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Upper Township Historical Society

Automotive Project Preserve Gas – Auto Artifacts for Future Generations

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) has shifted a new historical project into gear for 2019 to document and preserve the automotive businesses of the 10 villages of Upper Twp., from past to present.

The HPSUT is embarking on a road trip to

learn about where every gas station, car dealership, repair shop, auto parts store or any and all other auto related businesses that have been located in our 62-square mile municipality.

The Society wants to know the owners, the brands of gas, what cars were sold in the township, etc.

Residents in Upper Twp. are asked to start checking their garages, as well as attics, basements and sheds for auto and gasoline related items (artifacts) that can help tell the history of our communities.

Artifacts can be signs, photos, posters,

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Business Support for Twp. History

Business Support for Twp. History: Carol Williams, President of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT), accepted a \$500 donation from the Upper Twp. Business Association (UTBA) in appreciation of the Society's year-long partnership with the UTBA's "Shop Local" campaign. Making the presentation was Ralph Cooper, UTBA Treasurer and Board member. Cooper also serves as a Board member of the HPSUT. In addition to the UTBA information table displays during Society open houses and the Historical Society Strawberry Festival and AppleFest, the HPSUT was recognized for distribution of "Shop Local" cards and the annual Community Guide for visitors at the Tuckahoe Train Station during the Seashore Lines Santa Express trains. The presentation was made at the Historical Society's annual Christmas Dinner, Dec. 11, 2018 at the Tuckahoe Inn.



Upper Twp. History Project to document automotive businesses – This example postcard (mailed for 1 cent in 1932, was distributed by Reed's Sunoco gas station and luncheonette where Levari's Seafood & American Grill, 1291 Route 50, Tuckahoe, is now located. (Photo courtesy of Lynn Dress.)

HPSUT Potluck Dinner and Show and Share Mar. 12th

Join with members and friends of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township for our annual covered dish – "Potluck" Dinner on Tuesday, Mar. 12, 2019, 6 pm, at the First United Methodist Church, Route 49, Tuckahoe.

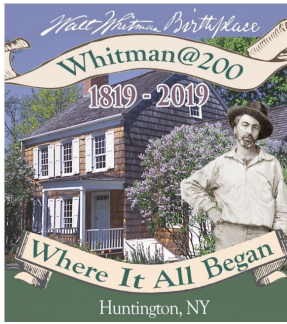
This is the first meeting for the Society's

2019 program year. See our website for details on the monthly programs.

There is no charge for this dinner / program, however, please RSVP with the Society's Mar. 12th Eventbrite page >

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HPSUT Bus Trip planned to Long Island Historical Sites - See Page 6



HPSUT Bus Trip to visit Walt Whitman Birthplace May 4th

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The Cape May County Culture and Heritage Commission's Small Museums Committee (SMC) Round Table meeting was at the Avalon History Center, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019. Monthly roundtable gatherings of representatives from museums and historical societies in Cape May County enable the sharing of triumphs and challenges and help keep their organization members informed.



Small Museums Committee (SMC) of the Cape May County Culture and Heritage Commission held its Dec. 12, 2018 Round Table meeting at the Endicott Reardon Family Museum in the Seaville village of Upper Township. The SMC includes representatives from CMC museums and historical societies that gather each month to share triumphs and challenges and learn about related history topics and events on the local, state and national basis. Follow the SMC on Facebook. Dec. meeting host's site > <http://ermuseum.comcastbiz.net/>

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township

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Historical Society Holiday Dinner at Tuckahoe Inn



Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. (HPSUT) Board members were installed at the Dec. 11, 2018 membership dinner. Picture, from left, Carol Williams, HPSUT President; Marj Bixby, newly elected Special Trustee; Doug Longenecker, new Trustee at Large; and Sonia Forry, induction ceremony coordinator. Current Board members that will also be serving in 2019 are: Mike Horan, Vice President and Program Chair; Linda Leonard, Recording Secretary; Carroll Bailey, Treasurer; Barbara Horan, Corresponding Secretary; Robert Holden, Historian; and Ralph Cooper, Publicity Chair. Special recognition was noted at the dinner for Mike Houdart, former President and long time Board member of the HPSUT.

- Photo by Mike Horan, HPSUT Vice President



Stoddard Bixby, left, and Duane Twilliger load up food donations from the HPSUT Holiday Dinner attendees to be delivered to the Seaville United Methodist Church Food Pantry.



HPSUT members Bob Garrett, left, and Bob Holden catch up on stories at the Historical Society's Dec. 11, 2018 Dinner.

