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Members sampling the many covered dishes at last year's Potluck dinner

Annual Potluck Dinner - Mar. 13th

Join with members and friends of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township for our annual covered dish – "Potluck" Dinner on Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2018, 6 pm, at the First United Methodist Church, Route 49, Tuckahoe.

This is the first meeting for the Society's 2018 program year.

There is no charge for this dinner / program, however, please RSVP with the Society's Mar. 13th Eventbrite page > <https://UpperTwpHistory.eventbrite.com>

This Potluck Dinner gathering of Histori-

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Barbara Horan shared her family artifact at last year's March dinner meeting.



HPSUT member Jerry Bailey showed his Boy Scout uniform and shared stories.

Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage Festival Planned for April 28, 2018

Planning is underway for a Railroad / Transportation Heritage Festival (THF) to be held at the Tuckahoe Train Station on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

The Festival proposal was reviewed by the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) at the January 2018 Board meeting and a sub-committee with Doug Longenecker and Linda Leonard was named to coordinate planning, in conjunction with the United Railroad Historical Society (URHS) and the Cape May Seashore Lines Railroad (CMSL).

The HPSUT Heritage Festival Committee briefed UT Committeeman Hobie Young on Feb. 14th. An outline of key elements for the Festival was reviewed and the process for the HPSUT to submit the Festival application to the Township was also discussed. *(While the application has been submitted, confirmation of Township approval for the Festival was still pending, as of this newsletter printing.)*

Furthermore, URHS representative Paul Mulligan met with the HPSUT Board again on Feb. 27th and there was a follow-up approval vote by the Board to move forward, in conjunction with the HRHS, with additional planning on the key items and implication steps for the Festival.

Heritage Festival Key Elements:

1. **Tuckahoe Station:** Open and staffed by the HPSUT.
2. **Admission:** \$10 per person; \$25 per family (tickets will be sold online)
 - Wrist bands (tickets) include admission all activities and train rides
 - First-class train rides seating will be available for additional charge, online).
3. **Transportation Displays:** *(Station parking area on the station grounds)*
Visiting historic Military Vehicles, buses, trucks, cars and other possible vehicles/equipment will be in the parking area on the station grounds
4. **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 also invited (limited space) (Rate also \$40 per space)
5. **Excursion Train:**
Coach tickets are included in the admission to the festival. Coach seats



Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage Festival - Planning meeting, held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018. Seated, from left, Doug Longenecker, HPSUT; Dave Czerwinski, URHS; Paul Mulligan, CMSL; and K.C. Smith, URHS. Standing, from left, John Ledden, CMSL; Curt Hudson, CMSL; and Tony Macrie, CMSL General Manager. - Photo by Ralph Cooper, HPSUT

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 additional \$5 and for an additional \$5 in the Vista Valley (if ready for use). (See website for details.) If possible, there will be celebrity impersonators in first class from the late 40's to early 60's.

Passengers in first class will be served soft drinks and snacks during the trip.

6. PRR display train:

The Cape May Main will have a train setup of the PRR 7000, P'70's #1706 and 1704, and the PRR N5 caboose.

This train will be open to the public and will have reenactors dressed up in military uniforms from the Korean War/Vietnam era situated in and around the train and will be staged once per hour to allow for photos to be taken. If there is sufficient space behind this train the PRLS M410 and M407 will be on display (if not they will be on track 2).

CNJ 1523 and other CMSL owned equipment will be on display on track 2 for photos but will not be accessible to the general public.

7. 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 "Speeder" Motor Car shed will house their displays along with a modular layout and display board of historic photos provided by West Jersey. Also, there will be a Good scale live steam train layout for everyone's added enjoyment.

8. 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.

9. Night Photo session:

A Night Photo session will be held, starting ½ hour before sunset, with scenes set up to include all of the rail equipment on display/used during the day. A maximum of 30 tickets will be offered for sale at \$30 per person. ###



Speeder Shed @ Tuckahoe Train Station File photo (2014)

Heritage Festival Points of Contact:

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Keep the Homefires Burning: Cape May County and a Nation at War

WWI & Cape May Co.

Keep the Homefires Burning: Cape May County and a Nation at War – Presented at the Sea Isle City Branch Library, Monday, Jan. 22nd, 2018.

- Program presented by **Rita Fulginiti**, left, Cape May County Clerk. Also pictured is **Kaitlyn Ormston**, member of the Adult Programming staff of the Cape May County Library; and **Ralph Cooper**, Upper Twp. Historical Society Board member and Cape May County Culture and Heritage Commission member. Fulginiti's talk was about Cape May County supporting our military in peace and war throughout our 325 year history. The information was developed from archives and public records sources in Cape May Co. See CMC Library website Calendar for future dates in this series.

- Photo: Cape May County Culture & Heritage Commission ###

Recent Society Member Obituaries

Eileen Wampler (Weaver)

Eileen Wampler, a member of the Upper Township Historical Society, passed away on Dec. 24, 2017. Eileen was born on July 30, 1936 to Franklin and Edith Weaver.

She was a high school grad of Chester High School In Chester Pa. Upon graduation she worked for Bell Telephone where she met her husband, Glenn Wampler. They were married November 24, 1956. Eileen had two children Christina Eileen and Scott Glenn. She is preceded in death by her husband Glenn and son Scott.

Eileen is survived by her daughter Christina Cruddas, grand daughters, Sarah LeRoy and Emily Cruddas and great grandson Ashton Shough. She is also survived by cousins of "The Wilson Clan" and their extended families.

