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30th Strawberry Festival For Historical Society

The annual Upper Twp. Strawberry Festival and Craft Show will be held Saturday, May 25, 2019, 10 am – 3 pm, at the Gandy Farmstead, 26 Tyler Road (Route 616) Greenfield.

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

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.

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May 14th program for the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township featured the story of the cruise ship Morro Castle and how it ended in flames on the Asbury Park beach in 1934. Pictured, from left, Carol Williams, HPSUT President, authors Deborah C. Whitcraft and Gretchen F. Coyle and Mike Horan, HPSUT Vice President. <https://www.facebook.com/NJMaritimeMuseum/>

Transportation Festival at Tuckahoe Station June 15, 2019

The 2nd annual Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage Festival is being planned for Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the Tuckahoe Train Station and surrounding area. The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township will be showcasing equipment from Railroad History. The event will be free and open to the public to attend. Proceeds from the sales of ride wristbands will benefit the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township and Motor Car preservation.



HPSUT member Sonia Forry with "Walt Whitman," during the Society Bus trip May 4th. See trip photos on page 7.

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Date: Saturday, June 15 2019 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Tuckahoe Train Station and grounds, 31 Mill Road, Woodbine (Tuckahoe), NJ

Festival will be a Partnership: Historical

Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) and Cape May Seashore Lines (CMSL)



Festival Theme: Being the day after Flag Day - Railroads and fire trucks and the American Flag and the honor it deserves. Also Sunday is Fathers' Day and we are discussing how to celebrate Fathers.

Admission: The grounds and displays are free to the public. There will be wristbands available to anyone wishing to ride the Excursion Train, Speeder Car (Motor Car train) and tour the display Trains. The price \$10 per person; \$5 per children. First-class train ride seating will be available for additional charge.

Note: The CMSL is providing all of their participation in the festival at no cost - as a way to support both the HPSUT

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Full house on hand at the Upper Cape Branch Library for the program "Inferno at Sea" by authors Deborah C. Whitcraft and Gretchen F. Coyle. There was a detailed question and answer session after the presentation, followed by a book signing. In addition, several of the attendees shared their stories of family relatives that had seen the Morro Castle on the Asbury Park beach front in 1934.



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NJ Humanities Incubation Grants workshop held at Mulica Hill Library Thursday, May 15, 2019. From left, Chase Jackson, Program and Grants Manager of the Bayshore Project, Bivalve; Carin Berkowitz, Executive Director of NJ Humanities; Ralph Cooper, HPSUT Board member and Cape May County Culture and Heritage Commission member.

> <https://bayshorecenter.org> | > <https://capemaycountynj.gov/670/Culture-Heritage-Commission>
> <https://njhumanities.org/grants/incubation-grants/>

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township

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A History of Upper Township & its 10 Villages in old Photos

By Robert F. Holden

The new Upper Township history book is coming along very well thanks to the generosity of township residents who have donated a plethora of great (and previously unseen) photos to me.

My motto is: Have Scanner, Will Travel (regards to, Richard Boone as Paladin with sidekick, Kam Tong)

I have been all over the township gathering photos and each referral to a new host has brought my knowledge of the township's history to a new level!

Acknowledgments will be large in the book, as I have so many people to thank. I will wait for the publishing date for you to see the many names of people who were so generous with their time and pictures!

The book has been an arduous but joyful journey. For your information, All photos must be collected (or sent to me) as 600 dpi scans. I then sit with each contributor and take voluminous notes of their stories for the captions to the picture or postcards.

Needless to say, there have been some contradictions and discrepancies that have had to be cleared up. Some stories have had to be left out; other new ones included.

One especially challenging one for me was dis-

Book Publication Planned for Fall 2019

tinguishing the facts between the two buildings that once existed in Beesley's Point; The Chattin Hotel/B. Pt. Fishing Club and the Beesley's Point Hotel. (Very different places on opposite sides of the street!)

This has been cleared up, and the book will do these subjects justice.

