

# *Views from the Veranda*

*The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Victorian Society in America*

**PRESENTS**

## **TRAVELS IN ARGENTINA WITH THE VSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 7:30 pm\***

**Montclair Women's Club, 82 Union Street, Montclair**

**Members Free      Refreshments Served**

**Guest Fee \$5      Annual Membership – only \$25**

**\* Come early - our Silent Auction benefits the VSA Summer School Scholarship Fund**

Mr. Bob Chapman, long-time resident of Montclair, Victorian Society in America Director and an active VSA/NNJ member, will present a slide lecture showing the highlights of his recent travels with the Victorian Society. His program will focus on Buenos Aires and its architecture, but also include part of the Patagonia coastline and its wildlife.

The Victorian Society in America is the only national non-profit organization committed to historic preservation, protection, understanding, education, and enjoyment of our nineteenth century heritage. Each year the VSA holds its annual meeting in a different location of Victorian interest. Recent annual meetings have been held in Milwaukee, WI, Napa, CA, Mobile, AL and St. Louis, MO. In the fall, a symposium is also offered at a different location of Victorian interest. Recent tours have been held in Bermuda, the Connecticut River Valley and British Columbia. At both events, members assemble for lectures, presentation and other activities; they also enjoy tours of historic buildings, neighborhoods and museums.

In addition, for the past 40 years the Victorian Society in America's Summer Schools, in Newport RI, and London, UK, have provided in-depth study of the multi-faceted architecture and culture of the nineteenth century. These courses include lectures by leading experts, site visits and guided tours.

**If your last name begins with the letters F through K, please bring refreshments to the next meeting. Any questions please call Christina at 973-744-5916, or email: [Christina.mayer@fmglobal.com](mailto:Christina.mayer@fmglobal.com).**



## From The President

We note with sadness the death of longtime Victorian Society member Dame Inez Bull at age 89. A celebration of her life will be held later this spring-- We will let everyone know the details when they are available.



St Patrick's Day commemorates the anniversary of the Saint's death on March 17th in the fifth century.

It has been observed as a religious holiday for over a thousand years. Lenten food restrictions were waived on this day. Bacon and cabbage were the original celebratory meal. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762. In 1848 several Irish Aid Societies decided to unite their separate parades into one. Today it is still the oldest, largest civilian parade organization in the United States.

As far as those snakes being driven out of Ireland by St. Patrick? Probably not true-it's way too cold for snakes in Ireland...

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Let's hope March comes in like a "Lamb".

Happy Birthday to Albert Einstein born March 14th 1879!

## Dolly

## **Silent Auction Fundraiser**

Please note that the next meeting on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> is at 7:30pm, a 1/2 hour earlier than usual. Please bring in your unwanted treasures, gifts, and collectibles for the auction. Then have fun and bid on something else to take home with you!!! Funds raised from our auction are used for the VSA Summer School Scholarship Fund.

## **SAVE THE DATE—Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>!!!**

Our Spring Chapter trip will be to Sagamore Hill, the home of Theodore Roosevelt, and the William Vanderbilt Mansion on Long Island. See details and reservation information in the enclosed flyer.

## **LECTURE ON WILLIAM GIBBONS AND CORNELIUS VANDERBILT**

T.J. Stiles, author of *The First Tycoon*, will speak on the intersection in history of Gibbons and Vanderbilt – both born in 1794, and linked by the impact of their steamboat partnership. Lecture will be on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at Mead Hall, Drew University in Madison. Tickets are \$35-- please call for reservations at 973-805-8855. For more information, log on to [www.friendsofmeadhall.org](http://www.friendsofmeadhall.org).



If you know of an event that might be of interest to the group, please let Laura Reilly know at 908-766-1634 or: [lcr0709@aol.com](mailto:lcr0709@aol.com), so this information can be published in future newsletters

## Notes!

- **There were no cell phones in Victorian times! As a courtesy to our speakers PLEASE TURN OFF your cell phones during meetings.**
- **The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms – Winter Hours until April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
– Weekends only – 11am until 4pm – last tour begins at 3:15pm.
- **Acorn Hall Exhibit Examines “Life After George”** - Opening Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and continuing until April 2010, the exhibit “Life After George: Morristown After the Revolutionary War, ” explores the role Morristown has played in American history beyond the Revolutionary War era, from the Industrial Revolution to the Gilded Age. It examines the history – technological, social, and cultural – that continued to be made after that date through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in Morristown and the surrounding area. Acorn Hall is open to the public on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tours of the house and exhibit are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for students. Children under twelve are free. For directions or additional information call 973-267-3465 or see [www.acornhall.org](http://www.acornhall.org).
- **Formal Victorian Luncheons at Liberty Hall Museum** are held on one Saturday, every other month. For information, please contact Susan Garino at 908-527-0400.
- **Victorian Mysteries** – Check out the novels by Anne Perry – they are mysteries set in Victorian England.
- **Board Meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:45m.**
- **An email database is being used to send announcements** of interest to our group. Please be sure to include your email address when renewing your membership, or send Laura Reilly an email at: LCR0709@aol.com if you are not receiving them and would like to be included.
- **Membership renewals are due for the 2009-2010 year.**
- **We gratefully acknowledge the following institutions as members of our chapter:** The Montclair Historical Society, Oakside-Bloomfield Cultural Center, Morris County Historical Society at Acorn Hall, Library at Rutgers, the State University at Piscataway, Alexander Library-Distributed Technical Services, Rutgers, the State University at New Brunswick.
- **For information on National membership,** contact The Victorian Society in America, 1636 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Tel: 215-636-9872, or [www.victoriansociety.org](http://www.victoriansociety.org).

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