Eileen and Glen moved to Upper Township in 1979. And they had a a business in Wayside Village called "The Warming Place" that sold Buck Stoves. Eileen's last job was a secretary in Trump Plaza.

After retiring Eileen enjoyed traveling with her husband, working in her gardens at home, cooking and making crafts. Eileen also had a catering business for a while as she was an excellent cook.

In addition to the Historical Society, Eileen was a member the Acorn Garden Club and volunteered for Shore Medical Center. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Marmora where she enjoyed the services, bible study, and also ran the yearly rummage sale. ###

Helen Whitten (Shoonkoff)

Helen Whitten, a member of the Upper Twp. Historical Society, passed away on October 15, 2017 at the age of 82.

Born August 22, 1935 in Somers Point, and was raised in Palermo, Helen was the daughter of the late John Shoonkoff and Helen Dailey.

She is survived by her son: Steven C. Whitten and daughter: Sarah Wence and numerous grandchildren and great children. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years Joe B. Whitten in 2012.

She enjoyed working at Clayton Construction/Residex Corp. and A. E. Stone, Inc. as an Executive Secretary and Administrative Assistant in the Engineering Department for many years, making many wonderful friends over the years.

In addition to her membership in the Historical Society, she loved spending time with her family and friends.

Helen was an avid reader of American History, loved her many cats and gardening in her flowerbeds. She was enjoyed Harley's, Bridgeport Speedway and Mack Trucks.

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

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(Unless otherwise noted)

2018 monthly programs set for UT Historical Society

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

"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

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

"The History of Glassmaking"

The impact that glassmaking had on the growth of South Jersey. - Presented by **Kristen Qualls**, Director of Exhibitions & Collections, Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

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

Note: All monthly Society programs held on the 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, at the Upper Cape Library Branch. ###

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Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township NJ Inc.

2018 Calendar of Events

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

February 27 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

March 13 – Covered Dish Supper at the Methodist Church in Tuckahoe

March TBD – Kindergarten Day at the Friendship School

March 27 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

April 10 – Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

April 24 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

May 8 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

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



Attendees at the Upper Twp. Historical Society's March 2017 covered dish dinner at the Tuckahoe Methodist Church.

Annual Holiday Dinner - December 12, 2017

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township





Railroading volunteers at the Tuckahoe Train Station

Volunteers Help With Annual Santa Express

Santa Train conductor **Curt Hudson**, left, with Tuckahoe Train Station Master **Doug Longenecker**. Both are avid volunteers.

- Conductor Hudson lives in Oaklyn, NJ @ milepost 5 on the Beesley's Secondary Track.

> www.sjrail.com/Guides/Beesley/Beesley.html

- Station Master Longenecker lives in the village of Tuckahoe and is a member of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. ###

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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Potluck Dinner

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cal 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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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)



Old Twp. Hall in Tuckahoe, the proposed site of the History Museum for the Township of Upper

Historical Preservation Society's History Museum Committee Update

By Robert F. Holden,
Museum Committee Chairperson

The committee has not met since December, since the Township Committee informed the public that the asbestos removal would not be completed until approximately April 1st.

The next meeting is planned for Monday, March 6th at 10am at the railroad station. All HPSUT members are invited to attend.

We just found out from discussions during at the most recent Township Committee meeting, Feb. 26th, that the asbestos removal will not actually begin until mid-March, so it is hoped they can keep to that April completion time.

The committee was distressed that during the Township Committee restructuring meeting, nor in interviews with the newspapers, that no one from the committee felt the need to express that we have given them \$10,000 in good faith to select the architect for this project. The word from the mayor at the time was that "they have not decided yet what to do with the building."

Needless to say this was upsetting. We thought we were in a partnership and that fact should have been revealed to the public.

Undaunted and positive, we move forward.

We expect that the next step will be a resolution from the

township committee to back this museum project. This seems logical because this will need to be done before an architect is



Museum Committee of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. received a familiarization tour of the Avalon Historical center from Nina Ranalli, Center Director, on Thursday, Aug 10, 2017.

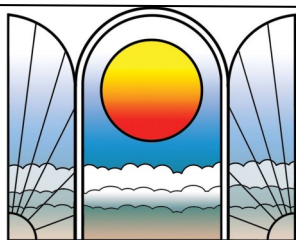
selected. It is also essential to further progress and essential for presenting the grant to the County Open Space Grant Pre-Selection Committee. Without the township's resolution, we cannot proceed.

Once that is achieved, we can sit down with the selected architect (expressing our needs and desires for the inside/outside of the structure; HVAC, windows, lighting, outlets, etc.) and then use their figures to complete the grant for the project.

This will be a Parks and Recreation grant (under Open Space) which will pay for 100% of the necessary renovations. The township's costs will eventually only be the monthly costs of utilities (AC/Heat and electricity)

The Committee is looking forward to spring and the opportunities to meet with the township committee to advance this museum project.

The Museum Committee members are: Robert F. Holden, Mike Houdart, Ralph Cooper, Doug Longenecker, Linda Leonard, Jerry Bailey, and Sonia Forry. ###



CMC Library System Logo

Monthly Membership Meetings / Programs

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

Tuckahoe Train Station to be "Center Stage" for April 28th Transportation Heritage Festival



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A railroad / transportation themed festival will be held at the Tuckahoe Train Station on Saturday, April 28, 2018

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SAVE The DATE - May 19 , 2018
Strawberry Festival at the Gandy Farmstead

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