



Bernards Township 250th Anniversary 1760-2010

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Commemorative Items Now Available!

You can now order 250th Anniversary t-shirts, sweatshirts, aprons, tote bags, mugs, water bottles, and many other gifts at <http://www.cafepress.com/bt250>. *Check it out today!*



Voting Results: "One Book—Bernards Township" Winners include:

Adult--*Washington's Crossing* by David Hackett Fischer

Teens--*Dunk* by David Lubar

Tweens (grades 5 & 6) -*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

Grades K-4 -*The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman

Pre-Schoolers - *A Glove of Their Own* by Debbie Moldovan, Keri Conkling and Lisa Funari-Willever.

Look for these titles on your next visit to the Library, along with information on programs and activities highlighting the books!

**Time Capsule
suggestions needed —
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Writers Wanted: Anniversary Essay Contest Announced

On March 1, the Bernards Township 250th Anniversary Task Force will launch an essay contest, offering residents the opportunity to express their appreciation for our town's rich history. Essay entries will be organized by age and topic, including:

Kindergarten: A visual representation of "I love my town because . . ."

Grades 1-2: Essay explaining "I am proud to live in Bernards Township because..."

Grades 3-5: Essay addressing the question: "Over Bernards Township's 250 year history, the schools have changed significantly. Looking back on the past 250 years, write about how the schools have changed and how they have stayed the same. Do you think the changes have been beneficial for Bernards Township and the community? Why or why not."

Grades 6-8: Essay answering the question, "In 1960, Bernards Township turned 200 years old. What change(s) in the past 50 years have impacted Bernards Township the most, and why?"

Grades 9-12: Essay answering, "Bernards Township has persevered through many challenges in its 250 years, including wars, economic crises and political struggles. What do you think will be the next greatest challenge for Bernards Township, and how will it be resolved?"

Adult: (Past and Current residents): Essay or poem answering the question, "What makes the community of Bernards Township unique?"

Winners (under age 18) in each category will receive a U.S. Savings Bond, and will read their essay at "*Memories of Bernards*," an anniversary event planned for October 15-16. In addition, all winning entries will be included in the **250 Anniversary Time Capsule**. Full essay contest information will be available as of **March 1** at www.bernards.org/250th Anniversary.



Answer to last month's mystery landmark:

This monument is found on the triangle at Finley and Oak Streets. The monument and land were donated by the Cerino family, owners of a grocery store across from the triangle, where Coldwell Banker is today. The family stipulated in the deed that the green is to be used for the purpose of containing a flag pole and flag or suitable war memorial or both. The photo to the right shows the triangle in 1909.



Did you know . . . ?

Due to the topography and agrarian nature of Bernards Township, mills were commonplace here in the 1880's. A variety of mills dotted the Passaic River and its tributary ponds. This circa 1880 photo shows Osbourne's Saw Mill on Osbourne's Pond, located on present day Madisonville Road, south of the Verizon complex. Ponds were dammed in order to create consistent water pressure to work the site all year long.



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