



# Poricy Park Conservancy

250 acres of open space, wildlife and their habitats  
Prehistoric fossil beds • Historic Murray Farmhouse  
Programs for all ages!

## May & June 2012 Community Programs

Something For Everyone! Adults, Teens, Kids

**Register now and you'll be sure to get into the weeks you desire!**



Check our website for our camp brochure with individual weekly descriptions and info!!

Have questions or need more info?  
Call us Monday through Friday between 9am-4pm

### Don't Throw It Away! Donate It!!

**Donate Your Used Clothing, Household Items and More & Poricy Park will receive a donation for the total poundage collected!!**



**Drop off your items at the Park on Sunday, June 3, 11am - 4pm**

We will be able to accept drop offs Monday, 5/28 to Friday 6/1, 9am-4pm at the Nature Center.

#### What We Can Collect:

- Usable & wearable clothing for all seasons (for men/women/children)
- Shoes - please bag them separately
- Household items made of fabric such as blankets, bed sheets, towels, curtains
- Accessories such as pocketbooks, briefcases, ties, scarves, gloves
- Hard toys which fit a box 24" x 24" x 21", bikes, stuffed animals

Please note we can no longer accept strollers, high chairs, car seats, cribs, play centers, bouncers, walkers and swings. Items for donation should be placed in garbage bags and brought to the parking lot. If you have any questions give us a call at the Nature Center. All wearable clothing and accessories that are collected are sent to countries in need.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Notice is hereby given of the  
30th Annual 18th Century

Colonial Tavern Party!

at the Murray Farmhouse and Homestead located in Poricy Park

Sunday, September 23, 2012 • 4pm-7pm

Our 1770 Murray Farmhouse will be transformed into an 18th Century bustling Tavern, creating a unique and unforgettable evening for all.

You are invited to partake in the evening's festivities! Your senses will be filled with the sounds, aromas and tastes of our 18th Century Middletown, NJ historic site as you are served and entertained by the hard working masters, mistresses, wenches, bards and minstrels of the welcoming Murray Homestead.

Tickets available to all our Park friends, supporters and visitors!  
Reservations are limited to the first 100 guests!\*  
Members \$50 each; Non-Members \$60 each  
Tickets may be purchased at the event for an additional \$15.00 each if still available.

Note  
New  
Fall  
Date!!

Pre-Order Your  
Commemorative  
Illustrated  
Cookbook  
at \$10 each

**Reservations Include:**  
Full Course Meal  
Beer, Wine & Apple Jack Punch  
Colonial Dancing • Entertainment Featuring  
Spiced Punch & Past Muster

Support and Donations from the Community allow ticket proceeds to directly benefit the historical Murray Farmhouse and Park operations.

Poricy Park Conservancy is a non-profit 501(c)(3), donations are tax deductible.

\*With alcohol being served, this is an adult oriented event.

### Fresh Air & Sunshine!

## Nature Preschool Thursdays!

Spring is in the air and you can smell it on the breeze! You can bring your child ages 3 1/2 yrs through 6 yrs (must have turned 3 by Nov 1, 2011) to beautiful Poricy Park and our caring trained instructor will lead them on hikes, tell stories, and engage them in fun crafts and activities. Give your child the healthy gift of fresh air and sunshine with this ongoing weekly program! Class size is limited! Paid registration required with signed registration form. **Thursdays**

**Mornings 9:30am-11:30am OR Afternoons 12 pm-2pm**

**Sessions available: May 3, 10, 24, 31, June 7**

**Fee: Members \$15 per session; Non-members-\$17 per session**

*Note: Registration required one week in advance.*

### Friendly Chat & Learn

## Hot Topics In History!

Join us for some stimulating conversation and relaxing tea! **May**

– “*Martha Washington-the Woman behind the Man*” Find out about her life as the “Mother of our Country.” A most amazing companion to a most important man!

**June** – “*Lost in Shangri-la.*” A true story of survival and the most incredible rescue mission of WWII. Join us as we delve into this remarkable story written by *Mitchell Zuckoff*. (We will be meeting in our 1770 NJ State Historic Murray Farmhouse parlor!) Special guests from the reenacting group ‘*Past Muster*’ as well as others will participate! Not necessary to commit to all sessions. - Must pre-register at least one week prior to each session. Donations welcomed and appreciated! These support ongoing programs at Poricy Park Conservancy.

**Tuesdays – May 22nd & June 26th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

### Farmhouse & Barn Open House!

## Weekend in Old Monmouth

**FREE EVENT** - Explore our 1770 historic Murray farmhouse and barn as one of the many important sites open for this celebration of Monmouth County history! We will offer many exciting activities during this FREE two day event. We will showcase the life of our own Monmouth Militia patriot, Joseph Murray, and his family with activities such as Colonial children's games, womanly arts, cooking over an open hearth, Colonial carpentry, light infantry drill demo, children drill instruction & practice, tours of our authentic 18th century house and barn, plus much more!

