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Historical Lectures and More at Morven this September

Princeton, NJ - Morven Museum & Garden is starting off the fall with a number of historically important programs. First, flag historian and collector J. Richard Pierce will join us on **Sunday, September 11 at 2 p.m.** to remember and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on 9/11 with a special program [**9/11 Day of Remembrance: The History of the American Flag**](#). Pierce will discuss the evolution of the flag from its beginning until present day and speak to the many meanings the flag holds for generations of Americans. His talk will chronicle the growth of our nation through the prism of our national flag and recount stories that are part of the flag's history.

Doors open for this free in-person event at 1:30 p.m. in the Stockton Education Center at Morven. Tickets to visit the museum and the [**Ma Bell: The Mother of Invention in New Jersey**](#) exhibition can be purchased in the museum shop or [**online**](#).

Morven will host its second Naturalization Ceremony on **Tuesday, September 20 at 10 a.m.**, in the museum's Stockton Education Center. Princeton area residents

who have recently completed the process to become American citizens and their loved ones will participate in the ceremony followed by a group photo opportunity in commemoration, and free access to view the museum and current exhibition *Ma Bell: The Mother of Invention in New Jersey*. While this is a private event, media is invited: please contact Grant Jacoby, Marketing Manager, at gjacoby@morven.org or 609.924.8144 x109.

On **Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.**, join local Historian Linda Barth for [**The Garden State: Where Ideas Grow**](#). At this hybrid event, Barth will explore groundbreaking, useful, fun, and even silly inventions and their New Jersey roots, such as: Bubble Wrap®, the boardwalk, the Band-Aid®, and even professional baseball itself. In-person tickets are \$10 General Admission, \$5 for Morven Members. Virtual tickets are \$5 General Admission, free for Morven Members.

Included with in-person purchases, the museum will be open from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. where guests may view Morven's current exhibition *Ma Bell: The Mother of Invention in New Jersey*. Doors open for the in-person event at 6 p.m. in the Stockton Education Center at Morven and the virtual waiting room opens on Zoom at 6 p.m. Q&A for both live and virtual attendees will follow the lecture. A Zoom webinar link will be shared with virtual ticket holders the day of the event, and a recording will be provided following the program.

Come to Morven's Pool House for the rescheduled [**Musical Evening with the Ragtime Relics**](#) on **Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.** The Ragtime Relics perform vintage American music that spans genres and decades including ragtime, pre-war blues, jazz, country, swing, bluegrass, and rock & roll - featuring some of the most memorable songs from the early 20th Century which might have been played and heard

by Morven's residents and visitors. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 for Morven Members. Bring your own blanket or chair and picnic dinner.

Lastly, there are still Buy-A-Spot options available for two Morven in May auction offerings. First, on **Thursday, September 1 at 5 p.m.** join the intimate celebration of Hopewell's harvest at the historic Van Dyke Farm with [Grazin' in the Garden](#). Enjoy a locally-harvested grazing menu, wine from Unionville Vineyard, and live music from Grant Peterson with your hosts Emily Vickers and Tom Mason. Then, on **Saturday, September 24 at 2 p.m.**, celebrate the end of summer with an [Afternoon Tea at Boxwood Cottage](#). Gather with friends to enjoy a relaxing cup of tea, divine bites of scrumptious tea sandwiches, scones, and clotted cream for a lovely afternoon nestled in the magical gardens right in the heart of Princeton. Hosted by Elizabeth Wislar.

Buy-A Spots for Grazin' in the Garden are \$250, and \$150 for Afternoon Tea at Boxwood Cottage. Limited availability, reserve your spot before they're gone! All proceeds from this event allow Morven to continue to provide enriching exhibitions and education programs that spotlight the significant cultural heritage rooted in New Jersey and American history, along with preserving this National Historic Landmark. For further inquiries, email Megan Shackney, Chief Development Office, at mshackney@morven.org or 609.924.8144 x101.

Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton St, Princeton, NJ is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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ABOUT MORVEN MUSEUM & GARDEN

Most historic sites celebrate one notable resident. Morven is unique in that it was home to many remarkable people. Built in the 1750s and home to one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Morven was home to five generations of Stocktons, then Robert Wood Johnson, Jr. before becoming New Jersey's first Governor's Mansion and home to five New Jersey governors, their families and staffs, witnessing nearly 300 years of history. Morven is located at 55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ and is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The gardens are open daily until dusk.

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