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2016 Antique & Collectible Event recap



You will find no more enthusiastic Riverton booster than **Harvey Sklar** who wrote this heartfelt reaction to his experience on his Facebook page:

"The appraisers were amazing, not only knowledgeable but entertaining. It was a fun Sunday and it was all part of ...THE RIVERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY....Such a small town with a large heart...TOTAL MEMBER DEDICATION...."

Whatta guy! He helps support a project and he thanks the town. No wonder he has so many FB friends. President **Phyllis Rodgers** adds:

"Thanks to all who did a great job with the appraisal event. Appraiser Ron Shaffer did a terrific job taking his time and explaining each artifact. It was informative and entertaining. Nick Fratto from Anthony Jewelers also did an outstanding job. We had 3 hours of nonstop items being evaluated."

When the Porch Club made tables for vendors available during their upcoming Garden Tour we signed up. This year's theme is in celebration of the Birds of New Jersey.



See ticket information at <http://www.theporchclub.org/garden-tour-2016/>

As you tour nine beautiful private gardens in Riverton, Palmyra, and Cinnaminson stop by on Saturday from 10am to 4pm and see over fifty different styles of our collection of historically themed mugs for sale.



Look for our table on the lawn outside the Porch Club with local environmental organizations, wildlife experts, and vendors of garden related items, plants, and books.

The **Annual Meeting of the Historical Society** convenes at **Nellie Bly's Olde Tyme Ice Cream Parlour** on Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm. President **Phyllis Rodgers'** menu for the evening

includes a discussion of upcoming cycling events, making nominations for Board members, and ice cream sundaes for all members attending.



A band of intrepid bicyclists will again commemorate the 1895 Tri-State Relay Race on Saturday, June 11, by riding 101.8 miles from Millburn, NJ to Riverton.

Rob Gusky, originator of the hundred-mile ride he dubbed the **Historic Riverton Century**, last made the rigorous journey in 2014.



His fundraising efforts then resulted in a marvelous souvenir of the feat—a handsome historical sign behind the Light Rail Station marking the former location of the race track near Thomas Avenue.



See more information about the **Historic Riverton Century** at <https://www.facebook.com/HistoricRivertonCentury>. To register to ride the full distance or the 30 miles from Bordentown visit <https://2016rivertoncentury.eventbrite.com/>

Celebrate the spirit of the June 1895 race by participating in a free **3-Mile Community Ride** on Saturday June 11. The **3 mile**

[ride](#) starts from the District Bistro side parking lot, winds through Borough streets, and ends with a celebration at Memorial Park for light refreshments and Mart Soft Pretzels.



Gary Sanderson

Gary Sanderson, editor of *Wheelmen Magazine* will bring authenticity to the ceremony, dressed in his vintage *Wheelmen* outfit with his c.1895 Indian Racer Bicycle.

Helmets required and bike must be in good working order. A local road cycling club, [Cynergy Cycling](#), will serve as ride marshals. Register for this free event and select optional \$15 **Orange**

Blossom Café dinner ticket at <https://2016rivertoncommunityride.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Email **Helen Mack** at hmack315@hotmail.com

Carlos Rogers' 6th Annual [Historic Riverton Criterium](#), follows on Sunday, June 12, and consists of a number of races ranging from a 200 meter kids' race to a 35 mile professional race over an 0.8mile, 6 turn, technical flat and fast course through the center of Riverton.

HISTORIC RIVERTON CRITERIUM



There will also be food trucks provided by [MATT's Food Truck](#) and [The Whirly Pig](#), snacks and drinks, and a display of autos courtesy of [Lucas Chevrolet](#), [Lucas](#)

[Dodge Chrysler Jeep](#), and [Lucas Ford](#).



Carlos Rogers officiates at the 2015 Historic Riverton Criterium

In addition to establishing a very much anticipated tradition that kick-starts Riverton's summer season, in

the past five years Carlos has achieved the amazing philanthropic act of contributing over \$20,000 to local Riverton or Palmyra organizations and individuals.

This year, Carlos has generously designated the Historical Society as a primary beneficiary of the competition.

So talk it up, members, and go to <https://www.gofundme.com/htvgk624> to help meet the individual fundraising goal of \$1,000.

- JOHN MCCORMICK



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VETERAN AFFAIRS



Maryann Fallows sent in this photo of her father, **Matthew P Basara, Sr.**, who served in WWII in the Coast Guard. He lived in Riverton from 1959 until his death in 1991 at 203 Bank Avenue.

During Memorial Day observances his name will be added to the Honor Roll on the War Memorial to join those of other present or former residents of the Borough of Riverton who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America during a time of war.

Thank You Notes

The Society gratefully acknowledges **Dorothy Talavera's** membership renewal and cash donation.

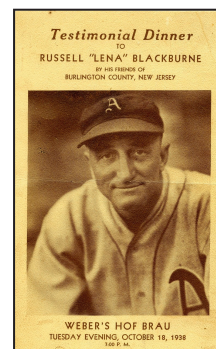
Cindy Robertson made a generous gift of an original Otto Koehler lithograph of an 1890 bird's-eye view of Riverton to the Society in memory of her parents Rachael and Chester Klabe.



Sam Bishop donated a team photo of the 1925 Palmyra Riverton Twilight League and a program for a 1938 testimonial dinner for Palmyra's Lena Blackburne.

Given the collectability of such original artifacts it is especially appreciated that we have been privileged to be caretakers of these rare items.

Please contact the Editor at 856-764-1551 if you have an item to lend for scanning or to donate.



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