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Strawberry Festival in Upper Township Saturday, May 19th at Gandy Farmstead

The annual Upper Twp. Strawberry Festival and Craft Show will be held Saturday, May 19, 2018, 10 am – 3 pm, at the Gandy Farmstead, 26 Tyler Road (Route 616) Greenfield.

The annual Festival is presented by the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township.

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Successful Transportation Heritage Festival Brings Crowds to Historic Tuckahoe Station



The Transportation Heritage Festival was held Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Historic Tuckahoe Train Station

- The event was held with the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. in conjunction with the United Railroad Historical Society. **Photos - Page 2.** URHS > <https://urhs.org/>

Students Tour Historic Friendship School

Seven Kindergarten classes with the Upper Twp. School District attended the annual Friendship School visitation on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The "School Master" Historical Society volunteer Tim Quinn greeted all the students and explained education in the early years of Upper Township, Cape May County, NJ. **Photos - Page 5**



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Transportation Heritage Festival @ Tuckahoe Train Station



All photos can be viewed on the HPSUT Facebook page > www.facebook.com/UpperTwpHistory/ Festival Photo Gallery > <https://tinyurl.com/y7hnjwzf>

- Photos by Ralph Cooper, HPSUT Board Member



President's Column

Society Focus on Museum, Programs and Membership

Carol Williams, *President,*

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.

During this past winter season, my husband Jake and I thought of you quite often despite the warm temperatures of seventy-five degrees and abundant sunshine we were forced to enjoy in coastal Florida. However, we did look forward to our return home and were welcomed by our ever-blooming forsythia which faithfully emerge in early April...A lovely sight along with those daffodils and cherry trees!

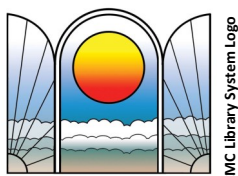
I was fortunate to have several long distance live board meetings via electronic media with the help of Mike Horan at the beginning of the year. This proved to be important for the planning and implementation of our UTHPS goals and objectives for this coming year. We really have a full plate and can use everybody's help!

The three township properties we help to maintain are in pretty good shape. We are currently working on fixing the windmill at the Gandy Farmstead and have decided to approach Jamie Hand to work with us to fix the workings of the windmill before our scheduled Strawberry Festival. The Festival is scheduled for May 19th and we need lots of help to make it a success. Please give Carroll Bailey a call if you can help with some time. More details will appear later in this newsletter.

Our Train Station is looking spiffy because of the help of some members who gave a couple of hours of their time on a Friday morning. Thanks go to Bob Holden, Doug Longenecker, Barb Horan, Sonia Forry and Jake Williams for the time spent setting up our Train Station for the Transpiration Heritage Festival, held on Saturday, April 28th.

Society Board members and volunteers helped out at the Festival and had an enjoyable day greeting visitors at the Station and staffing the HPSUT merchandise tables.

If you'd like to volunteer for future Society events ... even just a few hours would help ... please call me. My cell is 732-456-0254 ...If I



CMC Library System Logo

Monthly HPSUT Membership Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm at the Upper Cape Branch Library.

Next Society Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

"The History of Dennisville and Cedar Mining" - Presented by Ray Rebmann, Curator/Historian of Old School House Museum, Dennisville.

> www.dennistwpmuseum.org



don't answer...just leave a message and I'll get back to you!

On July 8th we have been invited to participate in our Township's Farmer's Market Day at Amanda's Field... We will have a table and canopy from 9 am to 2 pm and would love help in sharing what we do... I'm thinking of a kid's display with objects "Guess what this is?" and some items to sell and brochures to hand out... We need help to man the table!!!! Tak-

ers??? Helpers? Call me please....

We are in the process of acquiring space for a township museum...what an endeavor! It is very exciting to be in on the ground floor! I envision lots of things and we will be calling for your input as soon as the space is finalized...One thing I see... is a children's space...an active area where our rich heritage can be displayed and enjoyed by our visitors and ourselves. Where our children can learn about the history and geography of their township first hand. We will be calling for help in the design, layout and the collections... Please put your thinking hats on...be prepared...more info is on the way...

I am buoyed by the membership's enthusiasm for our planned activities and scheduled speakers.

Our membership rolls need to be increased and we all need to encourage our neighbors, family and friends to become active with our Society and enjoy the fellowship we share for the preservation of our communities' heritage and, more importantly, the friendships we have made.

Happy Spring, Carol

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Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township NJ Inc.

