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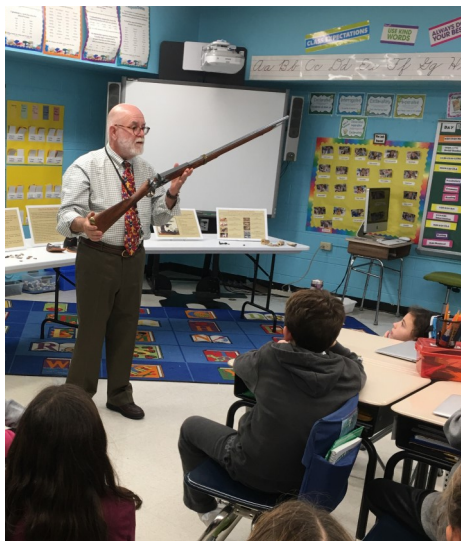


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Robert Holden, HPSUT Historian, presented local history programming for 4th graders at the UTES. See story on page 2.



HPSUT Clean Communities Project: Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township volunteers at their Clean Communities project in Palermo on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019. Pictured, from left, HPSUT members Bob Holden, Carroll Bailey, Ginny Cooper, Anne Terwilliger, Duane Terwilliger, Marj Bixby and Linda Leonard.



**A Christmas Tradition continues!  
Here comes The Santa Express!**



Make a visit to the Tuckahoe Train Station this Holiday Season when you ride the special Santa Express trains. See the Cape May Seashore Lines website > <https://the-santa-express.com/> Volunteers are needed to help staff the Train Station during times of Santa Express. Contact Mike Horan, [saltydognj@verizon.net](mailto:saltydognj@verizon.net) | (609) 628-3259 - Photo and Graphic courtesy of CMSL.

## Celebrate Christmas With Us @ Annual HPSUT Holiday Dinner

**When:** Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019  
**Where:** Tuckahoe Inn, 1 Harbor Rd and Route 9, Marmora, New Jersey 08223

**Program:** Social Gathering 6 pm, Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. \$30 /person. HPSUT Holiday Dinner attendees are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable items for our local Upper Twp. Food Pantries. See page 3.



Hundreds of Upper Twp. residents and visitors attended the annual AppleFest at the HPSUT Gandy Farmstead in Oct. 2019. Pictured are, from left Cheryl Eisele, Alice May and Anne Terwilliger. See AppleFest photo galleries on pages 4-5

## HPSUT Seeks Volunteers for 2020 Board and Committees

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) is recruiting volunteers for Board and committee positions for the coming year. Orientation and development training will be provided in 2020 for volunteers supporting the Historical Society. Individuals

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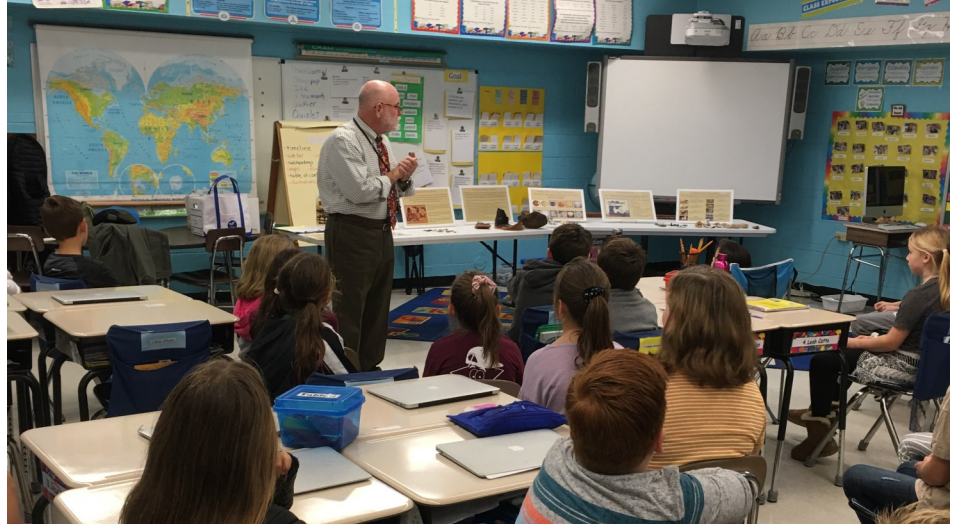
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# My Visit to Fourth Grades at UT Elementary School

By Robert F. Holden, Historian,  
Historical Preservation Society Upper Twp.

