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## DINNER MEETING TO FEATURE TALK ON ANTIQUES

*Learn how to analyze and care for  
them and receive a professional  
evaluation of your antique*

The Northampton Township Historical Society's annual dinner meeting will feature a talk on Antiques by Lewis Larason. His talk will include topics on avoiding fakes, buying and caring for antique furniture and preparing antiques for the next generation.

Mr. Larason is the owner of Larason Antiques in Chalfont, and he has a long history of teaching, writing, restoring and consulting in the antiques field. He presently writes columns and features about antique furniture for the *New York/Pennsylvania Collector*, for the *North Penn Reporter*, Lansdale, the Workshop department of the *Bucks and Chester County Town and Country Living* magazines and the Antiques department for the *Delaware Valley Home Showcase*. He teaches adult evening classes at the Central Bucks West and North Penn high schools.

Attendees are encouraged to bring antique items for Mr. Larason to evaluate. He will determine if it is a real antique and tell you something about it. Come have dinner with us and enjoy a nice evening with your Historical Society friends. Visitors are always welcome. Please bring a friend.

The meeting will start with dinner at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Northampton Cultural Center, adjacent to the library, Upper Holland Road, Richboro. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert dish.

## A Tribute to Miss Thut

By Betty Luff

As a native Norhamptonite and having gone through the Richboro School system at a time when the classes were small, I have many memories of teachers and friends. One of my very favorite teachers was a maiden lady who drove down from Doylestown each day. (This was rare because most of our woman teachers in the 1930's were still boarding with local families.) To this day I believe Miss Ada Thut, is partly responsible for the six girls in our 1942 graduating class having stayed so close. There were seven girls in our class until Regina Hllowell left us to enter George School in our sophomore year.



**Home Economics Class  
Richboro High School June 1939**

**Ruth Osmond Wright, Majorie Wilson Shelmire,  
Elizabeth Cornell Luff, Dorthy Diehl Drechsel,  
Doris Awckland Hartigan, Jutta Glass Eisele,  
Regina Hallowell**

In ninth grade, under the watchful guidance of Miss Thut, our home economics class decided to make outfits alike. Mo simple aprons or skirt for this group, but a three piece jumper, bolero, and blouse which required a lot of embroidering on two sleeves and two collars.

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**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The glorious colors of autumn are quickly flying by and their crunch feels great under my feet. Quite soon we'll be celebrating the holidays

I would like to thank everyone that has given so much of themselves to this organization. The executive board has been outstanding and I could never thank them enough. The contribution of these dedicated members have benefited the entire Northampton community.

The Judge Henry Wynkoop canvas copies of the original oil portrait now has engraved plaques. They will be presented to area schools in the early part of next year. Each portrait will be accompanied by the booklet written by Roe Blumenthal.

I continue to collect signatures in an effort to save the Richboro School, and I thank each of you that has been kind enough to send me more signatures.

This will be our last meeting in the twentieth century. I do hope you will be able to attend our annual dinner meeting and enjoy the program by Lew Larason on Wednesday evening, November 17, 1999 at 6:30 PM.

Have a healthy and safe holiday - enjoy the love of family and friends.

*Mary B. Seader*

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**



**HAVE A GREAT  
HOLIDAY SEASON!  
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 15** - Historical Society of Southampton  
7:30 PM
- Nov 17** - Northampton Twohsip Historical Society  
Dinner Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Nov 18** - Benjamin Franklin:  
Ambassadeur Extraordinaire  
David Library
- Dec 5** - Christmas at Aldie  
A Vision of Sugarplums  
Benefit Dinner - 5 PM
- Dec 9** - Flight Without Wings  
Science and Adventurism in the Skies  
Of Early America  
David Library

**Interesting Websites**

The Internet webstire *politicalgraveyard.com* gives names and information on cemetary locations for thousands of past US polititcans. Below is some local data taken from the site. For Links to this site and other Bucks County sites visit [www.crompton.com/bucks](http://www.crompton.com/bucks)

Low Dutch Reformed Church Graveyard Richboro (Bucks County), Pennsylvania

Henry Wynkoop (1737-1816) Born in Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pa., March 2, 1737. Delegate to Continental Congress from Pennsylvania, 1779-1782; state court judge, 1783-1789; U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania at-large, 1789-1791. Died in Bucks County, Pa., March 25, 1816. Interment at Low Dutch Reformed Church Graveyard.

