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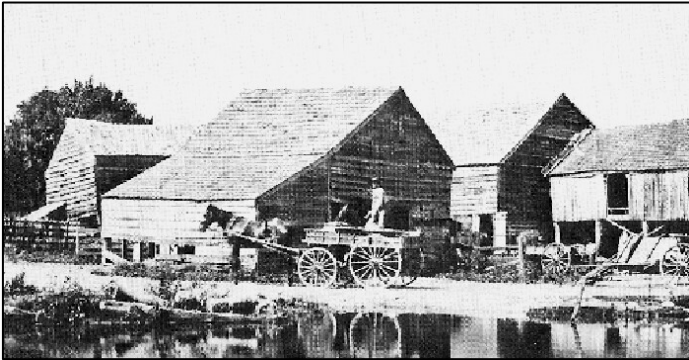
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## New Jersey Mills: Whatever Happened to Them?

Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm

Popular local historian Phil Jaeger returns with his latest program describing the mills of New Jersey on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm.. Starting in the late 1700s, more than a thousand water-powered mills have operated in New Jersey. Those mills, whether they were grist, saw, cotton, woolen, snuff or paper, not only satisfied local needs but were also the social centers of their day. The first mill in the area was Crane's Mill in West Caldwell.



**Crane's Saw Mill, West Caldwell, circa 1898.**  
The mill was opened between 1768 and 1776 and remained in operation until 1963.

Over the decades many of the mills were abandoned, some were converted to other uses while others were destroyed by nature. A few still function. Join local historian Phil Jaeger as we take a tour of northern New Jersey and examine both the past and current state of those mills of yesterday.

This presentation is jointly sponsored by the Historical Society of West Caldwell and the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library. The program is free and open to the public but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call 973-226-5441.

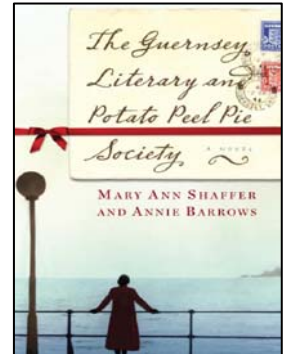
### Did You Know?

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<http://www.westcaldwell.com/Infobytes.htm>

## Read Across West Caldwell

In Celebration of National Reading Group Month

Join the West Caldwell public Library on a community shared reading of "**The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**" written by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. **Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the reference desk.**



Book discussions will be held at the following locations:

**Thursday, October 8 at 10:30 am**

Crane's Mill Library, 459 Passaic Ave., W. Caldwell

**Wednesday, October 14 at 1:30 pm**

West Essex Women's Club Welcomes You! Held at Crane's Mill. Check at Reception Desk for location.

**Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm**

Held at the Library's Community Room

The time and venue of this book is shortly after World War II in England. The library will have other activities related to this time and place. See page 5 for details.

## Contestants Needed for Literary Jeopardy!

Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm

Join the West Caldwell Public Library for our first Literary Jeopardy Contest on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm. Register to be a contestant and compete to win "literary" prizes in a challenging and fun game based on the popular TV game show, *Jeopardy*.

Not interested in competing, but don't want to miss out on the fun? Enjoy the event as an audience member and be entered in a fun prize raffle just for audience members. This event will hold fun surprises for both the contestants and audience members alike.

Registration is **required** and **LIMITED** to compete in the game. Registration is requested of anyone wishing to attend. For more information, please contact the Reference Department at 973-226-5441.

## Retro Rewind

Sunday, September 13 at 3:00 pm

The popular acoustic duo Jeff & Karen will present a concert titled "Retro Rewind" on Sunday, September 13 at 3:00 pm. This program pays tribute to the hits of the 60's and 70's including the music of Cat Stevens, the Mamas and Papas, James Taylor, Jefferson Airplane, John Denver, Janis Joplin, John Lennon and more.



Jeff Penque and Karen Fairweather have performed at festivals, libraries, shopping outlets, coffee houses, restaurants and wineries throughout New Jersey and New York. They recently released a CD of original songs entitled "Jersey Fresh" and Jeff has recorded a solo CD entitled "Hidden Feelings."

This concert, sponsored by the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library, is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call the Library at 973-226-5441.

