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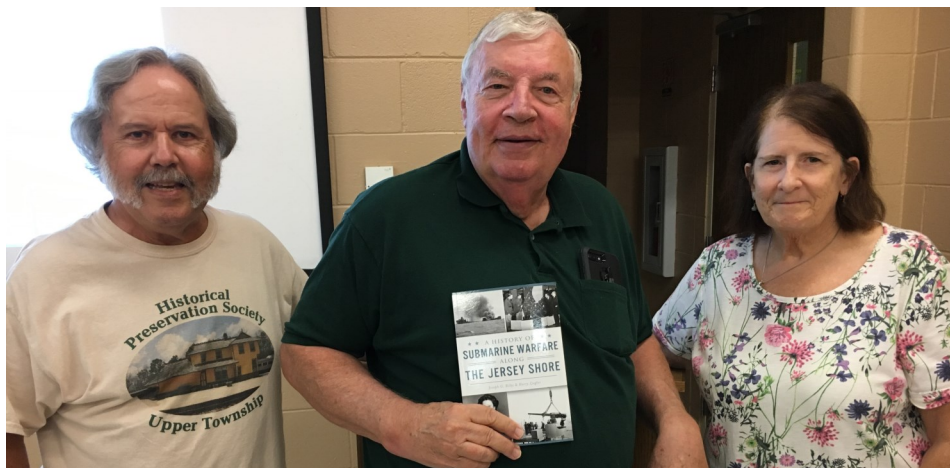
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Joseph G. Bilby, center, co-author of the book, "A History of Submarine Warfare along the Jersey Shore" was the speaker for the HPSUT October 2018 Membership Program at the Upper Cape Branch Library. Pictured are Mike Horan, left, HPSUT Vice President and Program Chairperson; Bilby; and Barbara Horan, HPSUT Corresponding Secretary. Bilby is the Historian of the New Jersey National Guard Militia Museum of NJ in Sea Girt and spoke about the history of submarines off the New Jersey coastline, from 1776 through World War II.

## Ten Villages of Upper Twp. Photo Book Project For Upper Twp. Historical Society

A new Upper Township history book is in development by the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. (HPSUT).



HPSUT volunteers will staff the Historic Tuckahoe Train Station for all of the Seashore Lines Santa Express Trains this coming Holiday Season.

Details at > [www.the-santa-express.com](http://www.the-santa-express.com)

The project, announced recently by HPSUT Historian and Board of Trustees member, Robert F. Holden, will feature photographs that will highlight the heritage of the "Ten Villages" of the Township.

Readers of the book will get to see photographs and picture postcards from a by-gone era and the book promises to be a treasure trove of many photos, with their descriptive captions, that most residents have never seen before.

The publication project was approved by the HPSUT Board earlier this year and in recent months Holden has been busy with

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## Society's Historian Named Upper Twp. Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to our Bob Holden for being named "Citizen of the Year" by the Ocean City Upper Twp. Rotary Club during the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Upper Twp. Municipal Hall on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.

Holden's love of history, and his extensive involvement with the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. was cited by the Rotary Club.

Pictured from left, front row, Michael Bolicki, OC/UT Rotary Club; Bob Holden, Richard Palombo, Upper Twp. Mayor; Ed Barr, Deputy Mayor; John Coggins, Committeeman; and in back row, Hobort Young and Curtis Corson, Twp. Committeemen.

Visit <https://www.oc-tv.org/> for a segment of this event.



## Upper Historical Society Hosts 2019 Long Island Sites Bus Trip

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. , 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 4<sup>th</sup>:** Oyster Bay with Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, home of Teddy Roosevelt; and Old Westbury House and Gardens, a magnificent Gold Coast Mansion. The Saturday overnight stay will be in Setauket, NY.

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:** 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, Washington's spies in the Revolution).

The price (to be determined) 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.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Pary Tell at email >

pary.bruce@earthlink.net or phone 609-886-8577.

