Bernards Township 250th Anniversary Task force

School Representatives:

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Lisa Winter, *Community Representative*

Student Participation

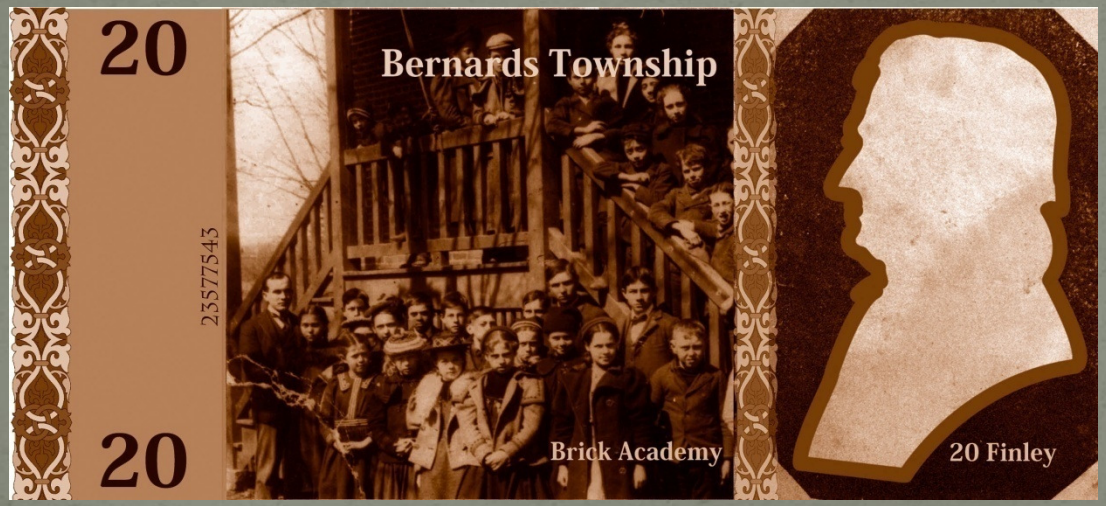
- Daffodil Project
- Art Projects
- Time Capsule Vote
- Elementary Outreach Project
- Oral History Project
- Essay Contest
- ***Memories of Bernards Township and Ridge High School, October 15&16, 2010, Ridge PAC***

Time Capsule Selections K-12

Grade	Category	Winner
Kindergarten	Favorite Toy	Nintendo DS
Grade 1	Favorite Food	Ice Cream
Grade 2	Favorite Movie	Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel
Grade 3	Favorite Book	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Grade 4	Favorite TV Show	Wipeout
Grade 5	Favorite Pop Star	Taylor Swift
Grade 6	Favorite Movie	Avatar
Grade 7	Favorite Pop Star	Taylor Swift
Grade 8	Favorite Sports Team	New York Giants
Grade 9	Favorite Entertainment	iPod, Great Adventure
Grade 10	Top songs played at Sweet 16 Party	Hey Soul Sister, *Train* Fireflies, *Owl City* I Gotta Feeling, *Black Eyed Peas* Empire State of Mind, *Jay-Z, Alicia Keyes* Party in the U.S.A., *Miley Cyrus* You Belong With Me, *Taylor Swift*
Grade 11	Favorite Car	Jeep Grand Cherokee
Grade 12	Favorite places to hang out	Copper Kettle Chipotle Starbucks Cluck-U Quiznos

Art Projects

- Liberty Corner 3rd Grade Quilt – *Ms. Bynoe*
- "Then and Now" – *Art Major Honors, Ms. Falb*
- Tile Project - *Advanced Ceramics, Mr. Moroszko*
- Bernards Bucks – *Computer Graphics, Mr. Hamant*



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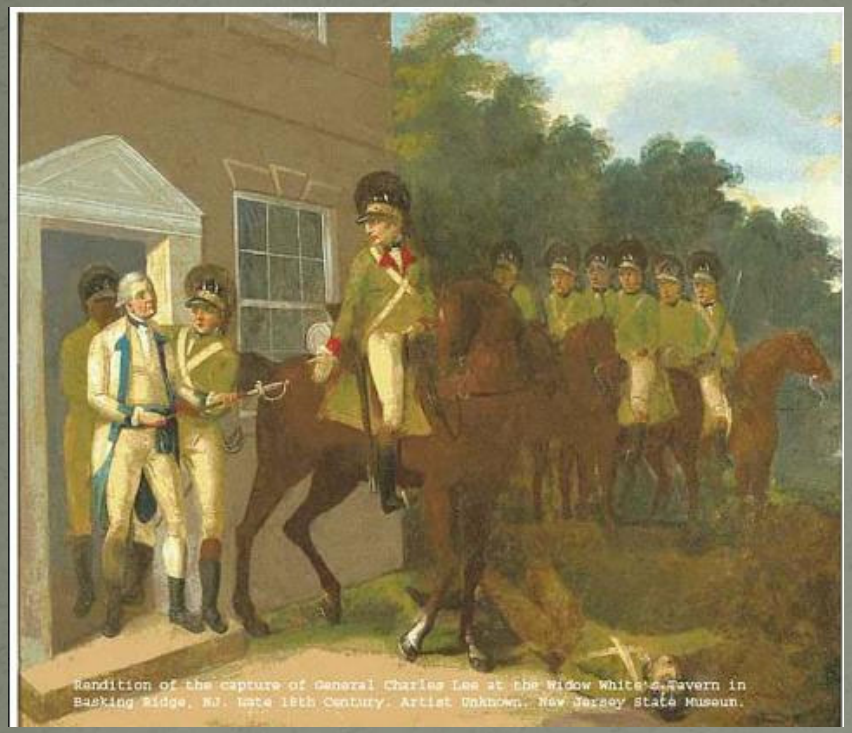
Tile Project



The arrest of General Charles Lee from the Widow White's Tavern

Tile Project In Progress

Elementary Outreach Project

Students Teaching Students!