## The History and Lore of the Bagpipe (with Musical Selections)

Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 pm

One of West Caldwell's "native sons," Giles Crane, will present the "History and Lore of the Bagpipe" on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 pm. The program will touch upon the early history of piping, a unique Highland tradition with roots in the fourteenth century and earlier, some examples of musical issues, piping demonstrations, and a reminiscence of the Caldwell Demolay Bagpipe Band. This band was the first youth bagpipe band in New Jersey, and possibly the nation. The talk will conclude with mention of "The Secret of the Pipes."



**Giles Crane in Uniform with Mrs. Crane**

Giles Crane grew up in West Caldwell and is a descendant of the early Crane settlers in West Caldwell. He graduated from Caldwell High School and Yale University and is a Vietnam veteran. Before retiring, he worked for the NJ

Department of Health. He currently lives in Princeton, NJ.

This presentation is jointly sponsored by the Historical Society of West Caldwell and the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library. The program is free and open to the public but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call 973-226-5441.

## Tribute to Abraham Lincoln: Speeches, Poems and Civil War Songs

Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 pm

In honor of National Arts and Humanities Month (October) and Lincoln's Bicentennial, a "Tribute to Abraham Lincoln: Speeches, Poems and Civil War Songs" will be presented on Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room. Dr. Larry Greene, Professor of History at Seton Hall University, will introduce the program by providing background information about Lincoln, his rise to the presidency, and his accomplishments.

Several community leaders will also read some of Lincoln's famous speeches or poems about Lincoln.



Singer and guitarist Lisa Wilkins and Chuck Winch will also perform some authentic Civil War era songs using period instruments such as a banjo, fiddle, guitar and bones and will be dressed in period costume.

This program is funded by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Registration for this free program is required. For more information or to register, call 973-226-5441.

**Crafters Wanted**  
for a Holiday Craft Fair at the  
West Caldwell Public Library.

**Saturday, November 14**  
from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Set-up**  
Friday, November 13 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Tables (6' long) are \$20.00 each**  
**Limit one per crafter.**  
**(No flea market items please)**

## Celebrating the Harvest Season

Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 pm

Food Historian Judith Krall-Russo will present “Celebrating the Harvest Season” on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room. Learn how the early



Americans prepared for the long winter ahead while celebrating the harvest season. Krall-Russo will discuss how neighbors joined together to help butcher, preserve and prepare many foods and how the harvest season was also a time of feasting and recreation. Ms. Krall-Russo is a

certified Tea Specialist having graduated from the Tea School in Pomfret, CT. She is a member of the Culinary Historians of New York, the NJ Museum of Agriculture, and the Tea Association of America. She is also a self-taught cook, supplementing her passion with classes in nutrition, ethnic and Early American cooking.

This program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call 973-226-5441.

## Genealogy & Local History @ West Caldwell Public Library

The West Caldwell Public Library is happy to announce a new genealogy club for local family historians and genealogy enthusiasts. The purpose of the West Caldwell Public Library Genealogy Club is to promote learning and sharing among those interested in genealogical and family history research in a friendly and casual setting.

This is not an instruction oriented group, nor is it a classroom environment. The group is open to all interested in genealogy and family history, regardless of knowledge or expertise. Beginners to advanced researchers are all welcome. Members are encouraged to bring their own research and research questions, tips and techniques to aid their fellow genealogist in their family research journeys.

Meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public but advanced registration is requested. For more information please contact the library at, 973-226-5441.

Fall Schedule of Meetings:

- 9/30/09 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- 10/28/09 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- 11/18/09 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm



## Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Dinner “Caribbean Cruise”

Saturday, October 10, 2009

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Dinner

at the

West Caldwell Public Library  
30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell

\$45.00 per person

presented by the

Friends of the West

Caldwell Public Library

Wine, Beer & Soda

Delicious Caribbean Buffet

Seating is Limited

For information and reservations contact:

Lila Rubin - 973-575-1380

or sign up below:

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Caribbean Cruise - October 10, 2009

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library and send to 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, NJ 07006

Reserved seating for groups of 4 or more

I (we) would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

## From the President

Well, those lazy, hazy days of summer are memories now, the kids are back in school, and the West Caldwell Public Library has started its exciting fall schedule of events. The Friends are doing their part by co-sponsoring two programs with the Historical Society, and sponsoring two of the Library's musical programs. Details of these programs appear elsewhere in this newsletter.



On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we are fortunate to have back Phil Jaeger who will present his newest program entitled **New Jersey Mills. Whatever**

**Happened to Them?** Phil's five previous presentations at the West Caldwell Library have all played to "full houses" so make your reservations early. This will be another co-sponsored event with the Historical Society.

