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MUSEUM & GARDEN

Fourth of July Jubilee and more at Morven

Princeton, NJ - Come to Morven on Independence Day for our Fourth of July Jubilee, a celebration of our American heritage at the home-turned-museum of Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. We are delighted to once again have an in-person gathering after a hiatus of several years due to the pandemic. This year we are swinging back to the 1960's in celebration of our current exhibition, Ma Bell: The Mother of Invention in New Jersey, which features the original TelStar satellite and so many other technological innovations made right here in New Jersey that affected the entire world for generations.

Come by from **12 p.m. to 3 p.m.** for a celebration featuring the Arts Council of Princeton providing a Jasper Johns inspired American Flag activity, the Historical Society of Princeton with a meaningful 1960's Princeton adventure activity, live dancing in the gardens with the Luminarium Dance Company, and live music from the 1960s and beyond, including the hit "TelStar," with the Green Planet Band.

There will be fun for everyone: family tickets are available for \$25 to view the museum galleries, our historic gardens are open, and food trucks will be on premises, including Kona Ice and Potato Potato. The celebration is sponsored by Honda of Princeton and the Bank of Princeton. Additional details will be forthcoming. As the event gets closer, check in with Morven's Museum Shop at 609-924-8144 x 103 for more information.

On Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m., come to Morven for the book launch of "The Education of Betsey Stockton." Author and historian Gregory Nobles will discuss his latest book in conversation with Morven's Curator of Exhibitions & Collections and Deputy Director Elizabeth Allan. Visitors can visit the galleries prior to the lecture, and books will be available for purchase for \$25 and for signing following the program. In-person tickets are \$20 for General Admission, \$15 for Morven Members. Virtual tickets are \$10 for General Admission, \$5 for Morven Members.

Doors open for in-person guests at 6:00 p.m. with light refreshments in the Stockton Education Center. Virtual program waiting room opens at 6:00 p.m. A Zoom link will be shared the day of the program for virtual ticket holders. Q&A for both live and virtual attendees follows the lecture. This program is being held with the collaboration of the Princeton Theological Seminary's Betsey Stockton Center for Black Church Studies and is hosted by local historian Shirley Satterfield, President of the Witherspoon-Jackson Historical and Cultural Society (WJHCS).

Come to Morven's Pool House for a <u>Musical Summer Evening with the</u>

Ragtime Relics on Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. The Ragtime Relics perform

vintage American music that spans several genres and decades including ragtime, pre-war blues, jazz age, early country, swing era, bluegrass, and early rock & roll - featuring some of America's 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.

On Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m., spend an evening with AT&T's

Corporate Historian Dr. Sheldon Hochheiser, discovering the six

transformational AT&T innovations, many of which were created in New Jersey: The

Telephone, The High Vacuum Tube Amplifier, Sound Motion Pictures, The Transistor,

Communications Satellites, and the Cellular Telephone. In-person tickets are \$20 for

General Admission, \$15 for Morven Members. Virtual tickets are \$10 for General

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The Museum will be open from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. where you may meet Curators of the exhibition *Ma Bell: The Mother of Invention in New Jersey*, Elizabeth Allan and Jesse Gordon, inside the galleries. Doors open for in-person guests at 6:00 p.m. with light refreshments in the Stockton Education Center. Virtual program waiting room opens at 6:00 p.m. A Zoom link will be shared the day of the program for virtual ticket holders. Q&A for both live and virtual attendees follows the lecture.

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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