

Focus on Pemberton and Browns Mills

Visit Our Town

Surrounded by thousands of acres of cranberry bogs, blueberry fields and Pinelands serenity, the grounds at Whitesbog in Browns Mills are open year-round for public enjoyment. Cared for by the Whitesbog Preservation Trust, this incredible setting offers many recreational opportunities such as cranberry industry tours, sunset hayrides, canoeing, moonlight walks, birding and fishing.

Enjoy driving around a five-mile loop of bogs, blueberry fields, reservoirs, pine forests and canals. Pick up your guidebook and explore the old bog nature trail or the village tree trail. Take a moonlight walk through the bogs on the Saturday closest to the full moon or participate in scheduled dog walks.

Home to tundra swan tours in the winter and the annual summer Blueberry Festival, visitors can celebrate Pinelands Month in October by hiking and picnicking, as well as pumpkin decorating and scarecrow-making around Halloween. In December, bring the kids to Santa's Reindeer roundup and shop for unique holiday gifts in the General Store.

Pioneer Elizabeth Coleman White was born on a Browns Mills cranberry farm in 1871 into a family that turned Whitesbog into a thriving company town and by the early 20th century, the largest cranberry farm in New Jersey.

After Burlington County introduced the nation to cranberries, with her creative mind and horticultural talents, White helped organize the New Jersey Blueberry Cooperative Association in 1927, making Whitesbog the birthplace of the cultivated blueberry. Elizabeth White collaborated with the USDA to produce a blueberry ripe for sale and became well known as the blueberry queen.



Workers harvesting cranberries at Whitesbog

And, oh those cranberries that started it all – come, enjoy the beauty of a cranberry harvest on weekends in October. Reservations are required. For more information, go to www.whitesbog.org.

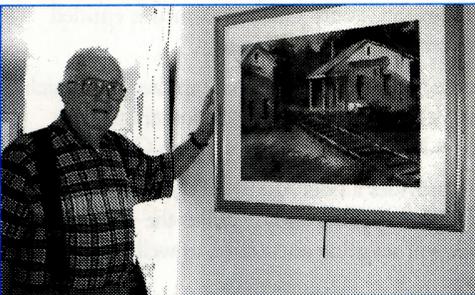
While you're in the neighborhood, stop by Pemberton Borough and Township and enjoy exhibits on regional history, including local railroads at the North Pemberton Railroad Station. The Railroad Museum is opened Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is handicap accessible. A variety of historical tours are available including "Rails to Trails" which combines history with a nature hike through the Pinelands. Perhaps your tour will net you a peek at the Jersey Devil!

Putting Grant Dollars to Work

On Tap: Children's Theater, Live Music & Original Art

Art Exhibit at Smithville Until November 10

Be sure to catch the 29th Annual Juried Art Exhibit at the Smithville Mansion Gallery. An impressive 240 pieces were entered this year, making the juror's job truly challenging. Winners were announced by Freeholder Bill Haines at the Opening Reception on September 20. This free exhibit runs until November 10 and can be viewed Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment, or on Sundays during regular tours of Smithville Mansion, which take place at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. For an appointment, call (609)265-5959.



Dan Hines' painting of the old Medford Train Station received an Art Purchase Award at the 29th Annual Art Show and will become part of the County's permanent collection. The art exhibit runs through November 10th in the Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery.

Golden Eagle Band Concerts October and December

The Golden Eagle Community Band will offer four concerts this fall. On October 21 and 22, you can hear *The March Kings: Sousa, Fillmore and King*, a tribute to the great marching-band composers. A holiday concert, *Christmas Adventure*, will be presented on December 16 and 17. The concerts will be performed at 8 p.m. at the Burlington County Institute of Technology on Woodlane Road in Westampton. For more information or reservations, call (609) 267-PLAY.

Bridge Players Offer Up Free Performance

Theater fans will have the opportunity to catch a free performance at the Fall Foliage Family Float Festival (see Page 2) at Historic Smithville Park. The Bridge Players Theater Company of Burlington City will present the children's play *The People of the Perfectly Awful Planet*. Imagine being the first girl in outer space. This is exactly what happens to Abbie Anderson of Peach

Grove, Pennsylvania. Abbie is on her way to Venus as Earth's goodwill ambassador. Suddenly, her rocket ship goes off course and she crash lands on the planet Meanus, home of three perfectly awful people: Lord Groucho, Lady Grumble and Mistress Groan. From there, the "fun" is just beginning. The show gets underway at 12 noon.

Friends of the Mansion at Smithville present their annual holiday tours of the mansion

Daily December 5 thru December 30
at 1:00 2:00 & 3:00pm
\$6 adults, \$5 senior & students
Call: 856-778-8052

Victorian Christmas Tea Tours will be held
on December 8, 18 & 27 at noon
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will be held Dec. 8, 12, 16, 18 & 28
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