I had the great opportunity to visit the fourth-grade classes at Upper Township Elementary School on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (2019) to talk about local Upper Twp. history and give a demonstration of the



## Local Upper Township history presented to Fourth Graders at UTES

NV-5 Archaeological dig site that was done on the corner of Routes 49 and 50 at the site of the old Willets/Williams house (Mr. Willets was the bridge tender for the Tuckahoe Bridge.)

I first presented in the cafeteria, much of the material from the dig site and two classes at a time came in to see and hear the presentation.

The 4th-grade teachers at UTES are Mrs. Kryzk, Mrs. Drewnowski, Mrs. Shallcross, Mrs. Moon/Frie, Mrs. Calderon, Mrs. Cozzza and Mrs. Arsenalt.

The students were wonderful and asked lots of questions. They got to see (and hold in their hands) an 8000-year-old Indian arrowhead (point) and other stone objects from a much later time which came from the Tuckahoe River dig site off Mosquito Landing. (This was the second dig site in addition to the Willets/Williams site)

I brought in my (Reproduction – non firing) colonial Brown Bess musket which is the exact size and weight of a real one.

(Although the Brown Bess was the favored musket of the British Army, it nonetheless looked like most other muskets of the day.) The kids were fascinated by the workings of the gun and how it was loaded and fired. I was able to show them real pieces of flint that had been found at the dig site so they could understand how the flints were a key part of the lock and firing system of the musket. (Earlier guns were matchlocks and later guns, in the Civil War era, were percussion cap systems which replaced the frizzen, hammer/flint, and powder pan.)

I was motivated to bring the musket because in the Willets/Williams house privy were found a rusted hammer mechanism and a large screw which tightened the flint into the hammer. I was able to show the students exactly how the gun was loaded and fired, without actually firing it.

Discussions with the students about

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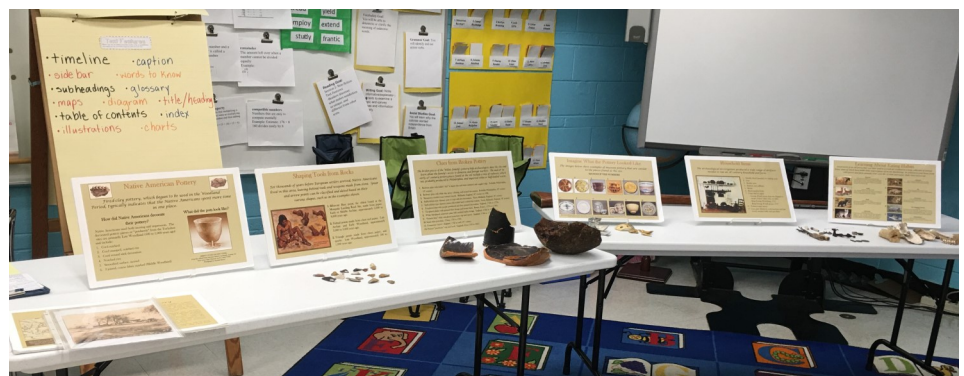
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Archaeological artifacts from recent dig sites in Tuckahoe displayed for 4th grade students.

# Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township



## Celebrate Christmas With Us!

**Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019**



### The Tuckahoe Inn

**Social Gathering 6 pm, Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm**

#### Dinner Menu:

Chicken Parmesan, Chef Tyson's Famous Crab Cake  
or Prime Rib

Dinners include a mixed green salad, side dishes, dessert and coffee / tea.

\$30.00 per person



HPSUT Holiday Dinner attendees are encouraged to bring donations  
of non-perishable items for our local Upper Twp. Food Pantries.



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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_



Choice: Chicken Parmesan # \_\_\_\_\_

Crab Cake # \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib # \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Return the bottom portion of the flier with your Choices  
and Check, made out to HPSUT, **By Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** to:

**Carroll Bailey, PO Box 507, Tuckahoe, NJ 08250**



# UT Historical Society's 2019 AppleFest at Gandy Farmstead





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## HPSUT's Museum Committee Report for December 2019

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

Well by now, everyone knows that the County Open Space Board turned us down. Their reasons are clear, but it doesn't make it any easier to deal with after working on this plan for so long. (4+ years) I will not go into the details of the response to our application, but I want to make it clear that I believe we were led down the garden path in believing that a Parks and Recreation Application would yield a satisfactory end with the most money available for the project. (Indeed, the amount was to be 100%.) I also took issue with their statement which said in essence that attending a museum is not considered recreation! I strenuously disagree!

We were convinced we were on the right

### **4th Grade Visit** Continued from Page 2

outhouses and privies were quite amusing. Some students knew about outhouses (They did not know the word privy, so that was explained). For fourth graders, talk of bodily functions, toilet paper, (non-existent in those days) prompted hilarious questions of course.

