

The Judson Lecture Series with Jim DelGiudice

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(10 New & 5 Updated Lectures!)

For bookings and sponsorships

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(Topics related to geographic areas can also be adapted for wider audiences)

And be sure to ask about The Union Suit
Jim's **NEW!** historical comedy about Abe Lincoln and his pals
(Can be presented by Jim as a one-man show or read by members of *your* group)

1) THE AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES

NEW! Alexander Gardner: The Eyes of Mathew Brady

This little-known Civil War photographer produced the iconic images attributed to Brady's studio.

An Afternoon with Eisenstaedt: The Journey of the 20th Century

The life and times of one of our favorite photographers, who left Nazi Germany to help pioneer *Life Magazine*.

An Honest Look at Abe: Lincoln at the Dawn of the Photographic Era

What made Lincoln—self-described as “tousled”—such a popular subject for photographers?

“Gotcha!”: Snapshots that Made History

The accidentally historic photographs that became the icons by which we remember great events.

“Gotcha Too!”: More Iconic Snapshots

With the advent of the citizen journalist and social media, even more everyday events are preserved.

Illuminating Causes: Contemporary Jewish Photography in America

The art, passion and conscience of the great Jewish photographers of the 20th Century.

Images that Define Us: A Brief History of American Photography

A 2-part lecture examining the context of historic and contemporary images and techniques.

Moments: Capturing Live Theatre in Photographs

Documenting that most ephemeral of the arts, from the age of Daguerre to the present.

NEW! Photography: The First Hundred Years

From its birth in France to its rise as an art form in America, photography fit the Victorian century.

Samuel Morse: 19th Century Renaissance Man

Technological and artistic accomplishments of the genius who worked for a time in Morristown, NJ.

The American Postcard: A Gift from the Past

From George Eastman's time, postcards were our country's first social media.

The Plight and the Dignity: FSA Photographers Picture Depression-Era America

The U.S. government gave notable photographers a chance to flex their documentary muscles.

Visual Literacy in the 21st Century: The Digital Photography Era

From a 1975 Kodak lab to today's smartphones that we use to record every moment of our lives.

2) GENERAL INTEREST (*& Fun!*)

Amazing, Incredible, Misunderstood: The Goat!

NJ alone has 8,000 and they provide us with everything from cheese to sweaters.

Bad Penny: Time to Go?

A brief history of America's oldest (and now most reviled) currency.

Do You Believe?: A Paranormal Survey

Bigfoot, Crop Circles, Loch Ness, UFOs—participants can vote and come to a consensus...or not!

Feels Like a Million: *How Much is a Million?* for Grownups

More than 30 years since the publication of David Schwartz's children's classic, do adults still remember?

From Equinox to Solstice: The Seasons and How We Celebrate Them

Americans do love their holidays and the calendar seasons they relate to are fascinating to learn about.

NEW! Fuhgeddaboutit: They Don't Call it the Big Apple for Nuthin'

Big bridges, big tunnels, big monuments—and recently—*really* big skyscrapers: New York City has them all.

Lighter Than Air: The Story of Airships

Jim takes us on a blimp ride and there are few experiences that are more majestic or whimsical.

NEW! 1969: The Miracle Year

A half-century ago, this was the year that had it all, from the moon landing to the Amazin' Mets.

Our Signatures: What They Tell Us and Are They Necessary?

A look at the history of handwriting and its usefulness in today's world.

Paths, Trails, and Highways: Why Did the Chicken Build the Road?

To get from here to there may not always seem to follow the most logical path, but there's always a reason.

Secret Travels: Small Objects with a Life of their Own

Jim plays "junk detective," rummaging through the mundane things we all use but can't seem to get rid of.

NEW! Where America Shopped for Value: The Sears Roebuck Story

How America's greatest mail order and department store chain survived 125 years of change in the marketplace.

3) THE MORRISTOWN & MORRIS COUNTY SERIES

Agents of Change: Women in Morristown and Township, NJ History

They came from right next door: actresses, authors, legislators, philanthropists, even a ghost!

Agents of Change: Women in Morris County, NJ History

An examination of the lives of women who had a great effect on local life and beyond.

Backroads of Morris County, NJ: A Lighthearted Look at Local History

Take a ride on the ultimate road trip, as we make stops at famous and hidden locations.

Bringing History to Life: Landmarks and Historic Sites of Morris County, NJ

Here are Jim's favorites from each of the county's 39 towns.

Chanceman's Legacy: 20th Century Black Morris County, NJ

Tracing the triumphs and losses African American culture experienced in county history.

From Alexander Hamilton to Tempe Wick: Legends of Revolutionary Morristown, NJ

Jim recounts the stories of the American heroes who arose to keep the new nation alive.

Morris County, USA: A Living Tapestry

Recounting stories of the county's most famous and not-so-famous historical characters.

"Where the Land Divides": Farms of the Passaic River Valley

From the Great Swamp to the local farms that make Morris the "garden county" of NJ.

4) THE NEW JERSEY HISTORY SERIES

Age of Invention: The Industrial Revolution in NJ

A timeline of 19th century events that shaped the future of the state and the world.

Agents of Change: Women in NJ History

A wide-ranging list of colorful individuals in the social context of their times.

