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PENNINGTON, N.J., March 19, 2025—The Pennington School to Host Lecture about Author Stephen Crane on Sunday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m.

Novelist, poet, and short story writer Stephen Crane has long been considered an important figure in American literature, but his life story has added significance to our region. In this talk—co-sponsored by the Hopewell Valley Historical Society, The Hopewell Museum, and the Pennington Public Library—museum trustee Eric Lubell will present a multimedia portrait of Crane’s life and work, exploring his genius, controversies, and enduring influence on American literature.

Born in Newark, NJ in 1871, Stephen Crane was the youngest son of Jonathan Townley Crane, D.D., former principal of Pennington Seminary, which would later be known as The Pennington School. In late 1885 at the age of 13, Stephen Crane followed in his father’s footsteps, enrolling at Pennington Seminary, where he laid the groundwork for his future as a writer. Considered a literary giant of the 19th century, Crane influenced writers such as Hemingway, Conrad, and Cather. His classic Civil War novel, *The Red Badge of Courage*, is a major American text still taught in classrooms today, and his short story, “The Open Boat,” has been hailed as a landmark of literary Naturalism. A prolific writer and journalist, Crane covered wars in Cuba and Greece, published stories across the West, and worked for major New York City newspapers.

Eric Lubell, a Hopewell resident and board trustee of the Hopewell Museum, spent over forty years as a writer and creative director in the audio-visual industry. His work is showcased in museums worldwide, including the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute, the Malaysia National Science Centre, the Kaohsiung National Science and Technology Museum, the American Museum of Natural History, the ProRodeo Hall of Fame, and Kennedy Space Center’s SpacePort USA. For a decade, he penned the American Society of Magazine Editors’ National Magazine Awards and *Glamour Magazine’s* Women of the Year Awards. Lubell also founded and served as editor-in-chief of *The Independent: A Journal for Princeton*, where he published essays, criticism, and fiction by Princeton alumni for the university community.

The lecture takes place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, 2025, and will be held in the Wesley Forum, located within Pennington’s Kenneth Kai Tai Yen Humanities Building. Registration is required, for both [in person](#) and [Zoom](#) attendance.

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

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