



# Help Tell the Story...



# Meadowlands Museum



Individuals who value the purpose and work of the Meadowlands Museum remain its inspiration and abiding spirit. Donations, memberships, sponsorships, grants and fundraisers are crucial elements of the museum's financial wellbeing.

Admission to the museum is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Fees for events and other services vary. A personal letter to the appropriate person acknowledges a gift made in the name of an individual. Donations to provide for the building and grounds are valuable links to the future, and a kind of giving that is among the museum's top priorities.



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*Conveniently Located Near the Intersection  
of Routes 3 and 17 in Bergen County*

Open Most Wednesdays & Saturdays  
10:00AM to 4:00PM

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## Both Curator & Chronicler

The Meadowlands Museum is the main steward of the history and culture of the Meadowlands region and one of its leading storytellers. Its mission and collection, which resides in the Yereance-Berry House in southern Bergen County in Rutherford, NJ, are distinctive and unique. The house too is a historic treasure and landmark, and was built in 1804 by the Berry family, who were among the county's earliest European settlers.

Rooms in the three-level American Dutch farmhouse are alive with permanent and temporary exhibits, and sometimes include loaned objects from other museums and private collections. Historical artifacts like archives and photographs are mingled with textiles, furniture, housewares and artwork. There is even correspondence by the daughters of John Rutherford, a close confidant of George Washington. Grounds include the William Carlos Williams Poetry Garden, which acknowledges the legacy of Rutherford's most famous native and the town's history as a cultural center.

Founded in 1961 as the Rutherford Junior Museum by parents of school age children to help connect them to their community, the museum is staffed by professionals assisted by dedicated volunteers and involved trustees. Interns add to the rich resource of individuals who contribute to its present and future.

The location of the Yereance-Berry House suggests a colonial farm dating to 1740. The oldest house in south Bergen County in close to original condition, it was part of the Historic American Building Survey project of the 1930s. The building is also listed on the state and national registers of historic places and the Bergen County Stone House Survey.

Affiliated organizations include the American Alliance of Museums, American Association for State and Local History, Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey Association of Museums and The National Trust for Historic Preservation.

## Programming & Community Service

Free and reasonably priced services for individuals, community groups, businesses, government bodies and educational institutions are available.

- Educational programs, lectures and traveling exhibits
- Customized on- and off-site programs
- Collaborative ventures with a wide range of partners
- Assistance with academic research and other archival support



## Special Events

Special events, which often are made possible by partnerships with businesses and other organizations, are an additional way for visitors of all ages to enjoy the museum. Public and private events occur on a regular or one-time basis; many are fundraisers.

**Call or email for a current calendar and sponsorship possibilities.**

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