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NEWS

New to the Board of Trustees are: Vice President & Program Chair - Harriett Reardon Bailey and Trustee at large - Mike Houdart.

Returning members in their old positions are shown in the sidebar to the left.

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township is pleased to announce that we now have a QR code which will connect you to our website. Our website includes descriptions of the historic sites we maintain and of all future events. The QR code is in the top right corner of this page.

We have placed the code on the signs by each of our 3 historic sites and will include it in all future articles, on hand outs, signs and banners. Our web master, Ralph Cooper obtained the code for us."



June Caldwell, another of our most active and reliable members has passed away after a long illness.

June maintained the HPSUT scrap book which includes newspaper articles, photos and so forth. She could always be counted on to bake cookies for all of our bake sales.

Always a good sport, and wearing a costume that she made, she played the part of 'visitor' at the Friendship School on Kindergarten Day. Ten years ago on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the HPSUT we had a float in the OC baby parade. The float, a one room schoolhouse, was made by Phil Turner. June was the teacher on the float.

We will miss her.



2013 Calendar of EVENTS

March

- 12th – The first general meeting of the year will be the annual **Covered Dish Supper and Show and Tell**. It will be held at the Tuckahoe Methodist Church at 6:00 pm. *Guests are welcome at all our public meetings!* Just tell them to bring a covered dish!
- 22nd – The tentative date of Kindergarten Day, subject to the Primary School's Calendar.
- 23rd - League of Historical Societies of New Jersey meeting at Historic Cold Spring Village, 720 Route 9 South, Cape May, NJ 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Registration is March 20.
- 25th - Tentatively the rain date for Kindergarten Day.

April

- 9th – The general meeting will be held at the Upper Township Branch of the Cape May County Library. Refreshments at 7:00 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. The speaker will be our own member, Mike Houdart. He was a friend of our recently deceased member Somers Corson and has collected his recollections of the **Family Cemeteries in Upper Township** in a book he calls *Somers's Tales*. *Remember guests are welcome at all our public meetings.*
- 27th – At 10 am we will meet at the Gandy Farmstead to start clean up in preparation for the Strawberry Festival.
- 28th – rain date for clean up at the Gandy Farmstead.

May

- 11th – The **Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair** to be held at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville (just north of Trenton)
- 14th - The general meeting will be held at the Upper Township Branch of the Cape May County Library. Refreshments at 7:00 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. The speaker will be another of our members Bob Holden. The title is **The Holocaust and Genocide : The Betrayal of Humanity**. Bob is currently adjunct professor of history at ACCC. *Remember guests are welcome at all our public meetings.*

June

- 1st – The **Strawberry Festival** will be held at the Gandy Farmstead from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- 2nd – The rain date for the Strawberry Festival.
- 11th - The general meeting will be held at the **Ocean City Historical Museum**. Refreshments are available near the location. A short business meeting recapping the Strawberry Festival start at 7:30 pm and a tour of the museum will follow. More details will be in the May 15th SHOUT. *Guests are welcome at all our public meetings!*



SPRING PROGRAMS

Plan to join us this spring for some interesting programs and discussions.

Our first meeting of the year will be the:

Annual Covered Dish Supper and Show and Tell

It is always a favorite with long time county residents and those new to the area. What a great way to share your 'stories' about Upper Township and some of the antique treasures in your collection.

Continuing in the same 'sharing' theme will be our April meeting. Many of our members were good friends of Somers Corson and have been recording his fascinating memories of Upper Township. He was a walking encyclopedia of events, people, and places. Mike Houdart will share:

SOMER'S TALES

A Recollection of the Cemeteries and Family Burial Grounds in Upper Township

It is hoped that you will plan to join us. Maybe you can add some facts of your own to Mike's presentation.

Our May program will be presented by Robert Holden entitled:

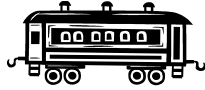
The Holocaust and Genocide: The Betrayal of Humanity

Bob was a teacher for 37 years and is currently a senior adjunct professor of history at ACCCC. He has spoken to our group on previous occasions and brings a wealth of knowledge which he shares in a very interesting manner. The history of the Holocaust will be presented in overview with video clips of survivors' testimony in a wide variety of topics: Anti-Semitism, Nazi Germany, the Ghettos, Resistance, Survivors, Liberators, Collaborators, Bystanders, and Rescuers.

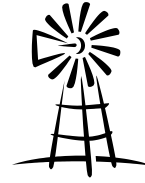
In addition Bob will be discussing his 2006 trip to China, focusing on the rape of Nanking and the Japanese atrocities committed against the Chinese, 1931-1945. Plan to attend this informative program and bring a friend or neighbor. All are welcome.