Davisville Baptist Church Cemetery Davisville (Bucks County), Pennsylvania

John Davis (1788-1878) Born in Pennsylvania. U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania 6th District, 1839-1841. Interment at Davisville Baptist Church Cemetery.

Neshaminy Cemetery Warwick (Bucks County), Pennsylvania

Robert Ramsey (1780-1849) Born in Pennsylvania. Member of Pennsylvania state legislature; U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania 6th District, 1833-1835, 1841-1843. Interment at Neshaminy Cemetery.



**Class of 1942 - Richboro High School Graduation - Taken on Addisville Church steps**

Front - Ruth Osmond Wright, Majorie Wilson Shelmire, Elizabeth Cornell Luff, Jutta Glass Eisele, Dorthy Diehl Drechsel, Teacher, Miss Ada Thut  
 2nd Row - Teacher, Stephen Cornell, Ward Patzer, Edward Luff, William Brudon, John Sauer, gentlemen. Ben Cornell  
 Back Row - Walter Brudon, Alvin Rausch, Willian Luff, Joseph Luff



**Left**

**Richboro School 1941-42  
 Ruth Osmond Wright, Marge  
 Wilson Shelmire, Dot Diehl  
 Drechsel, Juta Glass Eisele, Betty  
 Cornell Luff, Doris Awckland  
 Hartigan**

**Right**

**Chaperones Miss Ada Thut and  
 Stephen Cornell on New York  
 trip at the Statue of Liberty.**



## Miss Thut from page 1

She was so patient with all of us through this project and many others including cooking, quilting and all aspects of homemaking.

Richoro School had a beautiful large home economics room. Large enough to set up tables for one of our projects which was to cook and serve a roast beef dinner for 20-25 future farmers and their fathers.

One whole weekend, Miss Thut accompanied a group of girls from different grades. We spend the time in a cabin at Chain Bridge where we roughed it to gain experience at housekeeping without the conveniences of the day. We even took along my sister's dog for protection. When we weren't preparing meals, cleaning up, eating, and making beds, we took long walks, one being to the covered bridge at Worthington Mill.

Because of the war the usual destination of the seniors for their class trip, Washington D.C., had to be changed to New York City and of course we choose Miss Thut for our chaperone.

These are just a few of the fondest memories I have of Miss Thut. She has passed away but the six girls (women) are still close and get together often. We reminisce about her and wonder if se ever realized what an influence she had on our lives.

### THANK YOU, Miss Thut!



**A baby shower for Marge, July 19, 1950.  
Eight years later and 5 children**



**50th reunion , 1992  
Marge, Dot, Jutta, Doris, Betty and Ruth**



**At marge's in Ship Bottom, NJ 1984**



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HISTORIA is published quarterly by the Northampton Township Historical Society. The Society meets four times each year at the Northampton Township Cultural Center, Upper Holland Road, Richboro. Everyone is welcome at our meetings. Meetings start at **7:30 PM** with refreshments, general meeting, and a featured speaker. Past issues of the HISTORIA are available at our web page.

### Meeting Dates for 1999/2000

Nov 17	Dinner Meeting	6:30 PM
Mar 29, 2000	General Meeting	7:30 PM
May 24, 2000	General Meeting	7:30 PM
Sept 22, 2000	General Meeting	7:30 PM
Nov 15, 2000	Dinner Meeting	6:30 PM

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL CLASSIFICATIONS

PATRON:	Extra support for the society	\$35.00
FAMILY:	All members of one family	\$15.00
SINGLE:	Adult individual membership	\$10.00
SENIOR CITIZEN:	Age 65 years or older	\$5.00

This will be your membership for the calendar year of 1999 (January 1999 to December 1999)

Note - Applications received after October 31 will be credited for the following year.

**This application is sent with all editions of the HISTORIA. Please check your mailing label for the expiration year.**

Normal renewal time is in the first quarter of the year or when the March HISTORIA is received.

**If your membership is current, please pass this application on to others who may be interested in our society.**

Please consider a contribution of more than the minimum membership to help defray increasing society costs.

Send to : **Northampton Township Historical Society  
PO BOX 732  
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May we count on you to serve on one of our committees ? : Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ MAYBE \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us your ideas for speakers at future meetings : \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to write an article for the HISTORIA \_\_\_\_\_

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed : \_\_\_\_\_