

# *Union Forge Heritage Association*

*Solitude Heritage Museum*

*1760 Joseph Turner House*

*UFHA Cultural and Environmental Center*

*117 Van Syckel's Road, Hampton New Jersey 08827*

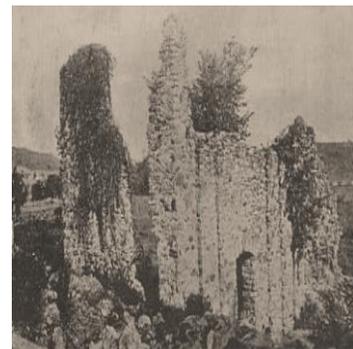
## *The 1742 Union Iron Works 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary : Senior Juried Art Show*

### **Background information about the Union Iron Works:**

The Union Forge Heritage Association, a local non-profit organization, is hosting a year-long celebration in 2017 to commemorate the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the historic Union Iron Works. The UFHA is proud to be the premier organization in Hunterdon County dedicated to preserving the lasting legacy of this important corporation.

Founded in 1742 by historical figures William Allen and Joseph Turner, the Iron Works produced iron used for the manufacturing of domestic items for the home, farm implements, and most notably cannon balls for Washington's army during the Revolutionary War. The Iron Works encompassed over 10,000 acres of property in Hunterdon County that are now part of Union Township, High Bridge, Clinton Township and Lebanon Township.

The company ceased operation in 1781, but lived on with the formation of the Taylor Iron and Steel Company in High Bridge NJ with Robert Taylor in 1803. The company became the Taylor Wharton Iron and Steel Company in 1912 and continued in High Bridge until its closing in 1971. The High Bridge facility continues today in the steel manufacturing industry under the ownership of the Custom Alloy Corporation. Taylor Wharton continues today with a manufacturing facility in Minnesota. The Union Iron Works is the oldest continually operating foundry in United States History, and the nation's second oldest company.



*The Union Forge Heritage Association is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Corporation dedicated to the preserving and protecting the rich history and natural environment of Hunterdon County and the State of New Jersey.*

# *Union Iron Works Senior Juried Art Show Prospectus*

## **Theme:**

The theme of the 2017 Juried Art Show event will be the artist's rendering of the historical structures and/or properties of the Union Iron Works.

Artists must be at least 55 years of age and original artwork may be expressed in any of the following media:

- \* Watercolors, oil, acrylic, charcoal, pastels, pen and ink, pencil and colored pencil
- \* Art work may be in any combination of full color or black and white
- \* Artists may contact the Union Forge Heritage Association's President Mike Gronsky regarding any other type of art medium that may be desired

## **Fee:**

- \* The non-refundable registration fee to participate is \$10. Please make checks out to UFHA and indicate "Art Show" on the memo line. All fees collected will be used for this event.

## **Artwork Display Guidelines for Show and Competition:**

- \* Show and Competition will take place at the 1760 Joseph Turner House, located at 117 Van Syckel's Road, Hampton NJ
- \* Artists may submit a maximum of two pieces, each no larger than 24"x24"
- \* Artwork shall be wired or framed in some fashion, and ready to hang for viewing
- \* Artwork will be hung and displayed on either easels or tri-fold display walls
- \* The Artists name shall be on the artwork (front or back).
- \* The Artist must submit the attached "Artist Informational Sheet" to go along with each piece of artwork when collected for the show. This information will go on a tag to be displayed with the artwork during the show.

## **Awards**

- \* Three monetary Jurors Awards of First (\$125), Second (\$100), and Third (\$75) Place and three Honorary Mentions will be given.
- \* Judging criteria will be based on originality, expression of subject matter, and creativity in medium.

## **Drop Off**

- \* Artists may drop off their work and accompanying info sheet on Saturday Sept 16 from 9am-12pm and Wednesday Sept 20 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Joseph Turner House at 117 Van Syckel's Road, Hampton NJ. All art will be hung by UFHA for the Sept 23 event date.

## **Show and Sale**

- \* The Opening Reception, Judging and Awards Ceremony will take place from 1-3pm on Saturday September 23. Artists are then welcome to offer their artwork for sale and must be prepared to provide a selling price on the Artist Informational Sheet that accompanies each entry. Sales of artwork may take place after 3pm. Turner House will remain open until 6pm, at which time all artwork must be removed by the artists.
- \* The Union Forge Heritage Association reserves the right to use digital images of exhibited artwork for promotional media and their website.

- \* The Union Forge Heritage Association would be most grateful if the Artist would like to donate or loan their artwork to the museum as part of our permanent collection and for display in our museum.

**Subject matter/inspiration suggestions for original artwork:**

- \* The 1760 Joseph Turner House. Union Township NJ
- \* Union Farm East. Union Township NJ
- \* Union Farm West. Union Township NJ
- \* The Van Syckel's Tavern. Union Township NJ
- \* The Old Forge Masters house. Union Township NJ
- \* The Union Furnace. Union Township NJ
- \* The Union Forge. High Bridge NJ
- \* The Taylor Iron & Steel Company old Administration Building. High Bridge NJ
- \* The Taylor Wharton Iron and Steel Company plant. High Bridge NJ
- \* Solitude House. High Bridge NJ
- \* Lake Solitude and Falls. High Bridge NJ
- \* Springside Farm. High Bridge NJ

If you prefer to work from a picture of your chosen location, electronic photos or photo scans of each property can be provided via CD for the artist to create original artwork from. Photos or scans of each property may represent current conditions –**or**- historical views/interpretations. Photos provided by the Union Forge Heritage Association may be used by the artist as they like. The artist is also welcome to visit these properties but should be aware they may be publically or privately owned, and may require special permission from the property owners for entry into the site. UFHA recommends checking with the owners of private property prior to visiting.

A representative of the Union Forge Heritage Association would be more than happy to meet with artists individually or as a group to discuss any questions about the Art Show guidelines and locations.

The Union Forge Heritage Association looks forward to meeting the Artists and providing a venue to showcase local talent during our event.

With sincere appreciation,

Michael Gronsky Jr. - President – Union Forge Heritage Association / Solitude Heritage Museum