Privy humor for kids has probably been around since, well, since there were privies! We also discussed the fact that most families had glazed pottery *chamber pots* and how they were used (especially on cold winter nights when one had to go!) We talked about what they do now with broken objects and food debris in their homes (They're thrown into the trash can. And then what happens to it?) and then I explained what people did with their trash back in early America.

Everything broken or no longer usable went into the privy. All table scraps, animal bones after meals etc. also were scraped into the privy. These things never went into wells/cisterns since that might pollute their water. (This was also explained to the students when one student suggested that things of this nature were thrown into the well!)

I explained to the students why I thought there were two bone handled dinner forks found at the dig site. (I first asked them to think about why they were there since they were not broken.) Could a child

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track. I take the responsibility for not periodically checking to be sure that the path was a straight one. We were not intentionally deceived, but things could have been made clearer by the Director of The Open Space Board.

I had been in touch several times during the process with one of their members, and I felt we were on track.

Everyone needs to understand however, that had we applied for an Open Space Historical Grant, the funding amount would have been just \$150K; and this with matching funds! The HPSUT would have to come up with \$75K. Far too difficult.

We will need to come up with alternative ideas if this is to come to fruition.

At that point I requested a meeting with the mayor, Hobie, and Paul.

At this meeting several weeks ago, the mayor told Linda Leonard and me first of all that the township committee could not unite to get behind the expenditure of \$1.9 million for this old building.

Mayor Palombo believes that the best approach at this time would be for the township to give us a piece of land, suitable in size to build an entirely new museum (as did Harriett Bailey) for a far lower amount than the \$1.9 million requested in the Open Space Grant. He said that the rest of the committee could support that but not the renovation of the building at that cost.

The money spent for the asbestos abatement had to be done no matter what the township decided to do with the building; be it sold or torn down.

It was also discussed at the meeting with the mayor, that maybe we could use the plans developed by Chris Menchin, (the architect on the old school project) in developing plans for the new building.

At this time, Paul Dietrich has been requested by the township committee to look for this land in the township and he has been doing just that with Committee-man, Hobie Young.

The money to pay for a museum is the elephant in the room. How do we go about paying for this?

I am most interested in having the township place the building of this on the ballot as a bond issue. I think the people of the township would vote for it; especially since back in 2017, when we asked read-

ers of the Gazette if they supported a museum, the informal survey was 85% in favor. Also, when one does the math, the rate on a plan of less than a million dollars is negligible.

Fundraising is a difficult and trying process but it can be done- IF the membership feels that this is a worthwhile goal. We cannot do this without YOU, our support base. If you do not think this is worthwhile, we ought to know this now. If you do indeed support a museum for our township, then we need to know that as well. PLEASE contact me with your views on the matter. Deborah Patterson has volunteered to be our Fundraising Lead, and we will be planning campaigns at our next Museum Committee Meeting sometime in December or the new year.

Fundraising for the museum is essential because we will need so much inside the building in addition to the building itself! We cannot do this with Strawberry and Apple Fest profits or profits from our new book. It must be on a large donor level; corporate sponsorships and partnerships with businesses both local and national. (In our original plans we had a Donor Wall set up for Friends of the Museum to buy a wall tile or block.)

If you, dear reader, are interested in helping with this admittedly Herculean effort, PLEASE contact me by phone (609-628-2019) or email [holdenon@comcast.net](mailto:holdenon@comcast.net) I Thank you very much for your past and future support.

The dedicated Museum Committee members are: Carol Williams, Sonia Forry, Linda Leonard, Ralph Cooper, Jerry Bailey, Mike Houdart, Doug Longenecker, with Hobie Young and Paul Dieterich from the Township.

If anyone else is interested in serving on this committee, please contact me.

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress through the SHOUT.

Sincerely,

Bob

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**South Jersey Cultural Alliance Annual Meeting held at Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage**



SICA annual meeting, held Sept. 25, 2019 at the Same Azeez museum of Woodbine Heritage. Pictured, from left, Jane Stark, director of the Sam Azeez Museum; Ralph Cooper, CMC Culture & Heritage Commission and HPSUT Board; with Karen Pinzolo, Director of the SICA; and some of the 2-dozen attendees at the conference. > <https://www.sica.net>

**4th Grade Visit**

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have scraped the plates and lost them? Humorously, I asked the students if they could be retrieved once dropped in? The students were asked if they ever had done this when scraping dishes into the garbage. Many affirmatives! I asked how many kids' families composted, and only a fraction did so. I explained why this is so important.

People in colonial America had no trash cans, garbage bags, etc. and I explained that in this respect, life was better. Most other aspects of daily life were much more difficult; like finding food and cooking food every day.