**Saturday, May 5th, 10am-5pm**

**Sunday, May 6th, 12pm-5pm**

### Light Up Your World!

## Colonial Candle Workshop

Tallow, Bayberries, Beeswax & Whales! What do these things have in common? Each of these has been used to make candles! Visit us and learn how candles were made in Colonial times! Enjoy hands-on fun and bring home your own candle to light your way! Remember to register early. We have limited space in our hearth kitchen! Scout groups wishing to participate please call for special arrangements. Appropriate for ages 7 to 107 (children must be supervised & assisted by an adult). Please courteously register in advance. Meet at the Murray Farmhouse.

**Sunday, May 20th, 2:30pm-4:00pm**

**Fee: \$5 Members; \$8 Non-members**

## Program Fees

The Poricy Park Conservancy strives to provide quality programs at a reasonable cost to our visitors. Your generous contributions assist us in sustaining our operation. Unless otherwise noted, recommended program donations are **\$5 for members and \$7 for non-members; maximum per family \$20 members and \$25 non-members.**

Pre-Registration is requested for all programs unless noted otherwise, allowing us to plan supplies and instructor coverage accordingly. Although walk-in registration the day of program is available with some programs, a program will be cancelled if the pre-registration minimums are not met. Please call the Nature Center Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

**PROGRAMS ARE HELD RAIN OR SHINE SO  
PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY.**

## WELCOME TO PORICY PARK and The Poricy Park Conservancy

Poricy Park is a 250 acre nature preserve located on Oak Hill Road, Middletown, New Jersey. The Park is home to the Murray Farmhouse and Barn, a NJ Historic site, Environmental Nature Center, Albert's Annex and miles of pristine hiking trails. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Poricy Park Conservancy, is responsible for the management and operation of the park and the historic site along with support from the Township of Middletown who assist in maintaining the grounds and buildings. Poricy Park is open daily dawn to 10pm. The Park's Nature Center and PPC's offices are open Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm, and Weekends per scheduled programs.

### Membership Information

Membership entitles you to reduced program fees, priority in registration, and discounts on bird seed purchases. Annual member rates are: \$25—Senior Citizens\*, \$35—Adult Individuals, \$50—Family, \$100—Patron, \$250—Champion, and \$500 —Benefactor.

\*PPC uses the standard set by the National Park Service that a Senior Citizen is 62 years old or older. A \$50 Family membership (or higher) is required to register children at the discount rate for programs.

### Program Registration Information

Registration for programs begins immediately. Programs can fill up quickly. Due to the need to limit the size of some programs, there may be times when we cannot accommodate everyone. To receive the Member's rate for programs membership must be maintained for the entire series. Payments must be made at time of registration. Registrations and memberships may be made by telephone if charged. We accept Visa and MasterCard. *Reservations can be made by calling the Nature Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.*

### Refund Policy (except summer camp)

PPC makes every effort to ensure that programs take place as advertised. However, PPC reserves the right to cancel programs that fail to meet minimum enrollment requirements. If we must cancel a program, a refund will be issued. If you are unable to attend a program, no refund will be given. If you notify us at least one week in advance that you are unable to attend, credit will be given, less a non-refundable deposit of 20% of the program cost or \$5.00. Credits are valid for one year and may be applied toward any PPC program or membership. (Credits may not be used for gift shop or bird seed purchases.)

To make a reservation or for more information about a program, please call the Nature Center  
732-842-5966 • Monday-Friday • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**A Huntin' We Will Go!**

**Community  
Fossil Hunt**

April rains bring May flowers and releases many fossils into Poricy Brook! Our experienced guide will prepare you for your journey back in time 65 million years! We will provide the trowels & sifters and help you identify your treasures! Please dress for the weather and wear rubber boots or old sneakers. Your feet WILL get wet! Note: Sandals and slip-on footwear prohibited. Remember to bring a small bag to hold your five best finds! Registration is needed so we will have enough supplies!!! Appropriate for adults and children (children must be accompanied & supervised by an adult). Meet at the Nature Center.

**Sunday, May 20th, 3pm-4:30pm**

**Fee: \$8 per participant; \$32 Family Special  
(2 adults, 3 children)**



**Poricy Brook Watershed Hike**

Discover the Poricy Brook watershed, its habitats and its vitality on this special guided hike through beautiful trails. We will begin at the Nature Center with a unique watershed enviroscape demo and culminate with a hike to Poricy Pond! Please remember to wear shoes appropriate for walking trails. Personal water bottles are encouraged! Appropriate for all! (Children must be accompanied & supervised

by an adult). Meet at the Nature Center Regular program fees apply.

