum gift shop will be open. Black powder rifle demonstrations & presentation of Civil War camp life by members of the 12th NJ Volunteer Infantry. Visitors can tour the historic Kirby's Mill housing the society's museum collection. Crafters at work will include: basketmaker, Inger Bullock of Westhampton; decoy carver, Ray Nyman of Marlton along with others. The Blacksmith Shop will be operated by Rick Young. The society's collection of historic wagons and buggies will be on display. An antique hand printing press in the print shop exhibit will be demonstrated, while members of the South Jersey Guild of Spinners and Weavers will apply their craft on an antique loom. Other exhibits include a working demonstration of the big wheel lathe in the Cabinet-maker's shop. The barn will be open for a preview of the farm museum exhibition progress. Admission is free. Refreshments of beverages, ice cold watermelon and hot dogs will be available

To volunteer or for more information, call 609-654-7967 (Mill Phone) or call John Hines, Chairman at 856-983-0479 Any member who would like to extend their hobby by demonstrating same, please contact John Hines. We also need volunteers to give demonstrations of the equipment we have at Kirby's Mill.



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