

# Whitesbog events look at the past

## Lectures on Pinelands, pioneer

Whitesbog Preservation Trust will present a special lecture and tour focusing on the life of Elizabeth Coleman White on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Elizabeth White may best be known for cultivating the first commercially viable blueberry crop in the world. For this accomplishment, she is often known as the Blueberry Queen. But she was also an avid conservation gardener, an advocate for workers' rights and a gifted entrepreneur.

Immediately following the lecture, visitors will tour Suningive - Elizabeth White's home at Whitesbog - not generally open to the public. Reservations are necessary. There is a cost of \$7 per person. Participants will meet at the general store.

The trust is asking attendees to register early, as space is limited. Refreshments will be served.

The trust will also host a special lecture and book-signing event with Barbara Solem-Stull, author of "Ghost Towns and Other Quirky Places" in the New Jersey Pine Barrens April 16.

The New Jersey Pinelands were once full of early towns and communities now long gone, relegated to vague memories in history books. But Solem-Stull has written a guide featuring many of the former towns, complete with driving and walking directions,

### IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** Lectures hosted by the Whitesbog Preservation Trust

■ **WHERE:** Whitesbog Village, at mile marker 13 on Route 530.

■ **WHEN:** Saturday and April 17

■ **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit [www.whitesbog.org](http://www.whitesbog.org) online.

and information about their onset and demise.

These 18th- through 20th-Century towns forged the many unique industries that shaped the Pine Barrens, including the cranberry and blueberry industries.

The tour of the almost-forgotten towns begins at 2 p.m. Solem-Stull's lecture.

Reservations are recommended, but not required. To reserve a spot via telephon for either event, call 609-893-4646, and leave a reservation on the main voice message. Include your name, phone number and number of people attending.

Reservations can be made via e-mail by contacting [whitesbog@hotmail.com](mailto:whitesbog@hotmail.com).

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Historic Whitesbog Village is located at mile marker 13 on Route 530, southeast of Browns Mills in Pemberton Township. Detailed directions are available at [www.whitesbog.org](http://www.whitesbog.org).

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