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HPSUT Historian Visits 4th Graders at Upper Twp. Elementary School

By Robert F. Holden, HPSUT Historian

On May 8th of this year, I had the privilege of going to the Upper Township Elementary School (UTES) and speaking to our wonderful (and large -seven classes!) fourth grade class. Instead of speaking to the entire group at once, the teachers wisely broke them, up into three groups; Two groups of two classes each and one group of three classes.

Since it would be my only visit of the school year for this fourth grade class, I focused on the theme: The History of Upper Township in pictures and objects.

This visit was planned over the winter with the principal of the school, Mrs. Andrea Urbana, who was both excited by the proposal

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8,000 year old Native American Tools Found at Tuckahoe Dig

Artifacts from the Willets – Williams historic site in the Village of Tuckahoe have been delivered to Upper Township by the New Jersey Dept. of Transportation NJDOT and are currently on display at the Upper Cape Branch Library in Petersburg.

According to the information brochure prepared by the firm NV5, in conjunction with the DOT, the Willets-Williams site was one of two where test excavations were done in conjunction with the

replacement of the Route 50 bridge over the Tuckahoe River. The project timeframe was 2013 thru 2017.

The test work at the sites revealed native American precontact sites, dating back thousands of years along with a historic site dating to the colonial period, within

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Dig sites in Tuckahoe reveal area's early history: Display of artifacts showcased at Upper Cape Branch Library with, from left, Robert Holden, HPSUT Historian; Nancy L. Zerbe, ARCH2, Inc., Historic Preservation Consultants; and Jean Howson, Ph. D., NV5, Cultural Resource Specialist.

Fundraising for our Historical Museum of Upper Twp.

A Special Memo – From Your Museum Committee Chairperson

Dear HPSUT members,
It seems as if we are as close as we've ever been to realizing that we will one day soon have our very own historical museum. It's very exciting but also a time filled with challenges. I'm sure many of you have heard me say that we are one of only a handful of municipalities within

a 50-mile radius that does NOT currently have a museum. A township of this size and prestige needs a museum and has needed one for years! The HPSUT has enormous amounts of items which can be displayed for both the pleasure and education of its citizens. These things should

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Copies of the 2019 Community Guide and Business Directory for Upper Township are distributed at all HPSUT events. Additional copies are always on display for visitors to the Tuckahoe Train Station. The HPSUT is a proud member of the Upper Twp. Business Association. > www.upperbiz.com

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Upper Township History Book Completed, Set for Release in Feb. 2020

The Arcadia Publishing Company Book – Upper Township and Its Ten Villages written by our Historian Robert F. Holden is due to be published in February, 2020. The journey was an arduous one, but filled with great interactions with so many won-

derful residents of the township who gladly shared their photos but also their families' histories. (Holden was like the old TV character Paladin with his Have Scanner, Will Travel motto.)

Holden collected well over 300 photos and postcards of old Upper Township (Many were 100 years old or more!) and the job of editing them down to a workable number was daunting.

What to leave in and what to take out was extremely difficult because all the pictures were so fascinating. Some Villages like Greenfield had only 4 pictures total, and Seaville had nearly 60 (which was eventually edited down to 36) and Tuckahoe had almost 100 (and this total was gleaned down to 56!)

Could there be a subsequent Volume 2 down the line? We'll see, said Holden. 'The publisher restricts authors to about 225 pictures at maximum, (total word count is variable, but our book is at about 27,000 words) and Mr. Holden cut it at 197 because of the fact that each chapter (One per village) has a two-page introduction. There will be 129 pages complete with a Dedication, Acknowledgements, Table of Contents and a Bibliog-

raphy page.

Mr. Holden started the book this winter with the full support of the Historical Society and it was this winter that the Board agreed to pay for the down payment for initiating the contract with Arcadia.

The company's contract gives the Historical Society about 48% of the profits from the book.

Mr. Holden is taking no profits from the sale of the books (The initial purchase is 500 copies) but rather is turning this money towards the HPSUT museum project.

The membership should know that Grace and Tom Garrity have paid the balance of the book cost (to be paid when delivered) with a check for \$2,500. (Any extra money to go to the museum fund.)