I am hopeful to have this book as accurate as possible and I am grateful to Lynn Dress, Barb Horan, Sonia Forry, Harriett Bailey, Grace & Tom Garrity and Mike Houdart for their expert advice on historical points; checking over my collected pictures and captions.

The book will hopefully have about a total of 200 photos/postcards. I could easily have more (a Volume 2 perhaps one day?)

Chapter Introductions have been severely edited to meet the demands of the publisher. Sadly, they will not be as long nor as detailed as my Gazette stories.

Chapters are limited to less than 10, so villages have been paired based on size and proximity.

Larger villages stand alone like Petersburg, but Seaville is chaptered with Greenfield and Steelmantown with Marshallville. Difficult decisions have to be made about what pictures to include or leave out, because of the number restrictions placed by the publisher.

There will be 8 chapters; including Chapter One as the Book's Introduction.

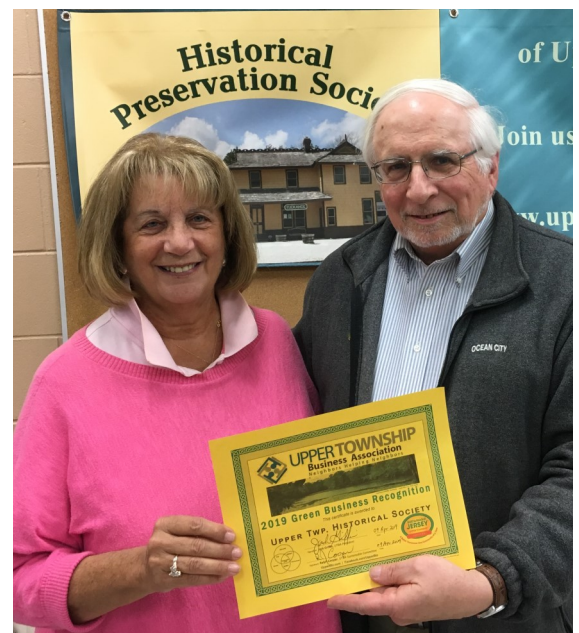
I have included a few "teasers" photos here in this issue of the SHOUT for you; hopefully a few you have never seen before!

The book will be published in fall and will cost about \$22. The book will have an initial run of 500 copies and will be sold throughout the township at various venues. A book launch will be held (hopefully) at Sun Rose Books in Ocean City. (date to be announced)

NOTE: (Mr. Holden is taking no profit from the sales of the book. All profits will go the HPSUT Museum Project.) ##



Newly "found" Upper Twp. archival photo of veteran's group taken on the steps of The Beesley's Point Hotel in 1919. Included in the photo is a group of Civil War Veterans from the GAR.



Carol Williams, President of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township, accepts the 2019 Green Recognition Certificate from Ralph Cooper, Chairperson of the Sustainable Committee with the Upper Twp. Business Association, at the April meeting of the HPSUT.



May 25th Strawberry Festival

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

Carroll Bailey is the **2019 Strawberry Festival Chairperson**. Your help with volunteering is appreciated. Also, plan on bringing your family, neighbors and friends to this annual community-wide event in Upper Township.

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.

Loaf pans for the strawberry bread will be provided for bakers.

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

Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage Festival, Saturday, June 15, 2019

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and the VRA Motor Car preservation work.

Parking: Parking for the festival will be available at the railroad owned "Wye" property. (A motorcar train is available to transport people from the Wye parking.)

Key Elements of Festival:

Station: Open and staffed by the HPSUT.

Transportation Displays: (Station parking area on the station grounds) Visiting historic fire trucks, trucks, cars and other possible vehicles/equipment will be in the parking area on the station grounds

Tabling: (Station parklet - grass area surrounded by the parking lot) URHS member groups will have tables to promote their groups and or sell appropriate items to support their groups. (No cost) Other (Outside) vendors will be invited to participate. (\$40 per space)

Food vendors will be invited (there is limited space) (Rate also \$40 per space)

Local Nonprofit Groups will have free space available for displays etc.

