

The Old City Hall
13 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown City, NJ 08505
Announces
The Winter/Spring 2017 Lecture Series

Immerse Yourself in Bordentown City's Historic Past



“Joseph Bonaparte at Point Breeze”
Plan to spend four Saturday afternoons at Old City Hall

Admission Fee for each lecture is \$10.00. All Lectures begin at 1:00 p.m.
Light refreshments will be available. Proceeds benefit OCH Committee's goal to offset
maintenance and continued restoration costs at the historic landmark building.

For Seat Reservations, Contact Vicki Gaudier, 609-203-0541

Saturday, February 25: Thomas Frascella, will discuss “The American/Bordentown Mission of Joseph Bonaparte from 1815-1839. He is a practicing Attorney and first directly elected Mayor of West Windsor Township. He serves as President/Historian for the San Felese Society of NJ, and as such has written extensively on early Italian immigration the U.S.

Saturday, March 11: Richard Veit, Ph.D., Chair/Professor of Anthropology, Dept. of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University

This intriguing presentation will examine the life of New Jersey's only King-In-Exile. Joseph created one of America's first picturesque landscapes. Dr. Veit and his team have conducted an archeological dig to uncover remnants of Point Breeze that provide a tangible reminder of how Joseph Bonaparte recreated a bit of splendor and how his patronage for art, landscape architecture and science enriched the cultural life of early America.

Saturday, March 25: Laura Poll, Archivist of the Trentoniana Collection, Trenton Free Public Library

At Point Breeze, Joseph Bonaparte maintained the largest and finest collection of European fine art in America during the 1820s and 1830s. The Stokes family who occupied the Trent House acquired six paintings from the famous auction of 1847. This lecture will examine the curious story of how the six paintings found their ultimate and final destination – the Trenton Free Public Library.

Saturday, April 1: Peter Tucci, International Private Collector of Joseph Bonaparte Memorabilia
Mr. Tucci has the largest private collection in the world of letters written by and furniture owned by Joseph Bonaparte who lived in exile in Bordentown in the 1810s to the 1830s. Mr. Tucci curated an exhibition of his Bonaparte collection, which was profiled in the *New York Times* and appears in a television documentary titled, “Bonaparte's Retreat,” which aired numerous times on PBS. His knowledge of the time and history of Joseph Bonaparte and the Point Breeze estate is impressive and the display promises not to disappoint.