Payments will be made to Pary Tell and mailed to 397 Corson Ln, Cape May NJ 08204.



The HPSUT was among the 50 non-profits and businesses that participated in the Nov. 2018 7th Annual community Night sponsored by the Upper Twp. Business Association.. Pictured are Mike and Barb Horan, HPSUT Board Members.



## Annual Apple Pie Contest Winners at the 2018 AppleFest at the Historic Gandy Farmstead



Six year old Finn Cunningham, winner of the Junior Category of this year's Apple Pie Contest. See AppleFest photo on pages 8-10.



Katy Flynn was the winner in the Senior Category, pictured with Tyson Merryman, left, of the Tuckahoe Inn and Nick Karayiannis of Dino's Seville Diner.



Olivia Merryman, a Sophomore at Kutztown University, was the Second place winner.



Historic 1792 Head of the River Church annual Christmas Service, Route 49, west of Tuckahoe, in Estell Manor.



# Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township



## Celebrate Christmas With Us!

**Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018**



### The Tuckahoe Inn

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

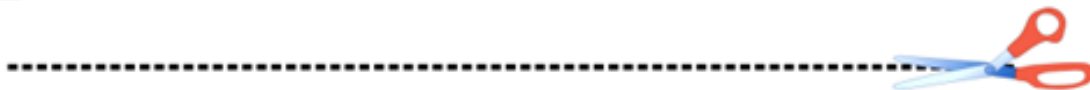
#### Dinner Menu:

Chicken Marsala, 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.



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

Choice: Chicken Marsala # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Return the bottom portion of the flier with your Choices  
and Check, made out to HPSUT, **By Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** to:  
**Carroll Bailey, PO Box 507, Tuckahoe, NJ 08250**

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## President's Column Active Year for Upper Twp. Historical Society

**Carol Williams, President,**

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.

Winter has come a little earlier than scheduled, but, for a snowbird, like me, it was a lovely sight to see! My home was a winter wonderland ... the soft lights in the windows were a lovely contrast to the beautiful white snow that blanketed the landscape. Of course, I did like that my roadways were still as clear as a bright spring day!

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 and their helpers who worked to make it so. Delicious home-baked cakes, dumplings and caramel apples 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 and Lavinia and their six children would have been proud of how much future generations are enjoying the fruits of the Historical Society's labors.

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 in October and November, we have traveled with our submariners on the Jersey shore and have dived on the Mir to explore the Titanic with a crew member who lives in our backyard. This month we share the holidays with a sumptuous dinner at the Tuckahoe Inn, on December 11th, 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, being named Citizen of the Year! A well-deserved honor for all he has contributed to the love of history and to making our dream of a history museum a step closer to reality.

Finally, you are reading this because of the hard work of Ralph Cooper. His hard work keeps us connected and visible. We would also like to say thank you to Mike Houdart, who is leaving the board this year. His 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 Forry, Horace Lorilieri, Doug Longenecker and the now deceased, Eileen Wampler and Ebbie Unsworth.

My husband, Jake, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy winter season.

Carol

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September's program was Tom Maddox, center, owner of American Diving Supply, pictured with Carol Williams, President, Historical Preservation Society (HPSUT) and Mike Horan, Vice President and program chair of the HPSUT. Maddox gave a presentation about his 2.5 mile dives on the Mir deep diving submersibles while they filmed to explore the wreckage of TITANIC as part of a History Channel expedition. > [www.americandivingsupply.com](http://www.americandivingsupply.com)



Marshallville Bridge , a "Pony Truss " bridge on Marshallville Road over Mill Creek, in the Tuckahoe Historic District, Cape May Co.

## ***Villages Book To Put Upper Township's Heritage in Focus***

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scanning over 150 photos from a variety of contributors.

Many residents, such as Grace and Tom Garrity, Barb Horan and Lynne Dress, have already contributed a wealth of wonderful old photographs and post cards from Tuckahoe, Petersburg, and Seaville. Many of these artifacts are from the turn of the century and show landmarks and life in Upper Township that has long passed into history and, in many cases from memory.