I had only about 45 minutes to an hour with each group (of two classes each) and so maximized my time with them. There were lots of questions and I answered them all.

I left NV-5/NJDOT dig site brochures for each student before I left, so they could share the information with their parents. Even after having taught fourth graders for over 31 years in my career as an educator, I came home exhausted. (And that wasn't even a full day. I reflected on how lucky I am at my age to be retired!)

Kudos to the Upper Township Elementary School fourth grade teachers who work with our students every day and who were willing to invite me into their school and help their students learn about colonial Upper Township history!

I hope to return in mid-late February to show them photographs from the book, *Upper Township and Its Ten Villages* to be published the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

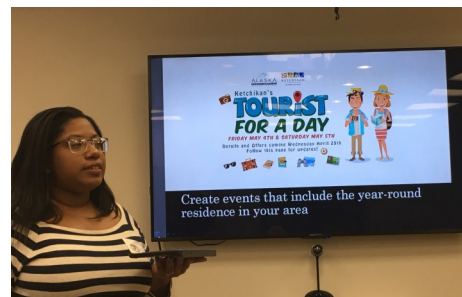
**Note:** The archaeological dig site display is up in the HPSUT display case in Township Hall through the winter. Thanks to Jean Howson of NV-5, Nancy Zerbe, and the



**Culture & Heritage Marketing Workshop - For History and Arts Organizations**

Elizabeth Brown, with Stallion Marketing and also a member of the CMC Culture and Heritage Commission. The workshop "Marketing for the Off Season and More ..." was presented in October, 2019. Key points in the presentation included: Making marketing part of your strategic

plan; Leveraging for the off-season; Cross Promotion; and an array of links for marketing resources. The professional development workshops, for history and arts non-profit organizations in Cape May County, are administered by Elizabeth Bakley with the CMC Dept. of Tourism, Public Information and Culture & Heritage 609-465-1066.



Elizabeth Brown, with Stallion Marketing



NJDOT for the opportunity to have all of the results of this dig. All current material found has been given to the HPSUT in the hopes that one day we will have a museum to show it all to the public! ##

**HPSUT Hudson Valley Bus Trip**

The dates for the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) bus trip are the weekend of April 25th & 26th, 2020. Tentatively, we will visit the New Windsor Cantonment including the Purple Heart Museum and also visit Washington's headquarters in Newburgh and Olana, home of Hudson River School artist Frederic Church. Watch for further details on this exciting trip.

**Volunteers Needed**

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can have a rewarding impact by helping on standing committees that meet regularly throughout the year, or they may choose to contribute just two or three hours during annual activities such as the AppleFest or Strawberry Festival. For information call (609) 390.5656 (Please leave a message) or email UpperTwpHistory@Yahoo.com ##



## President's Column

# Volunteers Are Backbone of Historical Society

**Carol Williams, President,**

*Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.*

It's winter once again, and as we welcome the new season, it is time to feel grateful for all the good things life has given us this year. The heavenly rainy days, the steady blustery winds, the delicious cooler air, the colorful wet leaves blowing onto the kitchen floors every time the outside door opens. Ah, what beauty! But, I digress...we are warm and dry and there is nothing that a good hot cup of tea won't cure...along with family and friends!

Your Historical Society has been very active, as you can see, since our last newsletter. We had a successful Applefest and my thanks go to Carroll Bailey, Marj Bixby, Linda Leonard, Mike and Barbara Horan and their helpers who worked to make it so. Delicious home-baked cakes, dumplings, apple butters and jellies were available and soon disappeared from the tables. We have to thank Tyson Merryman of the Tuckahoe Inn and Nick Karayiannis of Dino's Seaville Diner for judging our Annual Pie Baking contest. Music, friends and history surrounded the Gandy Farmstead and I am sure that John Wesley, Lavinia and their six children would have been proud of how much future generations are enjoying the fruits of the Historical Society's labors. Deb Patterson, Sonia Forey and I definitely heard their whispers in the farmstead as we were closing up, saying what a lovely day they had visiting with friends and family!

Mike and Barbara Horan have put together a wonderful year of programming for our members and those guests who have

taken us up on our invitations to attend. Why, just from September through November, we have studied artifacts from Native American pre-contact sites, dating back thousands of years along with a site dating to the colonial period right here in Tuckahoe. We have been privy to the history of Egg Harbour Township along with Fort Mott and its' continuing mission to guard our shores. This month we share the holidays with a delicious dinner at the Tuckahoe Inn, on December 17th, of which you are welcome to attend. Please do so, by calling Carroll Bailey. I would love to meet you there, if you are reading this column!