- High school students researched local history
  - Brick Academy
  - *Ann Parsekian, town archivist/June Kennedy, town historian*

- High school students presented their projects to each 3rd grade

- Many of the 3rd grade students are publishing their own class books about Bernards Township history

You can view both presentations at:

Kristin Fox's webpage on the District Curriculum site

Elementary Outreach Project

Cedar Hill

Photo by Hilary Klimek

Liberty Corner

Mount Prospect

Oak Street

Oral History Project

- Students in American Studies, American History and U.S. History AP interviewed community members and recorded their oral histories for the 250th Anniversary celebration and for the Historical Society of Somerset Hills archive

John Malay

Available Online Soon!

Photos by Hilary Klimek

Essay Contest

- *The goal of the contest was to promote deeper community involvement in the celebration and to provide community members an opportunity to express their appreciation of, and love for, their community.*
- ***All winners to be announced on Charter Day at 2:40PM***
- ***And the winner is……***
  - ***9-12 Essay Writing Prompt***

    "What do you think will be the next greatest challenge(s) for Bernards Township, and how will it/they be resolved?"

"Memories of Bernards Township and Ridge High School"

- **October 15, 2010 at 7pm, October 16, 2010 at 2pm**

- Students throughout the district will participate:
  - *Music from all 6 schools*
  - *Artwork from throughout the district*
  - *Essay Contest winners*
  - *Oral Histories read by Forensics students*
  - *Re-enactment of Mary Lewis Kinnan rescue*

Ticket Information will be available at www.bernards.org

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Commemorative Items Now Available!
You can now order 250th Anniversary t-shirts, sweatshirts, aprons, tote bags, mugs, water bottles, and many other gifts at http://www.cafepress.com/bt250. *Check it out today!*

Voting Results: "One Book—Bernards Township"
To celebrate the 250th Anniversary, the Library invited residents to vote for "**One Book for Bernards Township**" in several age categories. The winning titles are:

Adult--*Washington's Crossing* by David Hackett Fischer
Teens--*Dunk* by David Lubar
Tweens (grades 5 & 6)—*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
Grades K-4—*The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman
Pre-Schoolers—*A Glove of Their Own* by Debbie Moldovan, Keri Conkling, and Lisa Funari-Willever.

Look for these titles on your next visit to the Library, along with information on programs and activities highlighting the books!

Writers Wanted: Anniversary Essay Contest Announced

The Bernards Township 250th Anniversary Task Force is launching an essay contest, offering residents the opportunity to express their appreciation for our town's rich history. Essay entries will be organized by age and topic, including:

Kindergarten: A visual representation of *"I love my town because . . ."*
Grades 1-2: Essay explaining *"I am proud to live in Bernards Township because..."*
Grades 3-5: Essay addressing the question: *"Over Bernards Township's 250 year history, the schools have changed significantly. Looking back on the past 250 years, write about how the schools have changed and how they have stayed the same. Do you think the changes have been beneficial for Bernards Township and the community? Why or why not."*
Grades 6-8: Essay answering the question, *"In 1960, Bernards Township turned 200 years old. What change(s) in the past 50 years have impacted Bernards Township the most, and why?*
Grades 9-12: Essay answering, *"Bernards Township has persevered through many challenges in its 250 years, including wars, economic crises and political struggles. What do you think will be the next greatest challenge(s) for Bernards Township, and how will it be resolved?*
Adult: (Past and Current residents): Essay or poem answering the question, "*What makes the community of Bernards Township unique?"*

Winners (under age 18) in each category will receive a U.S. Savings Bond, and all winning entries will be included in the Anniversary Time Capsule. ***Hurry!*** The deadline for entry is **April 1, 2010**. Click here for full essay contest rules and information.

Answer to last month's mystery landmark:
This plaque is found on the triangle at Finley and Oak Streets. The plaque and the land were donated by the Cerino family, owners of a grocery store across from the triangle, where Coldwell Banker is today. The family stipulated that no permanent structure ever be built on the parcel, nor trees or bushes planted. If anything permanent is ever installed, the present-day Cerino family will reclaim the property. The photo to the right shows the triangle in 1909.

Did you know . . . ?
Due to the topography and agrarian nature of Bernards Township, mills were commonplace here in the 1880's. A variety of mills dotted the Passaic River and its tributary ponds. This circa 1880 photo shows Osbourne's Saw Mill on Osbourne's Pond, located on present day Meyersville Road, south of the Verizon complex. Ponds were dammed in order to create consistent water pressure to work the site all year long.

www.bernards.org/250th Anniversary

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http://www.bernards.org/250th_Anniversary

Do you recognize this local landmark?

Photo by Hilary Klimek

This is the last remaining “Lincoln Swag” fence post in Bernards Township.

The swag was created to memorialize the life of Abraham Lincoln. At one time the design could be found on various media, including ironwork, china, glassware and paper.

This post was saved by the Presbyterian Church and is found along the fence dividing the church property from the house next to it on East Allen Street.

Photo by Hilary Klimek

Do you recognize this local landmark?

This photo (circa 1904) shows Koechlein's General Store in Liberty Corner. Built in 1865, the store was the site of the first telephone and the first movie showings in the village. Krauszer's Market occupies the building today.