Holden and the HPSUT have undertaken the photo book project to retain an archival history of our communities in a general interest reference publication for families to retain in their home libraries.

The current list of old photos that have been secured includes:

- Early development of downtown Tuckahoe,
- Schools in the township from the late 19th and early 20th centuries,
- Class photos from the old Seaville and Petersburg Schools,
- Tuckahoe Academy (grades 1-4), once located behind the old High School / Former Twp. Hall,
- Carlson's Texaco Service Station and Luncheonette, once located on Route 50 at the triangle in front of where Dino's Seaville Diner is today.

Holden is still looking for that Holy Grail photo of a special place in the Township.

So far, many photos have been scanned and described, but there are

many more left to be found!

For example, additional pictures are needed for the Township areas of Marmora, Marshallville, Greenfield, and Palermo.

Therefore, the call is out for additional contributors! Do YOU have some great photo you'd like to share? This is your chance to "get into the history books"!

You are encouraged to contact Robert Holden directly at 609-628-2019 to discuss any photo and / or to arrange for a scanning appointment.

### **Book Project Details:**

**Scanning:** The Historical Society has purchased a portable scanner to create high quality (600 dpi) digital records of photos and post cards.

**House calls:** Holden can make arrangements come to your home or business and scan the photos you would like to share for the Upper Township History book.

**Original photos:** All photos must be original. Photo copies are not acceptable for the book printing.

**Book Content:** The completed book will accommodate a total of 200 photos. All contributors will get a "courtesy of" donation line under each picture used.

**Quality:** The HPSUT has committed to investing in printing 500 copies of the book.

**Timeline:** The book project is expected to be completed in the coming year, with publication planned in the Fall of 2019..

**Cost:** The HPSUT will be selling the book for \$22.00 per copy.

**Publisher:** The book, an Arcadia Publication, in their Crossroads of America Series, will be titled, "The Ten Villages of Upper Township."

**Royalties:** Holden is not taking any royalties for his work on this project and proceeds from the book will be contributed to the proposed Upper Twp. Historical Museum.

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## ***HPSUT's Museum Committee Report for November 2018***

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

Greetings Fellow History Buffs!

Your Museum Committee has been hard at work since we last shared with you. We have met about two times a month; once on October 15<sup>th</sup> to list all our items in the collection for the architects.

The last meeting on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> with the SOSH Architects was quite interesting as we saw new renderings of the building's interior and exterior and were able to see a wonderful array of flooring options from durable sound absorbing vinyl and an interesting set up for the ceiling with sound absorbing tiles.

In no particular order this is what we were able to look over and discuss :

1. Drawings of the outside of the building showing the ramp which will move across the front right of the building to the corner and down the right side of the structure. Handicapped parking will now be in the rear by the entrance to that ramp. Drawings will be brought to the next general membership meeting.
2. The electric lift is eliminated in favor of this ramp.
3. The brickwork outside of the building will be thoroughly cleaned, the bricks repointed and the building painted in a light cream/tan color to make it more visible in its location.
4. The ramp and railings will be made of a composite "wood look" material in a color to contrast the building. (Structural foundation will of course be of treated wood.)
5. New, more secure enclosures must be constructed out back for the air conditioning compressors.
6. Roof is solid; but front porch will need to be reconstructed and trimmed out.
7. Front doors will be of strong energy efficient thermal pane glass as will inside doors. This is to provide natural light into the foyer and center hallway.
8. Flooring for the exhibit rooms will of a durable thick vinyl which looks like wood.
9. Carpeting will be used in the large group meeting room. Transition between vinyl floors and carpet will be flawless.
10. Ceiling tile patterns will be non-traditional with each room having its own distinct pattern.
11. Wall colors and trim were presented and liked by all; beige with a contrasting trim color
12. The track lighting will be set up throughout.
13. Both Restrooms will be identical so it's possible they will be designated as unisex to provide opportunities for those in need to use whichever side they choose!
14. Bathroom fixtures were shown; material will be brushed nickel/ chrome throughout for ease of cleaning. Single toilet, hand-capped accessible in both restrooms.
15. Wall lighting sconces and ceiling lights were shown as matching the general styling of the rooms.
16. Modern-style walnut laminated bookcases will follow the styling theme. This will also be the same for the office desk, bookcases and demonstration cases. (The final style selection will be made hopefully at the next meeting.)
17. Metal stacking chairs with fabric padded seats were shown and they follow the same design theme; they were liked by all. (Padded seats!-Yeah!)