We hope to have a Tour of the Ocean City Museum for our June meeting. More details will follow in the next SHOUT. Let's try to get others interested and share our love of history.

Submitted by Harriett Reardon Bailey, vice president and program chairman



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I trust you all had a nice Christmas and are having a happy New Year. My “family” and I enjoyed the First Night celebration and entertainment in Ocean City New Year’s Eve. If you have never attended this event you have missed a pleasant way to usher in the New Year.

I want to thank the members who helped out at the Tuckahoe train station when the Cape May Seashore Line was operating the Santa Claus Special train rides by selling tickets and selling merchandise. “Thank you Bob Garrett, Barb and Mike Horan, Ebbie Unsworth, Sonia Forry, and Jake Williams.” My apology if I forgot anyone else.

The windmill at the Gandy farmstead was repaired last fall and the cost well exceeded our budget. We asked the township for their financial assistance in this matter and I’m happy to say that they will cover the additional cost of repairs.

Inclosing, I hope to see all of you at our covered dish supper in March. Bring a friend! We need some new members in our society and your guest could be a potential addition to our organization.

Thank you,
Doug



On March 12 the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township will be welcoming new members at the first big event of the spring season. Our **covered dish supper and show and tell** will take place at the Tuckahoe Methodist Church at 7:00 PM. The food is terrific. Each family attending will bring a vegetable, bread, or casserole. The Board of Trustees provides the meat, beverages, and deserts.

The public is cordially invited, but don’t forget to bring a covered dish!

Most members also bring some historic artifact that will interest the other members. We have had World War II memorabilia, a set of china that a great grandmother brought in from another country

when she immigrated, old photographs of the area, muskrat traps, a vase from the wreck of the Sindhia, carpentry tools, kitchen utensils, and a variety of ‘guess what this is’ items. It is fascinating to learn from each other.

We hope that our guests will also bring some interesting historic treasure to tell us about.

Please join us!



From the Historian

You need to know this:



Hurricane Sandy caused severe damage to many historical societies and museums throughout New Jersey, such as the National Guard Militia Museum of NJ in Sea Girt, literally swamped and is closed until further notice; Keyport Historical Society's Steamboat Dock Museum totally destroyed; Ellis Island Immigration Museum: Ferry Building on Ellis Island has been completely ruined; Tuckerton Seaport received high water, cresting about 18 inches, inside the buildings on the boardwalk; the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial prepared the ship by hiring a tug to keep the ship against the dock; and although many other sites could be mentioned, heaviest damage was sustained by the Bergen County Historical Society which reported four feet of water flooded three rooms full of the Society's extensive collection, stored in a Hudson County warehouse – despite ahead of the storm saving efforts, much was sadly lost to water, mold, and time.



With thanks and appreciation to the prompt efforts of Jake and Carol Williams, a substantial cross-cut section of the demised Petersburg Oak Tree has been salvaged and now is part of our artifacts collection. During our spring work day at the Gandy Farmstead, the piece of wood will be removed from the house and displayed in the barn.



The Historical Preservation Society will be 35 years old on September 20, the 1978 incorporation date, and a suggestion to celebrate at the membership meeting during that month has been made. The Board of Trustees has discussed some ideas; however, some input from Society members is most welcomed.

The oldest local historical society in NJ headquartered in the oldest purpose-built museum will celebrate a 150th anniversary in 2014. The Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society is arranging a yearlong schedule.



We are grateful to Michael Houdart for creating a most interesting display of historical election and campaign material set up in our trailer during the AppleFest. The antique ballot boxes, used for the 2012 mock Presidential Election, were last used in the Upper Township 1961 Primary Election. This style box was used all over Cape May County and manufactured by the Pennsylvania Construction Co. of Marietta, Pennsylvania. Individually, the boxes cost the county \$14.95.

NOTE: Please contact the Historian with any questions, or for additional information regarding this report. Sonia's phone number is: 628-3041.

Submitted by Sonia Forry

If you haven't yet, please use the form below and renew your membership!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

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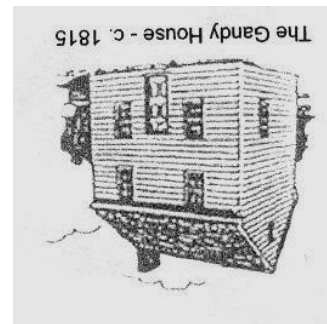
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 Couple (Both under 65) \$25.00
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 Student @ \$5.00

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