

# Views From The Veranda

## “19th Century Music”

Monday, September 18th, 2017

8pm

82 Union Street~Montclair, NJ

The Victorian Society in America, Northern New Jersey Chapter is pleased to start off our program year with a performance of 19th century music by Clarissa Anthony Schoch. Ms. Schoch is a soprano and voice teacher. She was a finalist in *San Francisco Opera Auditions* and performed Tisbe in “*La Cenerentola*.” She performed with the *Community Opera* and *Lyric players* in NYC singing such roles as Pamina in “*The Magic Flute*,” Nedda in “*I Pagliacci*,” and Miss Silverpeal in “*The Impresario*.” Ms. Schoch is the Choral Director for the *Upper Montclair Women’s Club Chorus* and was Music Director of Hoffmann La Roche’s *Chorus and Roche Players*. She is a performing member of the *Montclair Music Club*, *The Rehearsal Club* and *Schumann Club*.

Formerly a Montclair resident for many years, Ms. Schoch now resides and teaches in Clifton. Please join us on September 18th at 8pm for an evening of musical delights!



## Historic Hudson Valley

VSANNJ Fall Bus Trip

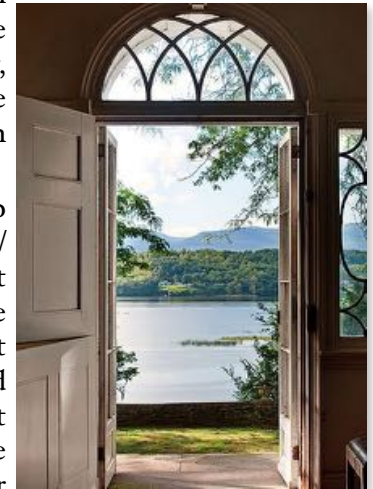
November 2nd, 2017

7:30am to 6pm

Join us Thursday, November 2, 2017 for a great mid-fall day in New York’s beautiful and historic Hudson Valley! Highlights include Vassar College and its Frances Loeb Art Gallery in the morning, and the Georgian-era Clermont Mansion in the afternoon.

The Loeb Art Gallery has an outstanding collection of Hudson River School landscape paintings, as well as ancient and modern art. The Clermont Mansion was an 18th century hub of political and social activity for the Livingston family, whose influence extended to our own Essex County as well.

The cost of the trip is \$96/members, \$106/guests, starting at 7:30am from the Whole Foods parking lot at Eagle Rock Avenue and Prospect Street in West Orange. See the enclosed trip flyer for more info and signup form.



The view from Clermont’s front door showing the Catskills and Hudson River.



Meetings of The Victorian Society in America, Northern New Jersey Chapter are normally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 8pm at the Montclair Women’s Club - 82 Union Street - Montclair, NJ. Meetings are free for members - Non-members \$5 - Yearly membership only \$30! Why not consider joining today or giving a gift membership to a friend? Call Catherine Sullivan at 973-762-6453, or send her your contact info at 9 Vose Avenue Apt 220, South Orange, NJ 07079. If your last name begins with the letters **R, S & T**, please bring refreshments to the next meeting. Any questions please contact Christina at 973-744-5916 or at [cbristinapmayer@gmail.com](mailto:cbristinapmayer@gmail.com). 🎵



## Greetings From the President

*Dear Members:*

*Hope you enjoyed this wonderful summer. A lot has happened since our last newsletter.*

*We gave a Preservation Award for the restoration and repurposing of one of*

*Newark's beloved department stores, the Habne & Co. building. Jack Pine accepted the award for 609 Broad, LLC, which transformed the former long vacant building into a multi-use business, educational and residential establishment. There was time in the presentation for many of our members to share their own memories of this Art Deco department store. Donna Haines had worked there when she was first married and customers were always surprised and somewhat skeptical when she would answer the phone - "Hello, this is Mrs. Haines." We had an opportunity to take a tour and appreciate many original architectural elements included in the renovations.*



*Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion  
Philadelphia's only  
authentically-restored  
Victorian House Museum*

*Our Spring trip in May was to the wonderful Barnes Museum and the stately Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion in Philadelphia. The June Garden Party was held at the lovely home of Juliet Sutherland in Montclair. Although it poured, we were able to view the amazing garden from the house, as well as take a tour through the elegant Victorian abode itself. Those who donned umbrellas were able to see the pond, waterfall, specimen trees and perennials up-close in the sparkling rain. We had plenty of delightful refreshments, and were treated to a double rainbow on our way home.*

*I am sad to report the passing of Peter Campbell, one of our founding members and past president. In his memory the NNj/VSA will donate to the National Summer School Scholarship Fund.*

*Mark your calendars for our next bus trip along the Hudson River to the Clermont Mansion on November 2nd, 2017. Also, I would like to remind all of you that our chapter of the Victorian Society is member of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. If you are a VSANNj member you may attend the Fall League meeting which will be held in Summit on November 4th. There will be some special places not usually open to the public that will be open to League members that day. For more details visit [www.lhsnj.org](http://www.lhsnj.org).*

*Thanks to Board member Sarah Dunn, we now have a website: [www.victoriansannj.org](http://www.victoriansannj.org). Our Program Chair Adriana O'Toole has planned out most of the year already. I would like to thank all the members of our board for their contributions and generosity, making this an outstanding organization. Looking forward to another great year ahead.*



Visit us at [www.victoriansannj.org](http://www.victoriansannj.org) for our mission statement, photos, past newsletters, and more!

