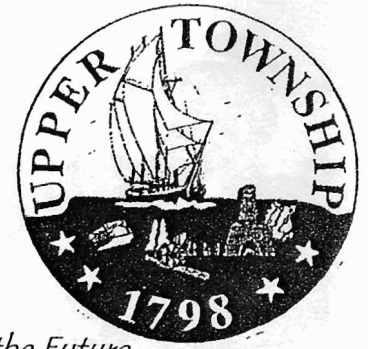


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## President's Memo



August 2010

As the lazy, very warm days of summer begin to turn cooler, I look forward to a new season of activities. So far this year we have seen the staging of our very successful Strawberry Festival (thanks to Anne Snyder and all those members who contributed time and energy), a very warmly received open house tour of the Gandy Farmstead held in conjunction with the County Museum, an open house scheduled at the Train Station showcasing the Station itself and a tour of the trains on our property (thanks to Tony Macrie) and a series of very interesting and informative meetings (thanks to Dan Clark).

One of our on-going new projects is to make the Gandy Farmstead a learning experience for our fourth grade students. We have begun putting together a trunk of odds and ends that relate to the farmstead's heyday and sharing it with fourth graders as a prelude to visiting. We are hoping that you might suggest or have an interesting item that we could put into this trunk inviting the children to go on an archeological trunk treasure hunt. You might consider loaning some interesting artifact/s for the trunk. Articles as simple as small farm implements, candle and butter molds, hog scrapers, jelly sieves, wool carders or spindles, are what we are looking for. We will ask our students to do the job of an experimental archeologist and try to discover the use of these objects before they see them in use at the farmstead. We will be asking for volunteers to visit the Elementary School with the traveling trunks and to man the house and outbuildings as docents for the few days we will be inviting our students to visit. Please consider giving us some of your time to make this happen. We really want our township's children to love the history that surrounds them!

The nominating and budget-audit committees also need members. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please call me at 628-2902. All board members are reminded that our next board meeting will be held at my house on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you in September.

*Carol Ann*



# HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

## THE

# APPLEFEST APPROACHETH!

Plans are underway for the tenth annual event, scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2010, to be held at the Gandy Farmstead, 26 Tyler Road, in Greenfield Upper Township, NJ, SHINE (or rain).

Many hands make light work and this means YOU ARE NEEDED! Opportunities abound - House docents, Food Servers, Bakers, Sales Clerks, Children's Games supervisors, Cashiers, and the always popular Preparation/Set-Up and clean Up/Take-Down Committees. All Members are extended an invitation to participate in this major fund-raising event.

Committee meetings are scheduled (consult the Calendar of Events) to plan for the AppleFest so please consider assisting the Society by contacting either Carol (#628-2902) or Sonia (628-3041), or just show up at a meeting to volunteer. All meetings to be held at the Gandy House. Thanks!

Submitted by Sonia Forry and Carol Williams, event co-chairpersons

## Not Just a Fund Raiser!

**The AppleFest and Strawberry Festival are not just fund raisers, but a wonderful way for us to give back to the community. Where else can a family enjoy free music, browse the crafter's booths, and have a meal for so little money in a beautiful setting. The sun is shining, the grape arbor is cool, the windmill is creaking, and water flows into the trough. In these hard economic times this is grand. At the same time children and adults can get a glimpse of life on a South Jersey farm in the mid eighteen hundreds.**



**Most of the people who attend like to buy a little something to take home that is not very expensive, but still helps out the Historic Society and reminds them of the theme. In the spring Strawberry Jelly and especially Strawberry Bread is popular. In the fall Apple Butter and Apple baked goods are in demand. Please, please**

**bake anything with apples or apple sauce in it to sell at the AppleFest. We always sell out. Many of us can't work a whole day at the 'fair', but most of us can bake something or work for an hour. It is lots of fun, please join us.**



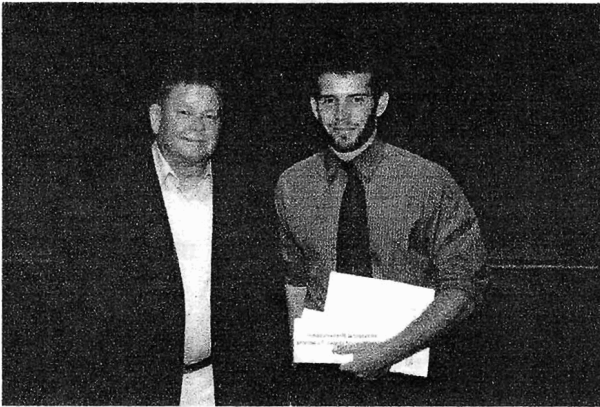
# Calendar of Events



- August 24 - Board of Trustees meeting at Carol's house 7 pm.
- August 30 - This Monday at 10 am the initial planning meeting for the AppleFest will be held at the Gandy Farmstead.
- September 13 - The second planning meeting for the AppleFest will also be held on Monday at the Gandy Farmstead.
- September 14 - The library is refurbished and our meetings will resume at the Upper Township Branch Library. As usual, social time starts at 7 pm and the meeting commences at 7:30.  
Larissa Smith, an expert on eagles and other raptors, will speak to us about her work in reestablishing these beautiful birds in our township. She works at the Tuckahoe Fish and Wildlife Management Area formerly called the MacNamara Game Preserve.
- September 27 - The third planning meeting for the AppleFest will be held at 10 am at the Gandy Farmstead this Monday.
- October 2 - On Saturday, the day preceding the AppleFest, we will meet at the Farmstead at 9 am for site preparation and to set up for the event.
- October 3 - Our 10th annual AppleFest starts at 10 am and concludes at 4 pm. Please come a little early if you can to help. Don't forget to bring (apple) baked goods to sell and a pie to enter in the contest.
- October 12 - Our meeting will be held in Egg Harbor Township at the Clayton Storage Facility on Ocean Heights Avenue. Ralph Clayton will be touring us on all of the things he has collected. I.e.: outboard motors, antique autos, rare boats, mechanical music makers and more. This will be a fascinating, unique and FUN meeting. Dan will have some handouts with maps and directions at the September meeting. At that time we can make arrangements for carpooling.
- November 9 - Harry Shourds will be showing his wood carving techniques and his collection. Not just decoys! But Santa Claus and various tree ornaments, as well as other objects. This is a great look into wood carving, a folk art that has been around for generations.  
Our meeting will be held at the Upper Township Branch Library. As usual, social time starts at 7 pm and the meeting commences at 7:30.  
Nominations for officers will be made at this time.



## RECENT EVENTS



As you know, the Historical Presentation Society gives scholarship awards at the end of the school year. At left is a picture of Dan Clark giving the award to Ryan McSorley, as he graduates Ocean City High School. Dan would like to say that he received a personal thank you note from Ryan.

Marj Bixby presented the award to Nicole Castagnoli at the Middle School.

And Olive Pisani presented the award to Hibe Ahmad in the Elementary School.

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**Anne Snyder would like to give:**

**“A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR OUR SUCCESSFUL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!”**

**We made \$1,749.78 in profit.  
This was the highest profit in the 21 years  
that we have held the event!**

And we would like to thank Anne for chairing the Strawberry Festival! Without all her time, effort and superior organizational skills it would never have been, let alone, been so successful!

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Accolades go to Kay Terwilliger who did a bang up job on publicity for the Strawberry Festival. Did you see the May 21 issue of the sandpaper? We made the front page with a color picture.

Surely one of the main reasons for the event's success was due to her!

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This picture is of a steamboat such as the ones that once sailed the Tuckahoe River. The following article was written by one of our deceased members for South Jersey Magazine.