The other program co-sponsored with the Historical Society is **The History and Lore of the Bagpipe** presented by Giles Crane on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Giles is a native of West Caldwell and will address the history and traditions of this unique instrument and provide some "piping demonstrations."

The Friends also have their annual International Dinner on October 10 (this year a "**Caribbean Cruise**"). The Friends have been providing these dinners since 2005 when we had our first Spanish themed event entitled "A Night in Old Seville". In 2006, we had a German evening ("Oktoberfest") followed by "An Evening in Greece" in 2007. We had originally planned a "Cruise" theme dinner in 2008 but that unfortunately had to be cancelled.

We are excited about our "Cruise" this year. Our previous International Dinners have been highly successful sold-out events. We expect this dinner to be equally as popular so make your reservations early.

This summer, the Friends passed a membership milestone – 300 members. The Friends executive board decided to acknowledge the 300<sup>th</sup> membership (Shirley and Arthur Katz) by giving them a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

**The Annual Meeting of the Friends** will be held on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 pm. At that meeting, the 2010 officers will be elected including the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. Following the brief business meeting, a program will be presented by Jim Kane (topic still under discussion).

Again, my thanks to all the Friends who continue with their financial and volunteer support. Have a happy Fall.

- Ron Day

## Shakespeare in Music

Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 pm

Allegro Singers will present a concert entitled "Shakespeare in Music" on Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 pm in the Community Room. Soprano Liora Michelle will sing arias from famous operas based on Shakespearean plays such as Verdi's "Macbeth" and "Othello," Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," Britten's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Verdi's "Falstaff." Actors from the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey will also read soliloquies from some of these plays. Liora Michelle will be accompanied by pianist Inna Leytush and the program will be narrated by Dan Bellucci.



This concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information or to register, call 973-226-5441.

## Reader's Services @ West Caldwell Public Library

West Caldwell Public Library **Saturday Matinee Book Club** will return on September 12 at 2:00 pm to engage in a lively and thought provoking discussion of by Meg Waite Clayton's *The Wednesday Sisters*; a heartwarming novel about the enduring friendships of five young mothers in the late 1960s, brought together by their need of fellowship and their love of books. Copies of the title are available for pick-up at the Reference Desk. All are welcome to join this discussion. For additional information, please contact the library at, 973-226-5441.

Fall Saturday Matinee Book Club schedule (all meetings are at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room):

Sat., Sep. 12 – *Wednesday Sisters* by Meg Waite Clayton

Sat., Oct. 3 – *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

Sat., Nov. 7 – *Dream of Scipio* by Ian Pears

The West Caldwell Public Library is also happy to announce a new **Personalized Reader's Service** for all readers looking for their next book. Simply fill out the short Personalized Reader's Survey online, click submit and a librarian will create a list of suggested reads based on your personal reading preferences. The online survey can be accessed from the library's homepage; <http://westcaldwell.bccls.org>. Click on the *Personalized Reading Services Survey* link on the left, fill out the survey and click submit! Please allow up to 3 weeks for your list to be compiled. If you prefer to fill out a print form, please visit the Reference Desk or the Reader's Corner to pick up a form. For additional information please contact the library at 973-226-5441.

## Greetings from the Director

Summer is quickly fleeing away as we look forward to a glorious, colorful Fall complete with a chill in the air, pumpkins on the porch and harvest festivals galore.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. If you have friends who are not members of the library, please suggest to them that they should get a card. The benefits abound! From borrowing a wide variety of materials, to



attending programs, to using our Internet accessible computers, to the many resources in our Local History and Genealogy Room, the library is a place that can't be beat!

October is National Reading Group Month and we are celebrating it with Read Across West Caldwell. This is the first West Caldwell community shared reading experience. We hope you will join us by reading **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** and attending all the programs surrounding the many themes in the book. All these programs are listed in this issue of InfoBytes. I wish to thank the small committee of dedicated volunteers who helped in the planning of all these events – Mark Cohen, Friends members Mary Lindgren, Roxanne Douglas, Sandy Grossman, and staff member Debbie D'Ambrosio.

