

Durand-Hedden House & Garden

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Maplewood and Durand-Hedden Remember the Great War**

Observing the Centennial of America's Entry into WWI, *Sunday, Nov 19, 1pm to 4pm*

November 2017 – One hundred years ago, the United States declared war on Germany, joining the First World War, and the impact was felt in the small town of Maplewood, NJ. Over 100 men from Maplewood were called to serve and eight never made it home. Three saw brutal action in France, two were pilots whose planes went down, and three were victims of the influenza pandemic.

Join Durand-Hedden on November 19 from 1pm to 4pm as we observe this historic event that changed the world, the United States, and our town. Join a WWI reenactor portraying a Marine sergeant as he reveals the life of a doughboy; and view a soldier's kit and antique firearms. Hear an authentically attired drum and bugle corps from *Early Music and Arts* play military music of the period plus the spirited "Over There," and meet silent screen celebrity "Theda Bara" as she speaks about her work selling war bonds and visiting the wounded. Interactive activities for young visitors include designing patriotic propaganda posters and making red paper poppies symbolizing remembrance.

A new exhibit will explore recently rediscovered stories of Maplewood's war casualties as well as the effects of the Spanish flu and efforts of the home front. Soon after War's end, the young suburb of Maplewood began plans to create Memorial Park, named to commemorate all the men and women who had served. To honor the eight local men who died, the community planted eight American Elms at the top of the natural amphitheater, marked by a bronze plaque.

Country Shopping

Check out our Country Store's historic-themed treasures: early American games, books, and toys; facsimile documents; quill pens and ink; historic cookbooks; cookie molds; tin lanterns; and reproductive decorative items and ceramics. You'll also discover the hard-to-find original *Doors of Maplewood* poster, *Smile: A Pictorial History of Olympic Park 1887-1965*, and the new acid-free reproduction of the charming 1931 Map of Maplewood.

About Durand-Hedden House and Garden

Durand-Hedden House is dedicated to telling the history of the development of Maplewood and the surrounding area in new and engaging ways. It is located in Grasmere Park at 523 Ridgewood Road in Maplewood. For more information or to arrange group tours call 973-763-7712. You can also visit our website at durandhedden.org and find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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