



# Kramer Hall in Hammonton Celebrates Previously Unknown Work by Charles K. Landis

Third Thursday Event Launches Landis' *A Trip to Mars* on Sept. 17

## ***For Immediate Release***

Friday, September 04, 2015

**Contact:** Christina Butterfield  
News and Media Relations  
Galloway Township, NJ 08205  
Christina.Butterfield@stockton.edu  
(609) 626-3845  
[www.stockton.edu/media](http://www.stockton.edu/media)

**Galloway Township, NJ -** Kramer Hall in Hammonton, NJ, will host a public event on Thursday, Sept. 17, at the instructional site on **Thursday, Sept. 17**. The event celebrates the "Bellevue Empire" through the launch of the publication of *A Trip to Mars*, a previously unknown book authored by Charles K. Landis, founder of Vineland and Sea Isle City.

The event will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. at Kramer Hall, 30 Front St. in downtown Hammonton, NJ. The event is a free public event.

The first commercially successful typewriter was patented in America in 1868. Less than a decade later, Landis, who founded Vineland in 1861 and Sea Isle City in 1882, used the typewriter to write his previously unpublished Sci-Fi novel, *A Trip to Mars*.

The manuscript went unrecognized for many decades in the vault of the Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society. Now, in a joint effort between the Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society and Stockton's South Jersey Culture and History Center, it has been published in paperback.

The event will include an introduction by Patricia A. Martinelli, curator of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society, and comments by Tom Kinsella, director of the South Jersey Culture and History Center.

Copies will be available for purchase at the event for \$9.95. They are also available from Amazon and through the South Jersey Culture and History Center. For more information, contact Tom Kinsella at [Thomas.Kinsella@stockton.edu](mailto:Thomas.Kinsella@stockton.edu).

# # #