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President's Memo

Fall has arrived and we have seen a really glorious change of colors this season. Mike Houdart informs me that our AppleFest was very successful and we owe it in no small way to Lynn Houdart, our AppleFest chair. The day was beautiful and the help was plentiful. "Thank you" goes to our sponsors and all those people involved from set-up to tear-down and all the activities in between: Lew Albrecht, Matt Unsworth, Jerry Bailey, Dan Clark, Don Steele, Mike Houdart, Jake Williams, Glen Stewart, Sonia Forry, Ebbie Unsworth, Olive Pisani, Edith Himmelberger, Ann and Al Snyder, Marj and Stoddard Bixby, and Kay Terwilliger for the fine food, to name a few. It took a small village to make our largest fundraiser a really enjoyable time for family and friends.

Over the course of several months, Rachel Dolhanczyk has been very busy assessing and cataloguing all our acquisitions/donations using the Past Perfect program. Soon our entire collection will be updated.

I am also very pleased to announce that our own members, Lewis and Jean Albrecht, will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of their lifetime of advocacy for historic preservation in Cape May County by the Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society at their annual dinner meeting. The dinner will be held on Friday, November 21, 2008 at 6 pm at Menz's Restaurant on Route 47, Rio Grande. If you would like to attend, please call the County Museum at 465-3535.

We are also continuing the process of the creation of a historic district in the Seaville section of the Township along the Route 9 corridor from Rte. 50 South to the Dennis Township/Upper border.

Saturdays at the Train Station are very busy during the holidays and we really need your help! Please consider giving us a couple of your hours to man the station...a sign-up sheet will be available at our next meeting or you could call me to put you on the schedule.

Our annual Holiday Dinner is scheduled for December 9th at L's Restaurant in Corbin City (see attached flyer.) Please plan to attend and share some goodwill and cheer with all of us!

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to two outgoing board members, Mike Houdart and Glenn Wampler for all they have given in both time and service to our society. I welcome our two new board members, Don Steele and Ralph Cooper, and look forward to working with them and the entire board in the New Year. The board also wishes to thank the Township Committee for their support in helping us with our mission to preserve our valuable history for future generations.

As seasons change, let's remember all we have to be grateful for; both the board and I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and a happy and joyful Christmas and New Year!

Sincerely, Carol Williams



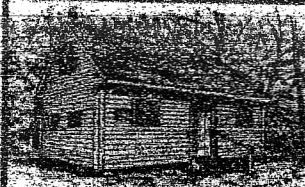
Calendar of Events

- December 9 - On Tuesday December 9 we will have our annual Christmas Party at 'L's Restaurant. A hand-out with details and an RSVP is enclosed.
- January & February - There are no regularly scheduled meetings in these months.
- March 10 - Our annual covered dish supper will be held on Tuesday March 10 at the Resurrection Church in Marmora. More information will be in the February issue of SHOUT.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At our November meeting the new officers for 2009 were installed. As you know, most of our officers serve for 2 years, half being installed on alternate years. This year we installed a new treasurer, Don Steele, a new trustee at large, Ralph Cooper who already serves as our web master. Kay Terwilliger, Maxine Schmidt, and Dan Clark will remain in the positions they occupied in 2008.



**Historical Preservation Society
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AppleFest 2008

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the members of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township, we would like to thank everyone in the community for their tremendous support to the 2008 AppleFest celebration held on October 5, 2008 at the Historic John Wesley Gandy Farmstead. This year's event was a huge success as the whole community came out to participate in the fun, food and festival. From the opening at 10:30 a.m. until closing at 4:00 p.m., the grounds were packed with people of all ages. You were a vital part of our success.

The AppleFest is the largest fund raiser of the year for the Society and the funds raised will be used to further the mission of the organization. We wish to continue to make available our fine educational and historical projects and programs. We would especially like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who gave their time and efforts to make this event an outstanding success. We would like to mention our following sponsors whose generous donations were greatly appreciated.

- 1st Bank of Sea Isle City • Cape Bank • Beach Buddies Animal Hospital
- Action Supply • Boulevard Liquors • Powell, Birchmeier & Powell
- Broadley's Plumbing • Dino's Seaville Dinner • Glory Road Memorials
- William Brown Agency

Sincerely,
Carol Ann Williams, President &
Lynn S. Houdart, AppleFest Chair

Thank You!

