# HISTORIC WICOFF HOUSE MUSEUM NEWS BULLETIN

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## PAN ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

In May, the Wicoff House will be collaborating with the Plainsboro Public Library and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District's Pan Asian American Heritage Month Club to host an event at the museum celebrating PAAHM.

A librarian will be leading a read along session, teens will be participating in a poetry reading, and a rangoli contest will take place outside. Crafts and museum scavenger hunts will be available.





During this event and the rest of the summer, the museum hopes to encourage the Plainsboro community to donate objects for its new Immigrant Heritage collection. We need stories, pictures, letters, clothing, etc. that reflect immigration or multiculturalism in Plainsboro.

If you would like to add to this collection, please contact the museum to make arrangements.

#### **Contact the Museum:**

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### SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This summer, the museum will host the third annual teen internship program. Participants can choose a 4, 6 or 8 week internship in the area which most interests them: archives, exhibits, community outreach, research and museum projects.

To apply for the internship program, please visit: wicoffhouseplainsboro.com/internships

The Wicoff House Museum Youth Advisory Council will also be working on a new project this summer, visiting other local museums and helping them start their own youth council groups. This project is funded by the Middlesex County Office of Arts & History. Anyone ages 11-18 interested in joining YAC should submit the application found here: tinyurl.com/wicoffyac

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## NEW EXHIBIT: FAST FASHION & THE WOMEN OF THE WICOFF HOUSE

A new temporary exhibit has been installed in the Wicoff House, showcasing the women who have lived inside the house throughout its nearly 150 year history. Of course, there were the Wicoff women, who helped shape the history of Plainsboro, but there were also relatives, servants, and even the wife and children of a farmer who lived inside the house after the eldest John Wicoff passed away.

You can read about them, look at their pictures, and see the clothes they wore while they lived inside the house. Another component of this temporary exhibit is the portrayal of the rise of "fast fashion" over the history of the Wicoff House. See 19th century clothing contrasted with 20th and 21st century clothing. Members of the Wicoff House Youth Advisory Council put together this exhibit where you can see the difference in fabric, stitching, buttons, zippers and other accessories.

This exhibit will be removed at the end of June. The museum is open for visitors on Sundays from 1-4pm, and during the week by appointment.



Dress worn by Lavinia (Applegate) Wicoff.

Kitchen utensils and tools used during the 19th and 20th centuries.