2018 Calendar of Events

May 19 – Strawberry Festival at the Gandy Farmstead

May 29 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

June 12 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

June 26 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

July 31 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station
(No Society Programs - July & Aug.)

August 28 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

September 11 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

September 25 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

October 9 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

October 13 – AppleFest at the Gandy Farmstead

October 30 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

November 13 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

November 27 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

December 11 - Christmas Party - Location to be determined

December TBD - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

WANTED!

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township is seeking information, interesting stories, old books, letters, post cards, documents, objects and other items relating to the history of our township. Please help to preserve our past for our future generations.

Thank You!

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May 2018 History Program: **Kristin Qualls**, center, Wheaton Arts Director of Exhibitions; with **Carol Williams**, right, Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. President and **Mike Horan**, HPSUT Vice President at the May 8th, 2018 meeting of the Historical Society. The program by Qualls covered the history of glass making in South Jersey including Marshallville in Upper Twp. and Cape May Court House. > www.wheatonarts.org/ - Photo by Ralph Cooper, HPSUT Board

Upper Twp. Students Visit Historical Society Friendship School in Palermo, Wednesday, April 18, 2018



Seven Kindergarten classes with the Upper Twp. School District attended the annual Friendship School visitation on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The "School Master" Historical Society volunteer Tim Quinn greeted all the students and explained education in the early years of Upper Township, Cape May County, NJ.

- Photos by Marj Bixby, and Alice May, Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.

Historical Preservation Society's Museum Committee Report for May

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

Greetings fellow HPSUT members and guests!

Since we last sent out the SHOUT, much has happened. We're on our way!

Thanks to the Township Committee, we have our Resolution of Support which we will need for the Open Space Grant Application. Thanks so much to all the members of the Committee; we really appreciate this momentous decision for our township and community!

In case you didn't know, the asbestos was completely removed from the old high school building at the beginning of April, and we are anxiously awaiting the decision by the Township Committee about the selection of the architect! We're coming along well and the group is motivated and excited of what's to come. We have been working on the **StEP program** in preparation for the museum. **StEP** is published through the AASLH (The American Association for State and Local History)

StEP stands for **Standards and Excellence Program** for History Organizations, and it is a group effort of the museum committee to go through and evaluate ourselves on topics such as; Mission, Vision, and Governance, Stewardship of Collections, Stewardship of Historic Structures/Landscapes and Management.

After completing each section, we then contact the main organization about our progress (self evaluation!) and move our way up the "Steps" to a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award for each section. The Committee members are highly motivated to see this through to completion, because we know how much it will benefit us in the long run.

The Township Committee has secured the services of a historical grant writer and site advisor by the name of Jim Ratulla (Linwood, NJ) who is eager to help us as we complete the final Open Space Grant which will go to the Pre-Application Committee as soon as it's ready.

He also has a wealth of information about grants from utility companies and other firms, which can help us with grant money as we move along.

Our conversation was very cordial and he told me that we as a museum committee are definitely "on the right track" (and have done exactly what we should have done) for an Open Space - *Parks and Recreation Grant* which will pay the complete costs for a renovation (rather than a restoration, which only provides 50% of the costs) of the building inside and out.

At this point we are waiting to hear if the Township Committee will be receiving a grant to reimburse the complete costs of the architect fee (\$20K) dollar for dollar.

I hope to hear from Paul Dietrich in the coming week. It would be a wonderful thing to be reimbursed for the architect fees!

The Museum Committee and I are anxious to sit down with the designated Architect because the next Grant application time is



in August of this year.

We will continue to keep you all posted via the SHOUT as to the progress of the grant application.

In the meantime, if anyone has comments or suggestions about the future of the museum, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are eager to listen to all input from members of the HPSUT and residents as well.

Also, if you or anyone you know has any Upper Township/family objects, documents, papers etc. that you will be willing to donate or loan to the museum when it is ready, please contact me at your convenience.

We have already received photographs and documents about the Tuckahoe School "complex" (We now know almost exactly where the old Tuckahoe Elementary School was located!) from a former resident, Mr. Larry Sharp, who has kindly sent us several wonderful photos, which will be included in the Tuckahoe exhibit of the future museum.

[Photos from Mr. Sharp include a photo of the 1919 Class of Tuckahoe High School (Larry's mother's class) taken in front of the building, and a 1933 First Grade class photo taken beside the old elementary school]

I would also like to mention that we are going to publish a new photographic book (Published by the *IMAGES OF AMERICA SERIES*) about Upper Township called, ***The Ten Villages of Upper Township, Cape May County, New Jersey***. This will certainly take quite a bit of time to compose as we seek a wide variety of Upper Township photos. We'd like to see the book published this winter.