**Sunday, June 3rd, 3pm-4:15pm**

**Living History!**

**Joseph Murray  
Reenactment**

Highlight your calendar for this very special event. There will be tours, demos and fun! You won't want to miss this opportunity that culminates in the reenactment of the patriot Joseph Murray and his encounter with Col. Tye! Appropriate for adults & children age 7 and up. (Children must be accompanied & supervised by an adult) Please note: There will be a black powder demo which is loud. Event activities on Nature Center lawn & farmstead. Regular program fees apply.

**Saturday, June 9th 2pm-4:30pm**

**More...A Huntin' We Will Go!**

**Community  
Fossil Hunt**

Celebrate the upcoming arrival of summer with this satisfying activity! Bring your children, your father, your mother, friend, and our experienced guide will prepare you for your journey back in time 65 million years! We will provide the trowels & sifters and help you identify your treasures! Please dress for the weather and wear rubber boots or old sneakers. Your feet WILL get wet! Note: Sandals and slip-on footwear prohibited. Remember to bring a small bag to hold your five best finds! Registration is needed so we will have enough supplies!!! Appropriate for adults & children of all ages (children must be accompanied & assisted by an adult). Meet at the Nature Center.

**Sunday, June 10th, 3pm-4:30pm**

**Fee: \$8 per participant; \$32 Family Special  
(2 adults, 3 children)**

**Shape Changers  
& Other Swimmers!**

**Pond Netting**

What lurks in the water of Murray Pond? If you dare to explore, one of our trained naturalists will guide you through the wonders of pond life. Appropriate for ages 7 to 107 Children under 7 require parental assistance with netting. (Children must be supervised & assisted by an adult). Please courteously register in advance. Meet at the Nature Center Regular program fees apply.

**Sunday, June 17th, 3pm-4pm**

**Fun and Games!**

**Poricy Picnic!**

Bring your picnic lunch to Poricy's "front lawn" and we'll begin the fun! After your lunch we will enjoy outdoor games like Picnic Charades, Lily Pad Relay, Sponge relay, Bucket Brigade, Egg Toss, Hula Hoop Relay and William Tell Race. Be sure to pre-register by Friday, June 22nd so we can save you a place! Appropriate for all ages. (Children must be supervised & assisted by an adult). Please register in advance so that we will have enough supplies! Meet at the Nature Center. (Weather permitting.) Regular program fees apply.

**Sunday, June 24th, Picnic lunch between 12:00pm-1:30pm  
Games from 1:30pm-3pm**

**Are you a Member of Poricy Park?**

*Why become a member? Aside from the personal satisfaction that you are contributing to protecting the 250 acres of Poricy Park, you are entitled to reduced fees for programs, priority program registration, discounts on merchandise, free membership in Rebecca's Reel Quilters and so much more; plus your donation is tax deductible.*

**Join or renew on-line today!  
[www.PoricyPark.org](http://www.PoricyPark.org)**

**Rebecca's Reel Quilters  
General Monthly Meeting**

Sunday, May 6th 2pm-4pm  
Thursday, June 7th 7pm-9pm  
Meet at the Nature Center

**RRQ presents Color My World Quilt Show  
at Poricy Park**

**Friday, May 18, 2012 and Saturday, May 19, 2012  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Admission is \$5.00 with children under 8 free.

There will be vendors, refreshments, and a raffle quilt.

For more information contact  
Kate Fitzgerald at bsfitzgerald@comcast.net  
Beth Munson at bethmunson24@gmail.com  
Additional information is available  
on the RRQ website at [www.rebeccasreel.org](http://www.rebeccasreel.org).

Look For These Upcoming Programs/Events!!



Historic Murray Farmhouse Tours-July  
Historic Murray Barn Tours-August  
Frog Fest-August



Begins June 25th  
Have you registered yet?

Requests For Donations  
& Volunteers:

Volunteers to help  
remove garlic mustard

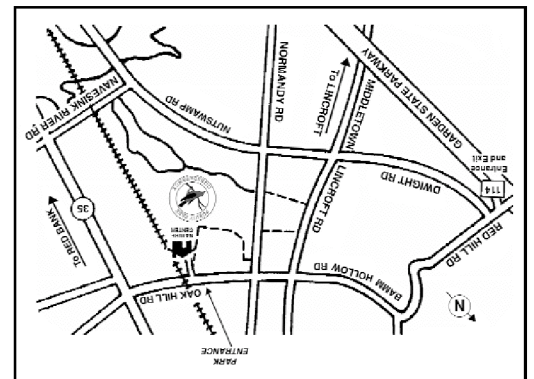
Summer Craft supplies:  
Tempera paint-various colors

Thank you for your support!!

Thank you to the  
following members

for your generous donations:

- **Beautiful Beginnings of RRQ** and **Mary Clabby** for donating craft supplies requested (glue, paper, pipe cleaners).
- **Anna Brunner** for the boxes of office supplies, t-shirts, and storage containers.
- **Lois Wilkes** for office supplies, floor mats, cardboard photo frames, photos for display, decorative wicker baskets



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