Always New: The Face of NJ

How immigration from the 17th to the 20th centuries shaped our state's family.

April 6, 1917: America Enters the Great War and NJ Enters the 20th Century

NJ supplies the Allies with newfound industrial might and the sacrifices of its greatest citizens.

NEW! Backroads of NJ: Images on Google Maps

How Jim's 500 travel images got him ten million hits (and counting) in 3 years.

Building by the Book: Pattern Book Architecture in NJ

An historical explanation of why that old house next door looks a bit like one at the other end of the state.

Essex County, NJ: Alive with Contrasts

A look at 22 municipalities packed with architectural, environmental and cultural diversity.

From Bees to Tomatoes: NJ's State Symbols

Fun facts and trivia about the animals, minerals, and vegetables that our state calls its own.

From Suffrage to the ERA: NJ Women in American Politics

Pioneers set the stage for the political success of today's NJ women.

From the Colonial Period to Today: The Architecture of Bergen County, NJ

Drive through any of its 70 municipalities and you'll be amazed at its rich architectural heritage.

Millicent Fenwick: "The Conscience of Congress"

The hard-driving liberal Republican was a media favorite during her four terms in the House.

NJ: The Personality State

The Garden State's most famous, notorious, and unlikely characters.

UPDATED! Not Forgotten: More NJ Women

The list of colorful individuals and their times continues.

Somerset Tech: Stories of Personalities and Technologies from Somerset County

Since the days of Lord Sterling's astronomy, this NJ county has been home to technological innovation.

UPDATED! Space Age NJ: 60 Years of Achievement

From the birth of NASA to the moon landings a half-century ago to the Voyagers, now gone 40 years.

State of Emergency: Disasters, Catastrophes & Goof-ups that Shaped NJ History

From the sabotage that got us into WWI to the superstorm that changed our coastline, NJ copes.

The Great Swamp: NJ's Natural Heritage

A legacy of 7,000 preserved acres, home to 300 species of wildlife, faces the future.

5) THE WORLD & BEYOND

An Homage to *National Geographic*: Those Yellow Magazines We Treasure

After more than 125 years, the first color periodical still thrives and everyone has a favorite issue.

UPDATED! (5th Ed.) Great Decisions: The Annual Foreign Policy Discussions produced by Reuters

Jim has moderated more than 60 discussions since 2015 and is available for your organization.

UPDATED! Happy Birthday, United Nations: 75 Years of Promise and Struggle

A time for its members not only to look back, but forward to the programs that can be sustained.

If the Climate Can Change, So Can I: History, Science, and Home Remedies

A simple, no-blame explanation of what happened and the things individuals can do to help.

Kitchens Around the World: Why Everyone's Forks Are in the Same Drawer

From Kansas to Kenya, the most important room in the house looks surprisingly similar!

UPDATED! Life Among the Stars: What's Happening up There?

The seasonal skies are chock full of things to look at and learn about, from eclipses to the Kuiper Belt.

Seeing in French: 36 Years of Travel Photographs from France

At once ironic and sentimental, they've provided Jim with his most joy over the years.

6) ESSAYS & WORKSHOPS

A Small Thing but My Own: Some New and Old Photos

A retrospective look at previously unpublished work from a lifetime in photography.

NEW! Be a Square: Exploring the Possibilities of Square Photo Composition

Instagrammers think they're on to something new, but this look dates back to the beginning.

Collaborate with Jim: Create-a-Topic

Your organization has an area of interest it would like to explore, but lacks the resources.

In Search of Photographic Style: Individual or Small Group Instruction

Workshops that allow photo students to view and emulate the evolution of historic photographic styles.

On Surpassing Middle Age: An Evening of Essays on Modern Life

Join Jim for 55 minutes of complaints and 5 minutes of epiphanies (*for adult audiences*).

Preserving our Past: Holding onto Photographs

A 1 ½ hr. hands-on workshop to determine safe methods of preserving images for future generations.

NEW! Sampler Platter: Pick any 4

Shorten any four of Jim's talks to 10-15 minutes each and your group will have a lively discussion!

NEW! Visual Perspective in Painting and Photography: Is Farther Always Smaller?

The evolution of how we perceive and use perspective to picture our world.

7) **EXHIBITIONS OF JIM'S PHOTOGRAPHY**
(Associated Lectures Available)

<u>Date Opened</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Title</u>
January, 2015	Mendham Twp. Library	<i>Vintage Black& White</i>
May, 2015	Pequannock Twp. Library	<i>Vintage Black& White</i>
January, 2016	Madison Library	<i>A Small Thing But My Own</i>
August, 2016	Elizabeth Library	<i>A Small Thing But My Own</i>
January, 2017	Farmstead Arts Center	<i>A Small Thing But My Own</i>
May, 2017	FIAF Montclair	<i>Seeing in French</i>
August, 2017	Morristown Library	<i>Seeing in French</i>
October, 2017	Bernardsville Library	<i>A Small Thing But My Own</i>
February, 2019	Morristown Library	<i>A Small Thing But My Own</i>
February, 2019	Mendham Twp. Library	<i>Seeing in French</i>
<i>And coming next year...</i>		
January, 2020	Franklin Twp. Library	<i>Seeing in French</i>