



# East Amwell Historical Society

## Historical Society News

Two Upcoming Weekends to Explore the History of East Amwell  
with *Walking Tour of Ringoes, Bus Tour of Township*

PLUS - a fascinating Presentation About Renown Residents – *The Lindbergh's!*

**OCT 16 Sun**

### **Presentation Focusing on Flemington during Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping Presentation begins at 11 a.m.**

Cost is \$10 with proceeds benefiting Hunterdon Land Trust and the East Amwell Historical Society. The talk will be held in the Dvoor Farm's wagon house. Reservations are encouraged by calling [908-237-4582](tel:908-237-4582) or emailing [Judy@hunterdonlandtrust.org](mailto:Judy@hunterdonlandtrust.org).

**With Jim Davidson, Renown Author and World Leading Expert on the Lindbergh Family and EAHS President**

Discover what Flemington was like during the Charles Lindbergh baby kidnapping and murder trial with historian and East Amwell Historical Society President Jim Davidson at the Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.

Bruno Hauptmann was extradited from New York to stand trial for the murder and kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby, arriving in Flemington on Oct. 19, 1934. During the five months he was here, the town became the epicenter of the world.

"More than 50,000 people came into town the first weekend alone," Davidson said. "When the courthouse was open to sightseers, people stole the American flag, carved initials on Judge (Thomas W.) Trenchard's bench and tried to steal the witness chair."

Davidson's talk, *When the Circus Came to Town: "Flemington During the Lindbergh Trial"*, will feature many rarely seen photographs -- including many that Davidson discovered during his research on the trial -- that aim to convey the craziness that occurred in the town and courtroom.

"People were standing in line in subzero temperatures at 2 a.m. to get tickets to the trial; prostitutes roamed the Union Hotel, mediums tried to get into Bruno Hauptman's cell to do a reading," Davidson said.

**OCT 22 Sat**

### **Ringoes Walking Tour starts at the Clawson House**

**Walking Tour kicks off at 10:00am** (10am is the revised time from prior newsletter)

Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Tickets are \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit the historical society's efforts to preserve and share East Amwell's history. To register, please email Pauline Seramba at [pseramba@hotmail.com](mailto:pseramba@hotmail.com) or call 908-797-9024.

**With Dave Harding, Author and EAHS member**  
Hosted by the East Amwell Historical Society

The tour will cover more than 200 years of Ringoes history from the arrival of the area's first settlers to the 1930s. Learn about the town's rich colonial history and walk in the footsteps of the Sons of Liberty who gathered at Ringo's Tavern to debate independence, and the Marquis de Lafayette who visited here on multiple occasions during the American Revolution. You'll also learn about the impact of the railroad on the community and what the village looked like a century ago.

The historical society plans to include several stops during the tour including a visit to see the progress at the Clawson House.

**OCT 23 Sun**

### **East Amwell History Bus Tour leaving from the East Amwell Township Hall**

#### **Bus Tour kicks off 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

Tickets are \$15.00 covering the cost of the bus and space is limited. Reserve your seat by emailing Pauline Seramba at [pseramba@hotmail.com](mailto:pseramba@hotmail.com) or calling 908-797-9024.

On Sunday, Oct. 23 the historical society will sponsor a two-hour bus tour of East Amwell Township beginning at 1 p.m.

A number of interesting spots around the township will be explored including Ringoes, Reaville, Wertsville and Larison's Corner. Hear about the area's history and some of its more famous residents, including John Ringo, Dr. Cornelius Larison, John Hart and Charles Lindbergh.

East Amwell Historian Jim Davidson will narrate the fascinating stories of John Hart's cave, Ringo's Tavern and John Ringo's gold, the Lindbergh Kidnapping and ghost stories of the Township. Our bus will leave the Municipal Building parking lot at 1 p.m.

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