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township NJ

2019 Calendar of Events

January 29 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station *(No Society Programs - Jan. & Feb.)*

February 26 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

March 12 – Covered Dish Supper at the Methodist Church in Tuckahoe

March (TBD) – Kindergarten Day at the Friendship School

March 26 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

April 9 – Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

April 30 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

May 4-5 Bus Trip Long Island Historical Sites

May 14 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

May 25 – Strawberry Festival at the Gandy Farmstead

May 28 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

June 11 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

June 15 – Heritage Transportation Festival at Tuckahoe Train Station

Monthly **Membership Meetings / Programs** held on the 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm
Upper Cape Branch Library

June 25 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

July 30 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station *(No Society Programs - July & Aug.)*

August 27 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

September 10 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

September 24 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

October 8 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

October 12 – AppleFest at the Gandy Farmstead

October 30 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

November 12 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

November 26 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

December 10 - Christmas Party - Location to be determined

December TBD - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

Our Timeline: 2019 marks the 230th Anniversary of the Township and the 41st Anniversary of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township.

Regular **Trustee Board Meetings** the last Tuesday of the month @ 4 pm
Tuckahoe Train Station

Cape May County Networking For Educators and Non-Profits



Networking For Educators and Non-Profits

Cape May County Cultural and Heritage Commission and Historic Cold Spring Village hosted a non-profit networking program for educators and non-profit organizations with educational missions at the Cold Spring Brewery on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019. The HPSUT was represented by Barbara and Bob Horan, Bob Holden and Ralph Cooper. The event provided the opportunity for teachers to meet and learn about programs available to Cape May County schools. > <http://capemaycountynj.gov/666/Culture-Heritage>
- Photos by Ralph Cooper, C&H Commission

Mar. 12 Dinner at Tuckahoe Un. Methodist Church

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<https://UpperTwpHistory.eventbrite.com>

This Potluck Dinner gathering of Historical Society members and guests is always a popular event for our community.

The Board of Trustees will provide the meat dishes and we hope that everyone else attending will bring a vegetable, bread or dessert. The popular "show and share" will be held following the dinner.

Members and guests are welcome to bring in items and tell the stories about their family artifact.

For additional information, please contact Carroll Bailey, 628-2425, carrollbaileyupper@outlook.com.

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HPSUT's Museum Committee Report for March 2019

By **Robert F. Holden**, *Chairperson*,
HPSUT Museum Committee

Things have been rather slow for the past couple of months. As you read last month, our chief architect on the project and his firm, SOSH parted ways and it has taken this long for Chris to be fully approved by the Township Committee to be the Architect on his own.

This included bringing forward the balance of the contracted amount of \$20K to him alone to finish the job. He could not continue with any work until the legal matters were sewn up.

It will take another 4-5 weeks for the complete budget to be developed with his General Contractor (GC) and only then will Chris be able to give us the projected line item budget which can be attached to our grant to be submitted.

We will certainly miss the April 15 deadline for the first granting period of 2019, but I am hopeful we will be able to set a date with the Pre-Approval Committee of the Open Space Funds Granting Committee in the second period which should be May-August.

We will continue to keep you apprised of

our progress.

In the meantime, there has been great interest from around the township in the museum. One resident has promised us an attic full of artifacts when it becomes possible to take the items.

Our History of Upper Township and Its Ten Villages book by Arcadia Publishing is coming along well and the projected time for publication should be this fall.

There are already some fantastic pictures many have never seen (even on the walls of Levari's!)

Hundreds of photographs have been collected and scanned from a wide variety of sources!

Tuckahoe, of course has far and away the most photos available.

Which brings me to my plea to all readers and other residents of the township. We need more old photos for several of our villages: Marmora, Palermo, Greenfield, and Marshallville are several where there has been a dearth of good old photos. Check your attics and closets, friends! If you know of anyone with some good ol'

photos of Upper Township, please contact me at (609-628-2019) I will come to your home to suit your schedule and scan the photos. No photos will leave



your home! The HPSUT has provided me with a fantastic portable scanner which scans them all in 600 dpi for the best clarity.

I believe the book will be a very good thing for Upper Township, revealing photos of life in the township that many people have never seen before!

I have been working hard to secure every possible photo and postcard of the township that I can find and many people have already helped enormously; Kudos to Barb Horan, Lynn Dress, Len Carlson, Harriett Bailey, Ed Bixby Jr., Stoddard Bixby, Merry and Joe May, Grace and Tom Garrity, Lois Broomell at the county museum for their help in providing wonderful photos that will be included in the book. And many thanks for the great assistance of Sonia Forry, our previous Historian for checking over photos with me; adding additional details.

