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### **Liberty Hall Museum to Host Luncheon, Lecture and Book Signing**

**UNION, NJ** — Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University will host the *Darwin Victorian Luncheon*, featuring a lecture and book signing with special guest Weslie Janeway, co-author of *Mrs. Charles Darwin's Recipe Book Revived and Illustrated*, on **Saturday, September 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Cost is \$80 per person, formal attire suggested. Reservations are required. Seating is limited.

The book offers a rare glimpse behind the kitchen and dining-room doors of one of the Victorian era's most eminent families and features facsimile representations of Emma's original recipes, each one tested by Janeway and co-author Dusha Bateson. *The Washington Times* called the book "a pleasure to read, shedding light on how Darwin and his family lived and, by extension, on the lives of England's middle class in the 19<sup>th</sup> century."

Luncheon guests will enjoy a decadent five-course meal from recipes featured in *Mrs. Charles Darwin's Recipe Book*. Served by staff dressed in traditional Victorian clothing, each course is prepared and introduced by Liberty Hall's gourmet chef and is paired with a carefully chosen wine. Liberty Hall's own sommelier will discuss the selection of wines and explains the pairing process.

Liberty Hall Museum will also host several additional activities for children and visitors of all ages in September.

**Now through December**, children will enjoy a new interactive exhibit, *Once Upon a Time: The Story of the Children of Liberty Hall*. Open during regular museum hours, this extraordinary display explores five distinct generations of children who grew up at Liberty Hall during the Revolutionary War, New Nation, Civil War, Late Victorian and Modern Age eras.

Through the use of artifacts, reproductions and hands-on activities, children will discover the evolution of education, recreation and technology and gain an understanding of how a child's world constantly changes. The exhibit features photos, clothes, toys and furniture of the times, as well as a newly created interactive nursery *circa* 1899.

Create lasting memories at the *Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social* scheduled for **Sunday, September 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Liberty Hall Wagon Shed. Bring your kids and enjoy crafts, games and a special tour of the Liberty Hall Museum. Cost is \$8 per child and includes all workshop materials. Reservations are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The *Fall Harvest Afternoon Tea* is served every **Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** in September. Set in the glass-enclosed porch, guests enjoy a selection of sandwiches, pastries, scones and clotted cream, jams and choice of two teas. Cost is \$33 per person and includes a house tour. Reservations are required.

Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University chronicles more than 200 years of American history. Built in 1772 by William Livingston, New Jersey's first elected governor, the Victorian style mansion is a treasure trove of historic riches. Along with forgotten letters from Thomas Jefferson, Liberty Hall also houses extensive collections of antique furniture, ceramics, textiles, toys and tools owned by seven generations of the Livingston and Kean families. The Firehouse is the latest addition to the Museum's complex housing two antique fire engines and a collection of fire memorabilia.

Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Avenue in Union, New Jersey. It is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. For more information or to make reservations, call (908) 527-0400, e-mail [libertyhall@kean.edu](mailto:libertyhall@kean.edu) or visit [www.kean.edu/libertyhall](http://www.kean.edu/libertyhall).

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