We are in need of any interesting postcards or photographs you may have of locations throughout the township. We will not need to keep them; we just need to scan or photograph them for insertion in the book. If you have any interesting U.T. postcards, please contact me at your earliest convenience. (Email: holdenon@comcast.net)

Very sincerely yours,
Bob Holden,
Historian,
Museum Committee Chairperson

Museum Committee Members

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



Dominick Serra, Eagle Scout Project - Full Re-build of the Gandy Farmstead Grape Arbor - March 2018 - Watch for detailed article in future SHOUT Newsletter

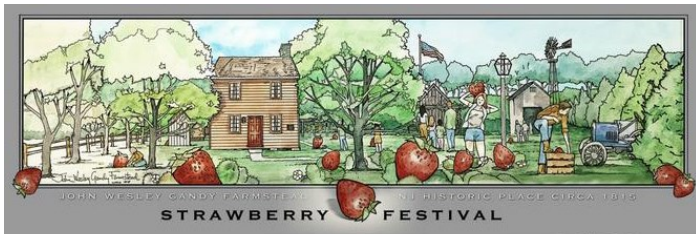


Museum Committee members with Twp. Engineer Paul Dietrich, right, during a touring the Old Twp. Hall in Tuckahoe. File photo, HPSUT, May 2016



Artifacts from the **Jacob Jones Destroyer** - torpedoed off the coast of Cape May, New Jersey during WWII.

- Press of AC article on ship > <https://tinyurl.com/ybqz8pkn>



Strawberry Festival

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South Jersey strawberries will be on sale.

In addition, Society volunteers will be serving up their special Strawberry Shortcake and ice cream. A light lunch selection will be for sale as well.

This Upper Township event features a variety of handmade crafts and other items for sale. New Tuckahoe **Train Station T-shirts** will be available for sale at the Strawberry Festival for \$15.

Volunteer docents will be on hand in the Gandy house and barn areas with plenty of information about our historic sites.

There will be live music throughout the day by **Nancy Malcun**. For additional information about the Strawberry Festival, contact Carroll Bailey, carrollbaileyupper@outlook.com | 609 628-2425.

Visit the Small Museum (Roundtable)
 Committee for Cape May County
 New Facebook Page
 > www.facebook.com/SMR-cmc



Ralph's Wreck Sailing Schooner, late 1800's, 25 miles off Cape May. NJ Wreck Divers link > <https://tinyurl.com/y7z5zode>

Cape May County historical artifacts (photos above) were displayed at the Freeholds Administration Building in Cape May Court House earlier this year.

Regular HPSUT Trustee Board Meetings the last Tuesday of the month, 4 pm, at the Tuckahoe Train Station.

SHOUT Summer 2018 Newsletter Photos by **Ralph Cooper** (Unless otherwise noted)

Bylaws Change Notice

(The Board of Trustees of the HPSUT met Tuesday, April 25th 2018 and voted to support the following changes to the HPSUT Mission Statement, with the addition of a Mission Focus.)

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of the HPSUT –

Final copy before May and June Membership Meeting Votes

The amendment proposed will be as follows:

The current **ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT** (p.1 of 9 of the By-Laws) will be changed to this NEW Mission Statement:

“The Mission of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township is to preserve the diverse history of Upper Township for the education, enlightenment, and pleasure of present and future generations.”

Below this new Mission Statement, will follow what is currently written with three additions as the “Mission Statement”. It will be changed to:

ARTICLE II : Part A – MISSION FOCUS

To identify and research the history of early sites, buildings, and other structures that have a significant place in the early history of Upper Township

To encourage and promote the knowledge and appreciation of the historical heritage of Upper Township in Cape May County, New Jersey, for the education and betterment of the community.

To restore and preserve historical landmarks in Upper Township.

To raise funds to carry out the mission of our organization.

Operate museum facilities and historic sites developing life-long learning opportunities for area residents and visitors.

Actively engage in the collection of artifacts, manuscripts, photographs, oral histories, etc. Relating to the history of the area.

Operate in a fiscally prudent manner to ensure the survival of the organization, its collections and future needs.

NOTE: As required by the By-Laws - The stated merits of this proposed Amendment are:

The reason for this change is that the existing “Mission Statement “ is NOT a Statement, but rather a multi- part paragraph.