We thank them sincerely for their generosity in helping to make this new book possible!

Look for the book, Upper Township and Its Ten Villages come this January, 2020. The book will cost \$21.99 and be available at a variety of establishments throughout the township as well as for sale by HPSUT Board members. ##

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Topics for Fall HPSUT Monthly Membership Programs

Tuesday Sept. 10th - Tuckahoe Arch. Digs

Jean Howson, Pd.D., of the NV5 consulting firm will present a report on the findings from the recent archaeology_digs in Tuckahoe. The artifacts from the Willets-Williams homestead site, at the intersection of Route 50 and Route 49 in Tuckahoe and the Native American site on the Tuckahoe River along Mosquito Landing Road.

Tuesday Oct. 8th – EHT History Book

Lynn Wood and June Sheridan, from the Greate Egg Harbour Township Historical Society, will present a program about the book and video that they produced. >
www.gehthsmuseum.org

Tuesday Nov. 12th – Fort Mott

The program will feature the history of Fort Mott and its role in the defense system of Philadelphia and the Delaware Bay.

Andy Grant from Fort Mott State Park will give a presentation on the history of Ft. Mott and the network of forts on both sides (and the middle) of the Delaware River for the defense of Philadelphia throughout history.

The other two forts in the system were Fort Delaware on Pea Patch Island and Fort DuPont in Delaware City, Delaware.

<https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/fortmott.html>

Upper Twp. Elementary School Receives Local History Presentations

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and anxious for the kids to learn a bit more about Upper Township. The teachers were most welcoming and enthusiastic and had the children highly motivated by the visit. (One of teachers, Mrs. Klein was the mother of a student I taught many years ago in my gifted/talented program in Ocean City; Chris Transue. It was a happy time to see her again, reminisce and find out about Chris.)

The students were wonderful and showed a great deal of enthusiasm with lots of questions.

I first showed them items that Carol Williams had gathered together some years ago for a proposed "What's in the Trunk?" presentation.

I took the "What's this Object" direction and the kids had a great time guessing. Items like; the curry comb, wooden sock darning, butter press, nutmeg grater, and the new addition of the early 18th century coins (donated by John Yank who found on his property) brought smiles to the students' faces. Some of the guesses for the curry comb were hilarious.

I also brought early 19th century school books from our HPSUT collection and handled with cloth gloves, explain why! Very official! The students were fascinated by the reading and math questions in the book and I read out some old math problems for them to solve.

What was most fun, however, was showing the students some of the photographs of the township (which the teachers were able to bring up from my thumb drive onto the class smart board-Technology!) I have been collecting for the book, *Upper Township and Its Ten Villages* (due to be published in Jan. 2020) I told the teachers that the fourth-grade class would receive a book when it came out.

Most of the students knew what village they lived in, but some did not, so this was especially educational for them. I think it is very important for each student to know exactly what village of the township they live in and so I reviewed each one for a show of hands of who lived where. (One young man thought he lived in Somers Point, but then remembered that he had moved!)

In the fall, I will be bringing the new fourth grade group copies of maps of the township.

Seeing buildings that are now changed into something else entirely (either torn down completely or a new business in its place) gave some of the students' pause.

To grasp that the entire *Wayside Village* was once a huge farm, really surprised them all! Telling them that the *ice cream tower* out front was once the water pump for the farm, really shocked them. (There's another farm building still there as well out on the parking lot that, I think is now a pet care shop.)

The students were fascinated by the age of some of the photos.

Most of the kids were happy when a photo came up and I was able to tell them what's there now.

For example, an old photo of *Hagelgans' Store*, (later, *Ann Porter's Store*) on Main Street in Tuckahoe, taken in 1938, created a loud gasp when I told them that it was the Tuckahoe Bike Shop. I showed them a 1940 photo of the Collins General Store and Amoco station and told them that it was now Kirk's Pizza. It was great fun to see their reactions.



What amazed them the most, however, were the photos of the various school classes going as far back to the year 1899. Kids have little sense of real time at that age, so telling them the kids were as old as their great-grandparents was shocking to most of them.

The students loved looking at what the kids wore, and I pointed out one class photo showing a little boy with no shoes at all and many were saddened by the fact. (As educators, we need to teach empathy as well the facts!)

