

HISTORIC WICOFF HOUSE MUSEUM NEWS BULLETIN

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CURRENT HAPPENINGS

This summer, the museum partnered with the West Windsor Arts Council to hold an art contest for children and teens. The contest theme was to portray life in the 19th century, using objects found in the museum. The participants who were chosen as the winners and runner-ups were: Vedant Nikam, Anvi Kachalia, Kiran Thomman, Riddhi Chadha and Roshika Gnan.



Help the museum create an oral history database! Film your older relatives speaking about their experiences in Plainsboro. Email us for a list of questions/topics, and to learn how best to film it.

Do you have objects, documents and/or photographs that help tell the story of Plainsboro's history and development? Please consider donating them to the museum! Email us for more information.

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"SOCIAL DISTANCED" FAMILY PROGRAMS

The museum has held two outdoor events with masks and social distancing. In July, the **Summer History Faire** allowed visitors to experience life in the 19th century through crafts and Civil War re-enactors. In October, **AppleFest** celebrated Plainsboro's farming history with a new museum exhibit and outdoor crafts and games.



AppleFest



Summer History Faire

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COLLECTION HIGHLIGHT

LAVINIA WICOFF'S WEDDING DRESS CA. 1904

When Lavinia Applegate married John V. B. Wicoff in 1904, she wore a delicate wedding dress consisting of a separate bodice and skirt. The bodice, shown here, has a lace collar and chiffon sleeves. Its original color was probably ivory.

After their wedding, J. V. B. and Lavinia Wicoff set off on a fantastic honeymoon. They traveled west by train to visit the Grand Canyon. Later, they took a stagecoach from San Francisco to Yosemite Park, and then boarded a cruise ship traveling along the coast to Alaska. The final leg of their journey took them by train to St. Louis to attend the 1904 World's Fair.

They settled back home into their lives in Plainsboro and raised seven children in the Wicoff House.



Lavinia's wedding dress and wedding shoes were donated to the Wicoff House Museum by her grandson, John Wicoff, in 2020.