An Important Job Tackled

As you read in the president's memo the trustees have hired Rachel Dolhancyk to accession and catalog the entire Society collection of historic artifacts. She is a former director and curator of the Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society and Youth Program Coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Using the PastPerfect museum cataloging software she has catalogued nearly all of our collection. In cases where the written documentation was inadequate she relied on the excellent memory of Sonia Forry our historian. It remains to compare all the data to the actual items and to list the exact location of each of these items. When her work is up to date, an interested person will be able to use the search engine incorporated into the program to research and locate any object in our collection.



The following objects, documents and photographs were accepted into the collection this past year. Thank you to the donors for enhancing the Friendship School, Gandy House, Tuckahoe Railroad Station or general Upper Township history archives with their donations.

2008 Acquisitions

2008.001

Memma Kilgannon, Audubon, PA

Two history resource books --

- The History & Folklore of American Country Tinware 1700-1900 by Margaret Coffin
- Decorating with Americana How to Know It, Where to Find It, and How to Make It Work for You by Carter Smith.

2008.002

Gail & Robert Wriggins, Tuckahoe, NJ

Two "Grange Melodies" song books, 1920 -- discovered in storage at Tuckahoe United Methodist Church. They were used by the Tuckahoe Grange ca. 1920s-1930s when meetings were held in the Tuckahoe Grade School.

2008.003

Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society, Cape May Court House, NJ
Cinnamon spice box -- wood with sliding lid.

2008.004

Ronald H. Baile, Westmont, NJ

Seven Conrail Employee Manuals, 1979 – 1998 -- General Orders, 1979; Philadelphia Division, for System Timetable No. 5 & 6, 1997 & 1998; Philadelphia Division, Job Safety Briefings and Making Safety a Part of Everything You Do, for System Timetable No. 6, 1997 & 1998; Pittsburg Division, Dedicated to Safety, for System Timetable No. 2, 1996; and Air Brake and Train Handling, Rules and Instructions, EC-99

2008.005

Helen Rea, Cape May Court House, NJ

Railroad photographs taken in southern New Jersey --

- 36 steam and diesel locomotives; 2 railroad crew; 4 stations or towers and 2 train wrecks.
- 2 newspaper clippings pertaining to railroad accident in Cape May Court House, 1965 and 1 newspaper clipping regarding Red Cross volunteers, 1962.

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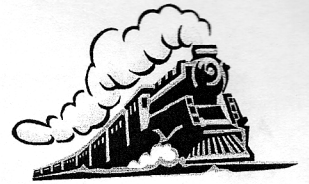
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2008.006

Peter Reimer, Lambertville, NJ

- 4 railroad documents -- Tuckerton Railroad Company Interchange Report, 1904; West Jersey Rail Road Company's Telegraph, 1885; Delaware and Bound Book Trenton to Sea Girt, N.J., and return ticket, 187_; and West Jersey Railroad Company Camden & Atlantic Railroad Company employe's trip pass, 1895.

- 1 metal sign -- "Harbor Branch JCT"

2008.007

Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society, Cape May Court House, NJ

Journal -- photocopied from original housed by the CMC Historical & Genealogical Society. Thomas M. Seeley, Tuckahoe, January 1, 1877 - January 27, 1880. Contains information about Tuckahoe residents (births, marriages, deaths, travel, building, etc.) and weather conditions. Thomas Seeley was married to Lydia. He was the postmaster in Tuckahoe from 1875 - 1883.

2008.008

Mark Krisanda, Hamilton Township, NJ

Stove -- waiting room station stove "Acme Giant, Sears, Roebuck & Co. #17, Chicago, patented 1883. " The stove was originally in the Hainesburg, NJ station of the Lehigh and New England Railroad.

2008.009

Peter Reimer, Lambertville, NJ

7 paper items of railroad memorabilia –

- 5 'employe and family passes' -- West Jersey Railroad, Camden & Atlantic Railroad, 1895; West Jersey & Seashore Railroad Co., 1907; Atlantic City Railroad, 1911; West Jersey & Seashore Railroad, 1918; and Wildwood and Delaware Bay Short Line Railroad Co., 1929.

- 2 flyers -- Reading Railway System one day trips from Pottstown, PA to Atlantic City, July & August, 1939; and Reading Railfans trip to Wildwood via Reading Company, Pennsylvania Railroad and Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines, 1953.