It was wonderful to be back in an elementary classroom again. (after a 41-year teaching career) and I think the children had a great time in the limited amount of time I had with them. (45 minutes per group)

The principal informed me that the teachers loved the presentation and want me to come back next year, which I had already proposed.

I will be back in the fall with their new crop of fourth graders. The plan now is to visit their classrooms (with groups brought together as this year) every other month (at least) to talk predominantly about NJ History focusing on Upper Township. There is no doubt in my mind that this will stimulate the children to be more interested in history and will hopefully also encourage their parents to support and even join the HPSUT. (as well as support our museum when it comes!)

I had planned to bring handouts to share with the students, but I mailed them to the principal in advance (one story was about the Tuckahoe bank Robbery) and she scanned them and emailed them home to every child's parents! Wonderful! The parents can read them together with their fourth grader. Technology! Wonderful! - **reset type size for final version**

As the current Historian for the HPSUT, I am committed to this fourth-grade classroom project and I'm looking forward to starting again this fall with a whole new fourth grade class.

The opening subjects will be the Leni Lenape Indians who lived in our area, followed by its early settlers.

Perhaps some readers do not know that Nj History is mandated by the State of New Jersey. I know the curriculum well after having been a fourth-grade teacher for most of my school career; both in the self-contained classroom as well as the gifted -talented classroom.

If any of our readers/members have some interesting objects that they might like to have me share with the students, OR any interesting photos I could scan, please contact me anytime at: holdenon@comcast.net or 856-506-2153 (Please leave a voice mail)

Even though the new book will be published in January, 2020. The Historical Society is still interested in keeping as file of interesting township photos. Who knows? We may be able someday to have a Volume2! ###

UT Historical Society's 2019 Strawberry Festival at Gandy Farmstead



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HPSUT's Museum Committee Report for August 2019

By **Robert F. Holden**, *Chairperson*,
HPSUT Museum Committee

The HPSUT Museum Committee met on Monday July 22nd with architect Chris Menchin to review the budget as presented to us for the first time.

The members of this important committee are: Carol Williams, Doug Longenecker, Mike Houdart, Sonia Forry, Jerry Bailey and Ralph Cooper. From the Township, members are: Paul Dietrich and Hobie Young.

While a few members were not in attendance that day, "the show had to go on" with Chris Menchin revealing what the General Contractor, Tri-Mark developed as to the overall cost of the project.

This figure will be revealed at a later time. Why? We feel it is important to keep this figure guarded until it is reviewed by the Upper Twp. Committee and we meet with the Cape May County Open Space Committee requesting funds for this Parks and Recreation project. I'm sure that everyone will understand, but suffice it to say that the figure is over one million dollars.

Keep in mind that this building is a complete renovation, top to bottom, stem to stern. It needs to be stripped to the bare walls and start with insulation, then plywood, then sheet rock, new ceilings, flooring (diverse in multiple settings inside; i.e. carpet, manufactured flooring etc.) new double pane thermal windows throughout, new wiring, a completely new and efficient HVAC, water systems, bathrooms, fixtures, lighting, exterior brick work, then final painting with protective rubberized paint, an outside entry/exit ramp for handicapped access, landscaping and a new surface for the parking lot, etc. etc.

The plan at this writing is for the township committee to sign the copies of the grant and then pass them back to us.

The next deadline for submission of projects to the Open Space Committee is August 15th and then again after that, December 16th. We hope to make the August deadline, but then anything can happen. If it must be December we are prepared.

If anyone has any questions about the plans or preliminary costs, please contact me at holdenon@comcast.net. We have copies of the "blueprints" and detailed plans with pictures for proposed surfaces, fixtures, etc. which can be viewed.

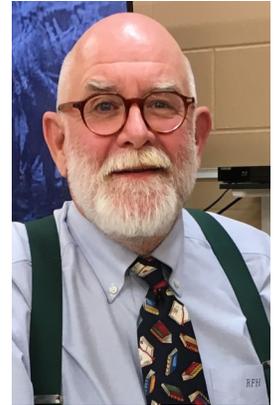
Thanks very much for your support! I'm willing to talk to anyone who wants to help us as we proceed with this important and necessary project for our community!