December Update: Due to unforeseen circumstances, we discovered at the end of November that SOSH will no longer be the Architectural firm completing our project.

One of their partners, Chris Menchin (our project manager) has left the firm and will be completing this task as an independent architect.

The contract with The Township will be transferred from SOSH to Chris Menchin and he will be completing the budget and securing a General Contractor in the coming weeks.

Chris wanted to see this project through to completion because he is a resident of Upper Township and his daughters will one day be able to come to this museum and know the history of where they live.

This matter was an unforeseen delay, but we have every

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### **Museum Committee Members**

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



# 18th Annual AppleFest - Oct. 2018 - Gandy Farmstead





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## "Handyperson" Volunteers Needed For Upper Historical Preservation Soc.

Can you drill holes, paint a straight line and measure twice before making the cut? If so, you are needed as a volunteer with the Upper twp. Historical Society here in northern Cape May County. From time to time, the Historical Society needs small wood working projects completed on our collection items as part of our ongoing restoration and preservation.

If you are handy with tools and would like to help preserve history here in Upper Township, please volunteer and join our Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township.

Needed skills include general and interior finishing carpentry, painting, light maintenance.

Volunteer duties would follow HPSUT methods and expectations with outcomes consistent with the Society heritage practices. Email your information to [uppertwphistory@yahoo.com](mailto:uppertwphistory@yahoo.com) or call our messaging service at (609) 390.5656 and you will be contacted.



### Tuckahoe Train Station T-Shirts Make Great Gifts for Holidays

Visit the Tuckahoe Train Station during scheduled runs of the Santa Express during December and pick up one of the special Historical Society T-Shirts @ just \$15.00. Also ask about the Upper Twp. DVD, however supplies are limited.





## Museum Report

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confidence that we are close and moving forward.

You can be assured that everyone is doing their very best make this happen by the end of the First Open Space Granting period in 2019, which ends on April 15th.

We hope to have the completed budget figures by sometime in late December or January, which will permit us to first go to the Pre-Application Committee and then hopefully, on to the full Open Space Granting Group for approval.

We have a provision in the plans for a huge donor wall on the right side of the center hallway. We hope that can be filled up in short order, with donors receiving life long recognition for their generosity.

So that's where we are at this point fellow members. If anyone has any questions or wants further clarification on any aspect of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me! I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Holden  
HPSUT Board Member - Historian  
Museum Committee Chairperson

## 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 being restored 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](http://www.uppertwphistory.org/membership.htm)

or

**Make your check payable to HPSUT**

Remit with this completed form to Society Treasurer:

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

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**Email:** [UpperTwpHistory@Yahoo.com](mailto:UpperTwpHistory@Yahoo.com) | **Phone:** (609) 390.5656 *(Please leave a message)*



Warm hospitality in the Historic Tuckahoe Train Station will be a welcome stop for passengers bound for the Santa Express trains this holiday in Cape May County's Upper Township. (File photo—HPSUT Dec. 2017)

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Members of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. continued the Christmas tradition of decorating the Shoemaker Holly Tree located at the John Townsend Rest Stop on mile marker 23 of the Garden State Parkway. The first ball this year was hung by Ralph Cooper, Mary & Horace Lorrilliere, members of the HPSUT. - Photo by Michael Houdart

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