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Calendar of Events



May



- 30th - The **Strawberry Festival** will be held at the Gandy Farmstead.
- 31st - Rain date for the Strawberry Festival.

June

- 9th - The general meeting will be held at the Friends Meeting House in Seaville at 6:30 pm. See details elsewhere in this issue of SHOUT.



July & August

- No general meetings



September

- 8th - Presentation by Hank Heacock/Mike Houdart
Cape May County Revolutionary Soldiers & Patriots

October



- 13th - Presentation by Bob Holden - The Holocaust
- 17th - **AppleFest** Rain date October 18th.



November

- 10th - Veterans Program



December

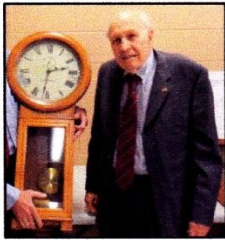
- 8th - Annual Dinner





the President's message

Well, we had a good 1st quarter start to our 2015 year. We kicked off with the Show & Tell dinner in March and there were many interesting historical items presented. The highlight of the evening was the gift of the "Tuckahoe Concert Band" drum donated to the Society by Judy Rodgers and Carol Foster of Corbin City.



At our April meeting, we heard from Mr. Bill Brown who gave us an interesting story of the foundation and operations of the Tuckahoe National Bank. It was the only bank in Upper Township for many years and helped so many local people. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Brown donated to the Society the famous clock that was in the bank at the time of the 1925 bank robbery. The face of the clock is scarred from the bullet that ricocheted off the clock during the shooting at the time of the robbery.

Our May meeting featured Sonia Forry, presented a DVD and lecture on Alice Paul lead the passage of the 19th Amendment the right to vote. Some modern local regarding women's voting rights.



Historian for the Society who the famous suffragist whose efforts to the Constitution giving women suffragettes were on hand with signs



In May, all members and visitors are invited to the general meeting to be held at the Friends Meeting House on Route 9 in Seaville. The meeting will be conducted in the oldest Quaker Meeting House in the state. Ms. Diane Metz will give a presentation on the history of the house and the Friends Meeting story. Ms. Metz will be in period dress. Should be a good one.

We are currently working with the Upper Township Middle School and also a local Boy Scout Troop to engage young people in various history projects. We hope these partnerships will encourage them to participate in their community.

Our monthly column (*FOCUS ON HISTORY*) in the Upper Township Gazette continues to generate favorable comments from readers. If you have a story you wish to write for the paper, please let me know.

We are moving along with the "Liberty Tree" project and hope to have the necessary funding soon. The dedication will take place on August 14, 2015, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Liberty Tree.

Mike Houdart

"YOU HAVE TO KNOW THE PAST TO UNDERSTAND THE FUTURE"
Carl Sagan



THE SOCIETY ALWAYS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

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***The History of Seaville Friends Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends,
Seaville, NJ***

***A Presentation for the Upper Township
Historical Preservation Society
June 2015***

***by Robert F. Holden
Treasurer of the Meeting***

***(Compiled from the original work of Peaches Lukens & Camille Sailer of the CM Herald-
Additional information from Joan Berkey and The Vernacular Architectural Society)***

(This is a small excerpt from the presentation to be given in June. Seaville Friend, Diane Metz will be presenting the history of Quakerism)

'Seaville Friends Meeting is the oldest continuously used Quaker Meetinghouse in New Jersey. The Meeting, under the auspices of The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting was originally organized in 1702. Those early Friends usually met in fellow Friends' homes, since a meetinghouse was not available.

Constructed in 1716, (although this date cannot be accurately verified) the Meetinghouse was originally located in the Beesley's Point area (exact location unknown) with another located in Somers Point.

Friends may have come together for worship by boat coming back and forth across the bay to worship together.

The Meetinghouse was built out of wood by local shipbuilders (predominantly of oak, cedar, and pine with a cedar shake roof); which is a bit unusual, as most Meetinghouses had been built from stone or brick.

In fact carpenters' scribe marks can still be seen in the Meetings' wooden benches.

The building was disassembled and moved to its present location in the 1720's.

How it arrived at this present location can only be speculated, but it is likely to have been arduously rolled on log rollers, dragged by horses down the road from Beesley's Point to Seaville.

Meetinghouses, if they have windows at all, will generally have them placed high or very small in size so that worshippers sitting in meeting cannot see outside and be distracted by the outside world.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION

A booklet entitled "Prospectus – The Seaville Circuit" by Rev. William R. Blackman. It pertains to the history of the Methodist Seaville Circuit for the years 1914-15. The booklet was donated by Grace & Tom Garrity of Petersburg.

Wall clock from the Tuckahoe National Bank that was damaged by a stray bullet in the 1925 bank robbery. The clock was donated by Mr. Bill Brown.



Member Profile

HORACE LORILLIERE

Horace is our Vice President and has done a terrific job. He is involved in many projects and activities in the Society. Horace is currently working on the "Speeder Car Project" and hopes to have the project completed by the summer.

Thank you Horace!

MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder to renew your 2015 membership now. If you have done so already, THANK YOU.

WELCOME

Please welcome the following new members:

Bill Brown

Dave MacMahon

DONATIONS

The Society always welcomes donations to cover the costs of operations to preserve the history of our township. Also you might wish to consider the Society in your will. THANK YOU.

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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PRESIDENT'S WISH LIST

A New or Used Refrigerator for the Gandy Farmstead.

THANK YOU!



Come help with this year's **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!** Call Carroll Bailey to volunteer, 628-2234. Please come on May 30th and/ or bake Strawberry Bread for sale. Carroll has the pans and the recipe follows:

STRAWBERRY BREAD

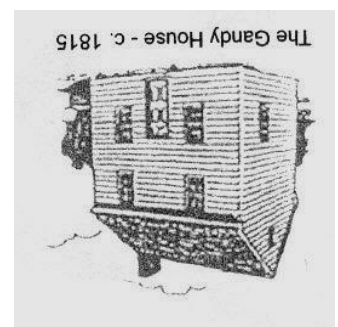
Makes 2 Loaves:

2 (10 ounce) packages frozen strawberries thawed
4 eggs
1 1/4 cup salad oil
3 cups flour
2 cups sugar
3 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9x5 loaf pans. In bowl combine strawberries, eggs and oil. In 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.



Strawberry Festival Time



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