Excursion Train:

Coach tickets are included in the wristband price. Coach seats will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Train rides will last approximately 30 minutes.

Departures will be every hour - on the half-hour - starting at 10:30am, with the last departure at 3:30pm

First Class: Seats in the 2786 and 37 will be available for an addition charge. (See website for details)

PRR display train:

The Cape May Branch will have a train setup of the PRR 7000 a GP9 locomotive, P'70's #1706 and 1704 coaches, and the PRR 7099 "MINERAL SPRING" 1927 Pullman Parlor (new this year).

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Ralph Cooper, HPSUT Bd. Member / Publicity Chair**

This train will be open to the public. Other CMSL equipment will be on display for photos but will not be accessible to the general public.

Motorcar Shed:

A motorcar display and operations consisting of equipment provided by the Volunteer Railroaders Association and the PRSL 40B owned by the HPSUT.

The HPSUT Motor Car shed will house their displays along with a modular layout and display board of historic photos provided by West Jersey.

Motorcar Rides:

The motorcar rides will run from Mill St. south to a location to be determined by the location of storage cars on the Cape May main.

Festival Points of Contact: Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT)

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Strawberry Festival, May 25, 2019

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This Upper Township event features a variety of hand-made crafts and other items for sale.

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 by Linda and Ollie.

The event rain date is Sunday, May 26, 2019.

If you are interested in displaying your crafts this year, please contact Carroll Bailey, carrollbaileyupper@outlook.com | Ph: 609 628-2425.

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CMC Library System Logo

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

2019 Upper Twp. Kindergarten Visit To Friendship



Six classes of Upper Township Kindergarten students visited the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. Friendship School in Palermo, April 30, 2019.

Photos by Mike and Barbara Horan

Historical Society's Long Island, NY Bus Trip on Poets and Spies



Bus Trip Earns \$1,400 for Upper Twp. Historical Society

The HPSUT sponsored a bus trip to historic sites on Long Island, NY on May 4-5, 2019.

Informative stops along the way [included the Old Westbury House and Gardens, a magnificent Gold Coast Mansion in Old Westbury, NY](#); the Walt Whitman Birthplace, Huntington Station, NY; our dinner and overnight stay in, Woodbury, NY.; a variety of sites focused on the famous "Culper Spy Ring," Washington's spies in the Revolution and the Stony Brook Grist Mill.

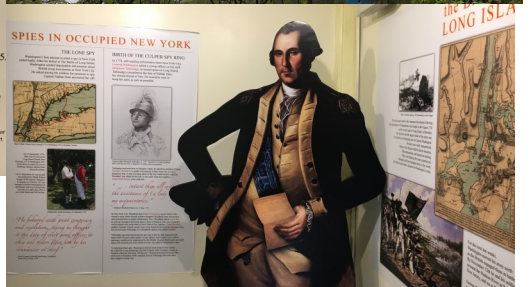
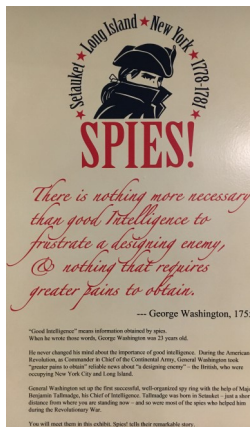
The bus trip was organized and guided by Pary and Bruce Tell and was a fundraiser for the HPSUT. The proceeds from the trip resulted in check \$1,400, that was presented by Pary to HPSUT president Carol Williams during our Society's May 14th membership program.

Old Westbury House and Gardens <https://www.oldwestburygardens.org/>

Walt Whitman Birthplace <https://www.waltwhitman.org/>

Three Village Historical Society, Setauket, NY <https://www.tvhs.org/>

Stony Brook Village and Historic Grist Mill <https://www.stonybrookvillage.com>



HPSUT's Museum Committee Report for May 2019

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

Greetings fellow HPSUT members!