We are so very proud of Bob Holden, and all the work he has done for us, as our historian! He continues to share his love of history with our school children and has continually worked tirelessly in trying to keep our dream of a history museum alive. We would also like to say thank you to Marj Bixby, who is leaving the board this year. Her years of service to the Historical Society have left their wonderful mark.

There are also many people behind the scenes who have given their time and energy to help us: Sonia Forey, Doug Longenecker and Ian and Sandra Hamilton.

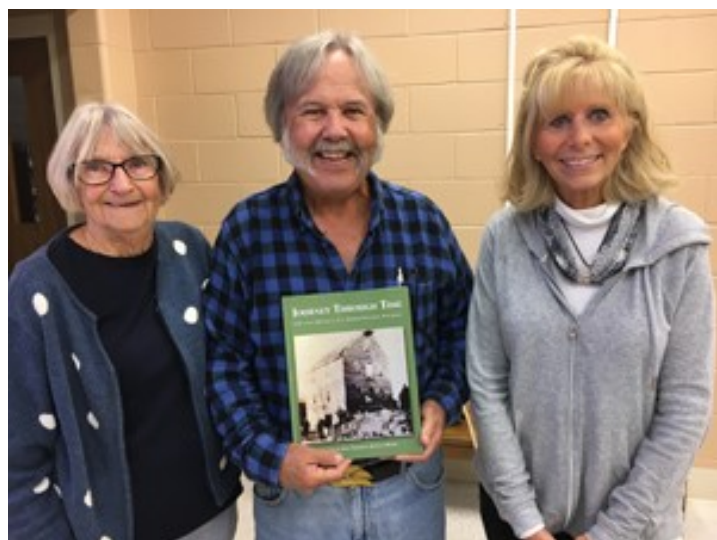
Finally, you are reading this because of the dedicated work of Ralph Cooper. His hard work keeps us connected and visible. My husband, Jake, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy winter season.

Carol Ann

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Robert Holden, Historian with the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. in Cape May County, NJ, installing items from the recent archaeology digs in Tuckahoe. The display is in the Upper Township Municipal Hall in Petersburg. The artifacts are from the Willets-Williams homestead site, at the intersection of Route 50 and Route 49 in Tuckahoe and the Native American site on the Tuckahoe River along Mosquito Landing Road.



Historian June Sheridan, left, and photographer Lynn Wood presented the HPSUT program for Oct 8, 2019 about their book "Journey Through Time - A Pictorial History of Egg Harbor Township." Also pictured is Mike Horan, HPSUT Vice President and Program Chairperson.





Andy Grant, center, from Fort Mott State Park delivered the HPSUT Nov. 12th program on the history of Ft. Mott and the network of forts on both sides (and the middle) of the Delaware River that were the defense system for Philadelphia throughout history. Also pictured, Carol Williams, HPSUT President and Mike Horan, HPSUT Vice President and Program Chairperson. Fort Mott was erected in 1896 in anticipation of the Spanish-American War. The other two forts in the system were Fort Delaware on Pea Patch Island and Fort DuPont in Delaware City, Delaware.  
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Jean Howson, Pd.D., center, of the NV5 consulting firm, presented the findings from the recent archaeology digs in Tuckahoe at the Sept. 2019 membership meeting of the HPSUT. Also pictured are Carol Williams, Society president and Robert Holden, HPSUT Historian. The dig artifacts are from the Willets-Williams homestead site, at the intersection of Route 50 and Route 49 in Tuckahoe and the Native American site on the Tuckahoe River along Mosquito Landing Road.

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Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT)

## Membership Category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business or Organization \$75.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Society Donations Always Welcome      |

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Make your check payable to HPSUT

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**Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township**  
**Your Application**





Sturdy Savings Bank supported Upper Twp. Historical Society's 2019 AppleFest with a supply of re-usable shopping bags. Pictured, from left, Eileen DiPasquale, Marmora Branch Manager, with staff Maryanne Callahan, Rene Mammoccio and Christine Smith. Sturdy Savings Bank > [www.sturdyonline.com/](http://www.sturdyonline.com/)



The special reusable bags were sold at local ACME stores in the Fall of 2019 with a portion donated to the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. Pictured are ACME Seaville Store Manager Pete Hartwell, left, and Charles Haig with the store staff.

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### HPSUT Board of Trustee Nominations

The Nomination Committee has proposed the following slate for the HPSUT 2020 Board of Trustees:

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TRUSTEE AT LARGE: Vacant

Members of the Nominating Committee were Ralph Cooper, Robert Holden and Barbara Horan. ##

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The Gandy House - c. 1815