



Bernards Township 250th Anniversary

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Promises to be a Dynamic Show

“Celebrate Bernards 250 Years of Memories”

Dramatic readings, dynamic visual displays, historical re-enactment, and musical accompaniment will come together in a striking program entitled *“Celebrate Bernards—250 Years of Memories,”* to be presented **Oct. 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ridge Performing Arts Center.** The event will celebrate both Bernards Township’s 250th anniversary and Ridge High School’s 50th anniversary.

“Memories” will combine the efforts of student music groups, the Ridge History Club, Drama Club, and Forensics Team, the district-wide art department, as well as community members. Oral histories and personal essays depicting life in Bernards Township and in our schools will be offered before a backdrop of historical slides and current-day artwork. The Ridge A Cappella Choir, Wind Ensemble, William Annin and 5th Grade Elementary Choruses will perform throughout the program. The story of Mary Lewis Kinnan, a Basking Ridge woman who was kidnapped in 1791 by Shawnee Indians and rescued three years later, will be re-enacted.



The program is being produced by Kristin Fox, Bernards Township School District Social Studies Supervisor, and Jaye Barre, long-time director of theatre programs in Basking Ridge. **Tickets will be available for pick up at Ridge High School and Town Hall starting September 27.** Refreshments will be provided by the Ridge PTO. ***Don’t miss this unique show of community history and pride!***

Did you Know . . .? Reverend Samuel Kennedy, a distinguished local minister and educator, was the first owner of the 18th century Kennedy-Martin-Stelle farmstead on King George Road. He ran the first school for boys in the community on this site. The farmstead has recently been renovated and will be dedicated during the weekend of October 9-10 as “Farmstead Arts,” a center for the visual and cultural arts. See www.farmsteadartscenter.org for full details on the farmstead and grand opening.



The English Barn at Farmstead Arts: before and after!



Upcoming Events:

September 25: Parade and fair to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Liberty Corner Fire Company. Parade begins at 11:00 at the center of Liberty Corner, and fair follows at noon on Fireman’s Field, featuring rides, food and live music.

September 26: “English Farm History Day” - 10:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. See www.englishfarm.org for details.

October 9-10: Weekend Journey through the Past, sponsored by Somerset County. The Boudinot Property at 135 N Maple and the Brick Academy will also be open to the public on these days. See [here](#) for more info.

October 9, 10: Grand Opening of the Farmstead Arts at the Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead, 450 King George Road, 10 a.m.—5 p.m. See related story, right.

October 15, 16: “Celebrate Bernards - 250 Years of Memories,” a multi-media production celebrating the township’s 250th Anniversary and Ridge High School’s 50th Anniversary. See related story, right.