There is not too much to report at this time, except that the April Meeting was held on the 17th, and Chris Menchin, the architect for the Museum project went over his updated plans to be reviewed by both the Engineer and the General Contractor. The goal is to construct a budget that can be attached to the already written grant for the Open Space Committee.

At the April meeting, Chris reviewed many items for us to consider regarding the plans, such as the replacement of the windows to energy efficient double pane types (black frame durable which will contrast well with the exterior re-

painting, the location of the HVAC and other mechanical systems, the total re-wiring of the building, replacement of rotted window sills, location of the kitchenette, the ramp construction, landscaping, lighting above doors, and the new sign outside (perpendicular to the building), just to name a few. (For more details, please contact me anytime.)

The next meeting to review (and hopefully approve) that budget is scheduled for May 20th at 4PM at the train station.

It looks as if we will be able to present the grant to the Open Space Committee some time over the summer, but definitely before August 15th, which is the end of the second (of three) granting

period of the year. We're getting closer and closer, but please understand that we have no guarantees as to how the granting process will go, and even if they grant what we are asking, the job will take quite some time to complete. I make no promises of the projected completion date.

All of us on the committee, of course, are hopeful for a conclusion that will be best for us.

We do want to let the membership know that we will need the full support of the membership in this endeavor; not only with a Museum Support Group, (Friends of the Upper Township Museum) but also volunteers and most importantly, donations for the development of the museum and its programs.

We already have many people who have volunteered to donate historical items to our collection and the public will find these quite exciting.

Thank you HPSUT members in advance for your support of the Upper Township Museum – We're going to need all the help we can get from YOU to make it work.



Members of the Cape May Culture and Heritage Commission Small Museums Committee at the group's May "Round Table" meeting held at the Stone Harbor Museum. > <http://www.stoneharbormuseum.org>



League of Historical Societies of New Jersey April meeting, held in Tom's River. The HPSUT is one of the over 220 organizations that represent over 45,000 individual members that belong to the League. <http://www.lhsnj.org>

Museum Committee

Robert F. Holden, Carol Williams,
Ralph Cooper, Doug Longenecker,
Linda Leonard, Jerry Bailey,
Mike Houdart and Sonia Forry
For the Township of Upper:
Hobie Young and Paul Dietrich.



John Loeper, center, presented a program on the Ocean City Life Saving Station 30 for the Society's April 9, 2019 meeting. Also pictured, Carol Williams, HPSUT President and Mike Horan, Vice President . Life Saving Station 30's Facebook page is > www.facebook.com/U.S.LifeSavingStation30

History of South Seaville Camp Meeting June 11th Program for UTH Society

The "History of South Seaville Camp Meeting" will be the program for the Tuesday, June 11, 2019 monthly membership meeting of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. (HPSUT) at the Upper Cape Branch Library.

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.

RSVPs for the June 11th program can be registered with this Society's Eventbrite page here > <https://UpperTwpHistory.Eventbrite.com> A count is needed for refreshment planning and your registration is appreciated. However, walk-ins are always welcome.

HPSUT monthly membership programs are held at the Upper Cape Branch Library, 2050 Tuckahoe Rd. , Petersburg. There will be social time and refreshments at 7 pm. followed by short business meeting; program at 7:30 pm. The South Seaville Camp Meeting links:

<https://southseavillecampmeeting.org/> | <https://www.facebook.com/SouthSeavilleCampMeeting/>



Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township
Your Application

HPSUT Membership

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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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Attendees at the UT Historical Society's March 2019 covered dish dinner at the Tuckahoe Methodist Church

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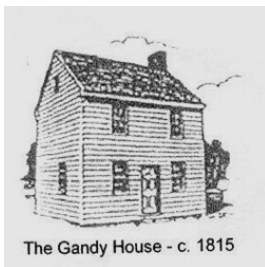


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The Gandy House - c. 1815

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