2008.010Prop

Jeffrey & Rachel Dolhanczyk, Dennisville, NJ

Worn railroad clothing and items for use as props -- denim jacket, denim shirt, 1 glove, work boots, wooden cover for radio set and 2 glass Coca Cola bottle.

2008.011

Sonia L. Forry, Tuckahoe, NJ

Mantel/shelf clock -- 19th century with decorated glass panel.

2008.012

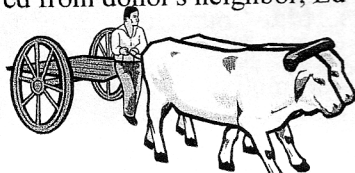
Dorothy Turner, Ocean City, NJ

Lighting device -- early, primitive "Betty Lamp". Iron, open oval-shaped fuel reservoir. Long hook for hanging.

2008.013

Gerald Peifer, Greenfield, NJ

Ox yoke double -- acquired from donor's neighbor, Ed Wooley's barn, Greenfield, NJ.



Architectural Committee Report



BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS:

Carol Williams is working with township treasurer, Barbara Speigel, preparing budget suggestions for 2009. Carol and Barbara are also working on shifting monies not expended on the 2007 and 2008 budgets. \$6200.00 of the funds was set aside for the speeder building. I have lost touch with the speeder project. Steve Martinelli and Paul Dietrich may have some answers. Financing the Seaville Historic District will be the major project for 2009.

GANDY FARMSTED:

Dan Clark winterized the windmill and water systems. Benches have been put in the barn for winter storage. Upholstery work on the carriage is complete. Don of Cape May Upholstery donated \$500.00 in material and labor. Jerry Bailey cleaned up a pile of debris near the barn. The granary has recently been painted, a labor intensive job, to remove the old paint, apply primer and new paint. The \$2000.00 allocated for this project and other miscellaneous painting was bartered for a large quantity of shutters that were of no use to the Society, and the money has been shifted to the Seaville Historic District.

FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL:

Powder-post beetles are attacking the benches at the school. This problem will have to be dealt with soon. Carol will budget the work for 2009.

Submitted by Lew Albrecht, Architectural Committee Chairman

Recent Events



At our regularly meeting, **September 9**, Gregory Gregory of Somers Point gave an informative talk about the state of the local estuaries. Mr. Gregory is a member of the group that oversees the watershed of the Great Egg Harbor River. An avid fisherman since childhood, his antidotes underlined the changes that have taken place in the Great Egg Harbor Bays and its rivers during last 40 years. Some amusing stories about a recent fishing trip with his granddaughter in Central America rounded out the evening.

On **October 5** we held the **Eighth Annual AppleFest**. Lynn Houdart chaired the event for the first time this year. Our profit amounted to more than \$3000.00. The enclosed pictures show some of our hardworking Society members and the fascinating crafters that made the event so successful.

The speaker at our **October 14th** meeting was Maria Bohle, director and principal of the British Institute of Homeopathy, USA division. It was most interesting to learn of a different form of medicine which concentrates on healing the entire person rather than treating and alleviation the symptoms of illness. The fact that medical doctors have come to her to learn how to truly cure an individual was enlightening.

Our November meeting fell on **Veteran's Day**. Tom Collins spoke to us about his Forgotten Warrior Museum. This museum, located opposite the Cape May County Airport, is dedicated to preserving & exhibiting memorabilia from our Vietnam and Korean War veterans. Veterans have been donating 'war souvenirs' so that they would not be discarded by their heirs. Tom brought some of these objects to the meeting. This was the first time I have ever heard one who was there tell what it was like. He was interesting and informative and yes a little distressing. We should all visit his museum. It's amazing what one dedicated person can do.



