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## **AUTUMN IS BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!**

During the fall season, we have:

- 3 regular meetings (the second Tuesday of September, October, and November),
- the AppleFest (October 14)
- our Holiday dinner party (the second Tuesday of December),
- and elect next year's officers.

Carroll Bailey will need help with the AppleFest, please come to our September meeting to learn how you can help!

We elect our new officers and members of the board of trustees at the November regular meeting. This year we need to elect:

- president,
- vice president & program chair,
- treasurer,
- publicity chair,
- and
- trustee-at-large.

Some of our hardworking leaders will be able to continue serving in their positions, but because of arthritis in my hands, I will be unable to do so. So, I hope someone else will take over as publicity chair and editor of the SHOUT.

Sincerely, Mari Bixby

# HPSUT Museum Committee Report - August, 2018

### By Bob Holden, Committee Chairperson

The Museum Committee meets generally on the first Monday of each month (We've been meeting regularly since the group was formed by the Board of Trustees in 2015.) but this month we will be meeting on a Thursday in order to meet with Nina Ranalli the Director of the Avalon Museum. We are hoping to get some advice from her as to how to proceed to plan for the exhibit room of our proposed museum, as well as some general advice about how to proceed as we plan our exhibits.

The HPSUT Museum Committee members are: Mike Houdart, Sonia Forry, Ralph Cooper, Doug Longenecker, Jerry Bailey, and Linda Leonard. From the Twp. Committee, Hobie Young and Ed Barr.

The committee is currently awaiting word from the township about the asbestos removal from the building. You may be aware that asbestos was found in the old building and after Twp. Engineer, Paul Dietrich created a plan for removal, bids were requested for that job. By now all bids should have been returned and the Township Committee will be selecting a contractor to complete the job. At this time we have no idea how long that may take but the township, understandably, wants to proceed only when this is completed.

After the asbestos is removed, the township will select an architect to do the job of planning the physical space of the museum. (The first floor only of the old township Hall building.) As you know, the Historical Society has put up \$10,000 of the required \$20K to secure an architect. (We admit that we did not follow the by-laws by bringing this to the entire membership for a vote. Instead, the HPSUT

Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure. We know that you as HPSUT members trust our judgment, and like us, desire this museum for the township to go forward. We considered this contribution to be a good faith gesture to prove that we would work with the township to secure the necessary approvals.).

Once that is done, the museum committee will sit down with the architect to go over all of the various things necessary for a successful renovation. All aspects of this will be covered: HVAC installation, sheet rocking, all new wiring, restroom renovations (all according to code) ceilings, lighting, insulation, the handicapped access ramp, etc. etc.

For example, windows types will be discussed and the best energy efficient window will be selected and added to the list of expenses.

It is important for everyone to realize that the expenses for the renovation will not be known until the architect sits down with us to discuss all of the various options. Once that is done, we will have a final figure (and the concomitant breakdown of costs) which can be attached to the Open Space Grant.

Once all expenses are listed, those will be included in *the Open Space Parks and Recreation Grant* to be brought to the Pre-Application Committee for review. The bulk of the grant is already written, it will just need to be updated and the full amount of costs included for the application. Estimates so far have been in the area of \$250K, but this is only an approximate figure at this time.

The Museum Committee has been vigilant and dedicated to achieving its goal of a Historical Museum in the old Township Hall/ Former UT High School/Middle School.

Most of you are aware of the roadblocks and diversions we have had to deal with over the past few years, but we are now confident that the Township Committee is in favor of the museum and once the asbestos is removed and the architect is selected, we will be able to get their Resolution of support. From there, all of these things together will be included in the Application and we can hopefully proceed. If any member has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Holden, The Museum Committee Chairperson at 609-628-2019. Thank you so much for your support! We hope you have enjoyed the articles in the Gazette about the Ten Villages of Upper Township.

These have been written and published to keep the public aware of the rich history of our ten villages.

Our group continues to support the line from the movie, "Field of Dreams". *If you build it, they will come*. We have every confidence that our already great collection of historical items will be enriched by township citizens who will want their items also on display in a dedicated township museum for ALL township residents and visitors to look at and enjoy.

# 2017 CALENDAR

August 29 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

**September 12** - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg. Jane Stark, the Executive Director of the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage of Stockton University will be to be the speaker at our September meeting of HPSUT, on the second Tuesday, 9/12/17, at the Upper Township Library. Her talk will be about the history of Woodbine and surrounding areas.

**September 26** - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

October 10 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg, speaker to be announced

#### October 14 - AppleFest at the Gandy Farmstead

October 31 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

**November 14** - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg, election of officers, and a speaker to be announced

November 28 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

**December 12 - Christmas Party location to be determined.** 

## Yankee Magazine's Apple Bread

4 cups peeled, cored, and diced Apples (Granny Smith) 1 cup white sugar 3 cups flour 2 teaspoons baking soda ½ teaspoon salt \*Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.\*



¼ teaspoon allspice or ground cloves
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ cup vegetable oil
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 eggs beaten

Grease 3 standard disposable 8-inch by 4-inch loaf pans. Carroll Bailey has the pans. In a medium-size bowl, stir together the apples and sugar.

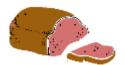
#### Let them stand for 1 hour, stirring often.

In a large mixing bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, salt and spices.

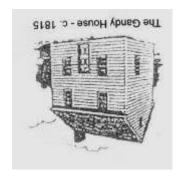
Add the apple mixture and stir well.

Then add the oil, vanilla and eggs and mix well.

Divide the batter between the 3 pans. Bake for 1 hour.



For the AppleFest: Please leave the loaves in the pans, wrap them, and bring them to the Gandy Farmstead on October 14.



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