*-Jane*





# The Victorian Society In America



## **“Fall Study Tour & Annual Meeting- Manhattan: Neighborhoods”-October 5-8, 2017**

This Fall our national organization headquartered in Philadelphia, returns to its roots in New York City, where it was founded over a half century ago. The areas selected for the annual meeting and tours are neighborhoods which still evoke a sense of an earlier time and place. For a tour brochure and registration information, contact the national VSA office promptly at 215-636-9872 or send an email to [info@victoriansociety.org](mailto:info@victoriansociety.org).

*Thursday, October 5: Opening Address & Reception-  
Jefferson Market Branch-New York Public Library*

*Friday October 6: Greenwich Village*

*Saturday October 7: Morningside Heights & Harlem/  
Annual Awards Presentation*

*Sunday, October 8: The Lower East Side*



Accommodations for the annual meeting are available at the Washington Square Hotel, located in the part of Manhattan that Edith Wharton and Henry James made famous. Still family owned, it is a “best kept secret” and a stone’s throw from the building where the VSA was founded.



## **“2018 VSA Summer Schools”**

*Newport, RI - June 1-10, 2018*

*Chicago, IL - June 14-19, 2018*

*London, UK - June 30-July 15, 2018*

These internationally-acclaimed Summer Schools offers lectures by leading scholars, private tours of historic sites, engaging social experiences, and behind the scene tours at museums and galleries. Open to graduate students, academics, architects and the general public, the schools are academically rigorous and physically demanding. Tuition costs include expert instruction, shared accommodation, some meals, tours and admissions. Scholarships are available for London and Newport. Applications are **due by March 1, 2018**. For more information call 646-771-7170 or email [admin@VSASummerSchools.org](mailto:admin@VSASummerSchools.org) or go to their website at [www.VSASummerSchools.org](http://www.VSASummerSchools.org).



Newport

June 1-10

**Newport:** Join renowned architectural historian Richard Guy Wilson to experience four centuries of architecture, art and landscape at the “Queen” of

American resorts. Tuition: \$2,700.



Chicago

June 14-19

**Chicago:** Focus will be on the American Roots of Modernism. After the 1871 Great Fire, progressive architects and patrons moved the city to the

forefront of technological and aesthetic experimentation. Tina Strauss and John Waters will survey 19th and 20th century architecture, art, design, landscape and preservation. \$Tuition: \$2,100.

**London:** With a new emphasis on the Arts and Crafts Movement as well as High Victorian design, the London Summer School is a leading study program for Victorian England. Joanna Banham and other experts will explore the architecture, landscape, decorative and industrial arts of London, the Midlands, the Cotswolds and other key



London

June 30-July 15

locations. Tuition: \$4,500.

***VSANNJ Chapter Housekeeping Odds & Ends:***

- ***Do you love photos and scrapbooking?*** Please contact Eileen Sutera and help her with the archives.
- Visit our new website: [www.victoriansannj.org](http://www.victoriansannj.org)!
- Receive your newsletter by email! Send requests to: [19valleyrose@gmail.com](mailto:19valleyrose@gmail.com)
- If you know of a preservation, restoration, or adaptive reuse building project that deserves recognition, submit your nomination to Richard at [rgrossklaus@optonline.net](mailto:rgrossklaus@optonline.net).
- If you hear of an event that might be of interest to our members, send info to [19valleyrose@gmail.com](mailto:19valleyrose@gmail.com).
- Send membership dues to *Catherine Sullivan 9 Vose Avenue Apt. 220 South Orange, Nj 07079*. Include your contact info along with your \$30 check payable to VSANNJ
- Please ***turn off your cell phones*** during the program as a courtesy to all.



There is an enlightening short essay on the Metropolitan Museum website on ***Nineteenth-Century Classical Music*** that is worth reading. With the rise of the middle class during the Industrial Revolution, music became more popular in public arenas and at home in the parlor. Visit the webpage below:

[http://www.metmuseum.org/toab/bd/amcm/bd\\_amcm.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toab/bd/amcm/bd_amcm.htm)

***The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey*** Fall meeting will be held at the *Calvary Episcopal Church*, hosted by the *Summit Historical Society* on Saturday, November 4th beginning at 9am. The church is known for its beautiful stained glass windows, including a magnificent rose window by Louis Comfort Tiffany. It houses an outstanding pipe organ which will be played by organist Kevin Davis for a short concert. The keynote speaker for the event is author and preservationist Janet W. Foster who will show how preservation can raise awareness of local history and serve as a tool for local reinvestment and community planning. After lunch, there will be self-guided tours of the Historic District of Summit, Reeves-Reed Arboretum, the Summit Playhouse and other places. Visit [www.lhsnj.org](http://www.lhsnj.org) and mark your calendars now!

***Peter E. Campbell***, 68, of Union, NJ died on Friday, June 23, 2017 at his home. Peter was an active member of our chapter for many years. He served as President during the 1980s and 1990s; held other positions on the Board such as organizing numerous trips which were always a favorite with the membership, and arranged lectures on the decorative arts and architecture. He possessed an unbounded interest for the design and creation of silver, jewelry and furniture. He had many friends in our chapter and will be greatly missed.



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*The VSANNJ is part of the only national non-profit organization committed to historic preservation, protection, understanding, education, and enjoyment of our nineteenth century heritage.*

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