If YOU have any photographs for inclusion in our history book, please do not hesitate to call me. Thanks so much!

HPSUT Bus Trip planned to Long Island Historical Sites

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. (HPSUT), in conjunction with Pary and Bruce Tell, will host a two-day bus trip, in May 2019 to historical sites on Long Island, NY.

The tentative schedule includes:

- Saturday, May 4th: Walt Whitman Birthplace at Huntington Station, NY; Old Westbury House and Gardens, a magnificent Gold Coast Mansion in Old Westbury, NY.; the Saturday overnight stay will be at the Best Western, Woodbury, NY. .
- Sunday, May 5th: Visits to the Brewster House, Brewster's Tavern, the site of the British garrison and the Thompson House (all sites from the Culper Spy Ring, Washing-

ton's spies in the Revolution).

Cost of the trip will be \$235 per person, with an additional \$62 if you're rooming alone, and will include the bus, all meals (except for breakfast Saturday and dinner on the way home Sunday), the hotel, and admission to all sites.

Bus service will be by Senior Travel coach with departure points from Cape May Court House and Seaville, same as last year.

To be added to the list to receive more detailed information and a registration form as soon as they're available, please contact Pary Tell at email > pary.bruce@earthlink.net; mail to 397 Corson Ln, Cape May NJ 08204; phone 609-886-8577.

Museum Committee

Robert F. Holden, Carol Williams,
Ralph Cooper, Doug Longenecker,
Linda Leonard, Jerry Bailey,
Mike Houdart and Sonia Forry

Automotive History Project

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news articles, gas pumps or globes, hats, uniforms, pamphlets, maps, letterhead, billheads, advertisements etc., related to local automotive business enterprises that have flourished in our towns over the years.

Let's all pitch in and preserve our history for future generations.

All donated items will be properly acknowledged and credited.

For additional information, please contact the UT Historical Society's Automotive Project volunteer Mike Houdart, (609) 814-2163 or email: UpperTwpHistory@yahoo.com



Special "Take One" information boxes are located at each Upper Twp. history location.

Program Schedule for Spring 2019

HPSUT Membership Meetings Set

Line-Up for Society's Spring 2019 programs ...

April: The Ocean City Life-Saving Station was recently finished after nearly a decade of restoration, collection of artifacts, and historical research. The Life Saving Service was the precursor to the present US Coast Guard. **John Loeper**, the man with the passion for preserving the station, will talk about the restoration and Station's history.

May: "Inferno at Sea" This program will tell the true story of the cruise ship, Morro Castle, which sailed from Cuba to New York in 1934, and ended up in flames killing 137 people. It floated onto the Asbury Park beach becoming a tourist attraction and a mystery. The authors of the story: **Deborah C. Whitcraft**, founder and President of the New Jersey Maritime Museum in Beach Haven; and **Gretchen F. Coyle**, a well known authority on maritime history will present.

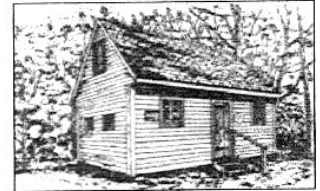
June: "History of South Seaville Camp Meeting" **Grant Karsner**, President of the South Seaville Camp Meeting Association, will speak regarding the history of South Seaville Camp Meeting, a traditional Methodist gathering every July that was established in 1875 and still exists today.

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township

Your Application

HPSUT Membership

Name: _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____



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Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT)

Membership Category

- Individual @ \$15.00/ea. Student@ \$5.00/ea
- Couple (Both under 65) \$25.00 Sr. Couple (Both 65 or older) \$20.00
- Business or Organization \$75.00 Society Donations Always Welcome

Payments Accepted online via PayPal

www.UpperTwpHistory.org/membership.htm

or

Make your check payable to HPSUT

Remit with this completed form to Society Treasurer:

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Heritage Transportation Festival at the Tuckahoe Train Station - Saturday, June 15, 2019

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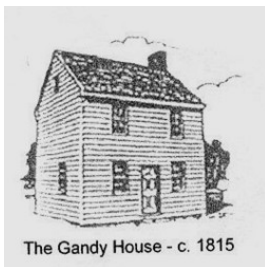
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Strawberry Festival at Gandy Farmstead, Saturday May 25, 2019

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The Gandy House - c. 1815