It is essential that as we go forward with the HPSUT Museum, that we have a shorter, easily repeated and memorable **Mission Statement** which will appear on and in all of our publications. A statement should be as such. It is hoped that this Statement will appear on all future business cards, letterhead stationary and SHOUT Publications emanating from the society.

At this time, it is important that this amendment be adopted by the membership at the May 8th, 2018 General Membership meeting. It was decided by the Board today, that the final version of this Mission Statement and Mission Focus will be decided that night by the general membership.

This is crucial as we approach the August date for the application to the Open Space Committee of Cape May County.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Holden, Historian and Museum Chairperson HPSUT



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

29TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND CRAFT SHOW

**SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(RAIN DATE: SUN. May 20, 2018)**

**AT
THE GANDY FARMSTEAD
26 TYLER ROAD (ROUTE 616) GREENFIELD**

**PRESENTED BY THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION
SOCIETY OF UPPER TOWNSHIP**

**TREAT YOURSELF TO SOME DELICIOUS FRESH
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AND ICE CREAM (LIGHT LUNCH AVAILABLE)
WHILE YOU VISIT THE FARMSTEAD, HEAR ITS HISTORY,
AND BROWSE THROUGH A SELECTION OF
HANDMADE CRAFTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE.**

**Watch the windmill turn while you
listen to music by Nancy Malcun**

**FOR MORE INFO: 609-628-2425
www.uppertwphistory.org**

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May 19th Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival is one of the major HPSUT events of the year.

Carroll Bailey is this year's Festival Chairperson. Your help with volunteering and also bringing your family, neighbors and friends to this annual community-wide event in Upper Township is appreciated.

Although it is an important fund raiser, it is one of the most important ways we give back to the town showcasing our history and the Gandy Farmstead which we have lovingly restored.

Please help us to make this year's festival successful. It may be a lot of work but it is a **great deal of fun!** We will need people to man the food line and the sales areas too.

And if you can, please make **strawberry bread** for us to sell. It is a great favorite of the crowd. The recipe follows:

Strawberry Bread

Makes 2 loaves:

2 (10 ounce) packages frozen strawberries thawed
 4 eggs
 1 ¼ cup salad oil
 3 cups flour
 2 cups sugar
 3 teaspoons cinnamon
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
 1 tbs. lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three 8x4 loaf pans. In a bowl combine strawberries, eggs and oil. In a separate bowl combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda, and nuts. Add strawberry mixture to dry ingredients and stir until blended. Pour batter into pans. Bake 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Keep the loaves in the pans, wrap them, and bring them to the Gandy Farmstead on the day of the Strawberry Festival.

We also need volunteers to make **biscuits** for the short cake. Just follow the recipe on the "Bisquick" package. It's very simple to do.

Carroll Bailey has loaf pans for the strawberry bread and 9 inch pans for the biscuits.

**Contact Carroll Bailey, 609-628-2425 | carrollbaileyupper@outlook.com
 if you can help**



DUES are DUE!

***THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
OF UPPER TOWNSHIP NJ INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION***

YOU MAY PAY ON LINE AT:

<http://www.uppertwphistory.org/membership.htm>

OR

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO *HPSUT* AND REMIT WITH THIS FORM TO:

**CARROLL BAILEY
P.O. Box 507
TUCKAHOE, NJ, 08250**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

MEMBERSHIP POLICY:

___ Student @ \$5.00/ea.

___ Individual @ \$15.00/ea.

___ Couple (Both under 65) \$25.00

___ Sr. Couple (Both 65 or older) \$20.00

___ Business or organization \$75.00

[HTTP://WWW.UPPERTWPHISTORY.ORG/MEMBERSHIP.HTM](http://www.uppertwphistory.org/membership.htm)



Upper Twp. Historical Society's April 10th, 2018 program - "The First Frontier: Whaler Yeomen in Colonial New Jersey." The story of the first permanent European settlers as well as a discussion of how the Eastern Seaboard was the original American frontier.

- Presented by **Jim Stephens**, Deputy Director, of Historic Cold Spring Village > <https://hcsv.org/>

- Photo by Ralph Cooper, HPSUT Board member > www.uppertwphistory.org

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Upper Twp. Historical Society members at the May 9th, 2018, Small Museums Committee meeting in the Doo Wop Preservation League Museum.

From left, **Linda Leonard**, **Doug Longenecker**, **Ralph Cooper**, **Carol Williams** and **Barbara Horan**. > www.wildwoodnjhistory.com

- Photo by Partners In Preservation, Wildwood

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The Gandy House - c. 1815