*We're Celebrating The
Holidays and Our 30th Year Anniversary
Come Join Us!*

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

**WHERE: L'S RESTAURANT & BONES TAVERN, 119 ROUTE 50
CORBIN CITY**

WHAT: DINNER CHOICES:

- **HOMEMADE MEAT LASAGNA...LAYERS OF FRESH PASTA WITH RICOTTA CHEESE, VEAL, PORK AND BEEF AND HOMEMADE RED GRAVY**
- **CLASSIC SEAFOOD PLATTER ... SHRIMP, SCALLOPS AND FLOUNDER SERVED BROILED OR FRIED**
- **CIDER GLAZED PORK CHOP ... 12 OZ. CENTER CUT PORK CHOP WITH APPLE CIDER DEMI GLAZE**
- **HERB ROASTED HALF CHICKEN... SLOW COOKED WITH A SOUTHERN KENTUCKY "WHITE" BBQ**

**ALL DINNERS COMPLETE WITH DINNER SALAD, POTATO AND VEGETABLE.
DESSERT AND COFFEE/TEA
\$30.00 PER PERSON**

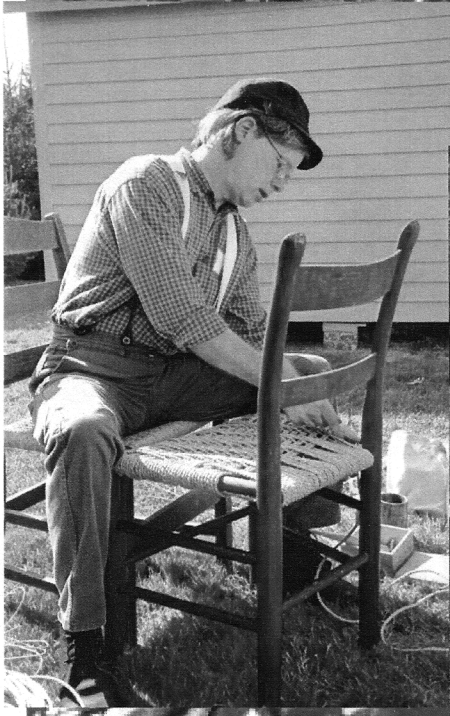
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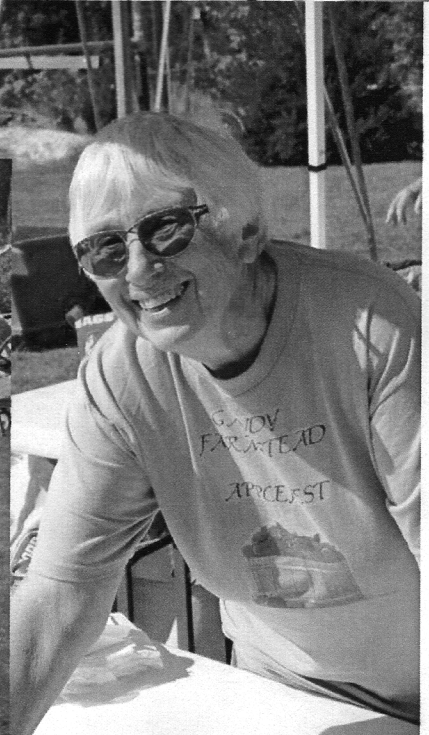
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SEAFOOD # _____ OF DINNERS
PORK # _____ OF DINNERS
CHICKEN # _____ OF DINNERS

TOTAL: \$ _____ ENCLOSED

**TEAR OFF AND RETURN BY NOV. 30TH WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO HPSUT
TO:**

**MIKE HOUDART
1731 ROUTE 9, UNIT 17
OCEAN VIEW, NJ 08230**





A New Society Publication:

Alwina's Articles

A collection of the articles written by

Alwina D. Bailey

For

S.H.O.U.T., the newsletter of the Historical Preservation society of Upper Township

This collection of articles is first historical in nature, but second a tribute to the elderly who never let age or handicaps stop them from contributing to society.

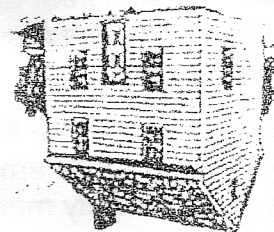
My mother and father, Alwina D. Bailey and Daniel Robert Bailey, were among the first members of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township. Alwina was the editor and a writer for the History of Upper Township. At age 80, she was the first editor of the quarterly newsletter of the Society, S.H.O.U.T. Within the first year of her editorship she had a massive stroke. She still continued to submit articles first picking them out on her computer (good therapy) and later on, as her macular degeneration worsened, dictating them to a family member.

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(Our publications are available for purchase at the Train Station Saturdays, at the Township Hall, and at our regular meetings. Price \$5.00)

Marjorie Bailey Bixby, S.H.O.U.T. editor

The Gandy House - c. 1815



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