If you are a Reading Group facilitator and would like to learn more about leading a reading group, check out the New Jersey Library Association's all day program, **Readers, Writers and Reading Groups**. This special day also in celebration of National Reading Group Month will be held at The College of New Jersey on Saturday, October 3. Information about this interesting day may be located at [www.njla.org](http://www.njla.org)

The Friends will be sponsoring their annual International Dinner on Saturday October 10 at 6:00 pm. This gathering will feature Caribbean Cuisine. And as one of their major fundraising efforts during the year, the library staff hopes that you will attend this evening of tantalizing delicious food.

The Friends of the Library will have a booth at the annual Street Fair to be held on Sunday, October 4. We will be selling books, books and more books at very inexpensive prices. Come early and buy lots before we run out of great buys! If you'd like to help out at this exciting day, please contact Karen Kelly or me at 973-226-5441. And those that will be working at the booth would love to meet you so stop by and introduce yourself.

Hope to see you at many of these exciting events. Happy Apple Picking!

April Judge, Library Director

## Read Across West Caldwell – Other Activities

The following programs are free and open to the public. However, advance registration is required at 973-226-5441. Programs will be held in the Library's Community Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

### Presenting . . . **Island at War**

A PBS Masterpiece

Set on a fictionalized island in the English Channel, this drama depicts the lives of a wide variety of people who live in a most horrid situation that might have occurred if Hitler's troops had, in fact, conquered the mainland.

Screenings will start at 4:40 pm.

Tuesday, October 6

Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday, October 20

Enjoy a discussion of the entire miniseries and a light dinner following the final episode.

### **Cookery Contest – On the Homefront World War II Ration Recipes**

Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 pm

Guest Chefs will be the judges. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

The audience can watch the judges in action and enjoy sampling the entries.

Contestants: Please submit your recipe by Friday, September 25 if you want it to appear in our future cookbook publication.

### **A Visit with Elizabeth Norman**

Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm

Meet Elizabeth Norman author of **"We Band Of Angels: The Untold Story of American Nurses Trapped on Bataan by the Japanese and Tears in Darkness"** her current book which was co-authored with her husband, Michael.

This new work explores the 1942 Battle of Bataan from the differing perspectives of the American, Filipino and Japanese soldiers who fought in this battle.



Ms. Norman is a PhD historian in the Humanities and Social Sciences at NYU's Steinhardt School. Mr. Norman is a former reporter for the New York Times. He currently teaches at NYU in their Literary Reportage program.

Books will be for sale on the night of the event with an autographing session to follow.

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Library Hours

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| Library Director              | April Judge    |

**READ IT!**

**A Friendly Reading Group**

Come to a lively book discussion. Programs are being held at both Crane’s Mill and the West Caldwell Library. Copies of the books are available at the WCPL Reference Desk. Members of the general public are invited to attend.

Thursday, Oct. 8 – 10:30 am Crane’s Mill Library  
Wednesday, Oct. 14 – 6:30 pm West Caldwell Library  
*The Guernsey and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer

Thursday, Nov. 12 – 10:30 am Crane’s Mill Library  
Wednesday, Nov. 18 – 6:30 pm West Caldwell Library  
*The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen

Thursday, Dec. 10 – 10:30 am Crane’s Mill Library  
Wednesday, Dec. 16 – 6:30 pm West Caldwell Library  
*Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott

The Crane’s Mill Library is in the Town Square Building at 459 Passaic Avenue in West Caldwell.

**Friday Afternoon at the Movies**

**Showtime 1:00 pm**

- Sep. 4: **No Movie** (Labor Day weekend)
- Sep. 11: “The Soloist” (PG-13, 2009) 117 min.
- Sept 18: “Duplicity” (PG-13, 2009) 125 min.
- Sept.25: “Two Lovers” (R, 2008) 110 min.  
(Film Discussion)
- Oct. 2: “Captain Corelli’s Mandolin” (R, 2001) 129 min.
- Oct. 9: “State of Play” (PG-13, 2009) 118 min  
(Film Discussion)
- Oct. 16: “Hope and Glory” (PG-13, 2001) 113 min.
- Oct. 23: “Brothers Bloom” (PG-13, 2009) 113 min.
- Oct. 30: “Knowing” (PG-13, 2009) 121 min.
- Nov. 6: “The Proposal” (PG-13, 2009) 108 min.
- Nov. 13: “Easy Virtue” (PG-13, 2009) 96 min.
- Nov. 20: “Edge of Love” (R, 2009) 111 min.  
(Film Discussion)
- Nov. 27: **No Movie** (Thanksgiving weekend)

These movies are subject to change. Please check the Library’s monthly movie schedule.