In the near future we will be asking our

membership to step up and help out by being a member of our Museum Support Group - Friends of the Upper Township Museum. This will involve fundraising, donation of time as future docents, and whatever else may be needed.

We can't make this work without YOU and your dedication to our beloved Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township, and its future museum.

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Fundraising Committee Proposed for Museum

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not be kept in storage out of sight any longer.

The museum budget is quite large for this endeavor and we cannot guarantee that complete funding is on the horizon. Therefore, Fundraising Ideas must be developed both for the present and the future.

I proposed to the HPSUT Board at our July 30th meeting that we have a Board member or regular member take on the responsibility of being the Chairperson for Fundraising with a group of regular members as the team.

This could include whatever methods or techniques the group decides.

A Fundraising effort on Facebook or particularly a GoFundMe Page would be wonderful place to start.

As the chairperson for the museum Committee, I cannot see myself taking on this additional Herculean task. It must be someone else as the chair leading a con-

certed group effort.

I hope that one or more of the members will step up and volunteer to help out at this challenging time. WE NEED YOU! - especially if a township museum is important to you and your children's future.

If you want to volunteer or have some good thoughts about fundraising, please contact our President, Carol Williams, or me at holdenon@comcast.net (856-506-2153 - please leave a voice mail.)

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Museum Committee

Robert F. Holden, Carol Williams,
Ralph Cooper, Doug Longenecker,
Linda Leonard, Jerry Bailey,
Mike Houdart and Sonia Forry

Nearby Museum / Historical News Items / Shared Facebook Posts



Shipwreck Photo Display at entrance to Stone Harbor Museum

Stone Harbor Museum

9410 2nd Ave., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247 | 609.368.7500

> www.stoneharbormuseum.org | > www.facebook.com/stoneharbormuseum

- Photo - Cape May Co. Culture and Heritage Commission



Heritage Tourism overview and the benchmarking of 140 New Jersey Revolutionary War Sites for the 250th celebration of America's independence, session held in Hammonton, July 09, 2019. Cheryl Hargrove, center, delivered a lively Heritage Tourism HTC Partners > www.htcpartners.com Also pictured are Cape May County attendees: Ralph Cooper, left, CMC Culture and Heritage Commission > www.cmcculture.net and John Ryan, Assistant Director, Historic Cold Spring Village > www.hcsv.org The session was held at the NJM Insurance Group offices, Hammonton, NJ > <https://www.njm.com/about/community>

Reference: Crossroads, NJ Historical Commission

250th Summary videos > <https://revolutionarynj.org/crossroads-nj-historical-commission-outline-250th-in-tv-interview/>



Art For History Auction

Annual Benefit for Museum of Cape May County

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, 6:30 pm

Event Location: Ocean View Resort Campground

2555 N. Route 9, Ocean View, NJ 08230

For advance ticket sales, call 609-465-3535 > www.cmcmuseum.org/



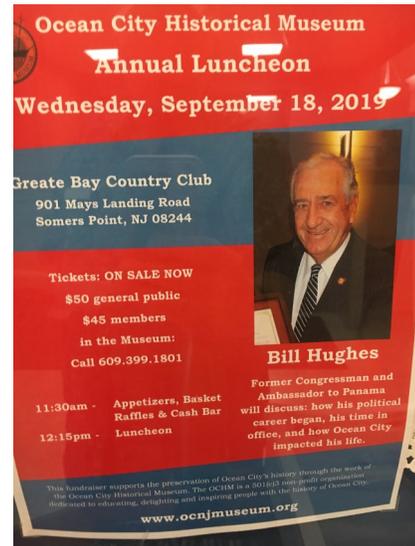
Want to participate in AASLH Annual Meeting on August 29 & 30 but can't make it to Philadelphia? You are in luck!

SJCA understands how hard it can be to get out of the office for industry gatherings, but we believe connecting with your peers is important! **SJCA is happy to provide a digital option to our history organization members FREE OF CHARGE!**

The AASLH Online Conference, consists of six hot-topic Annual Meeting sessions, re-formatted for an online audience. Each session is broadcast live from the AASLH Annual Meeting. You will be able to see slides, ask questions, and interact online

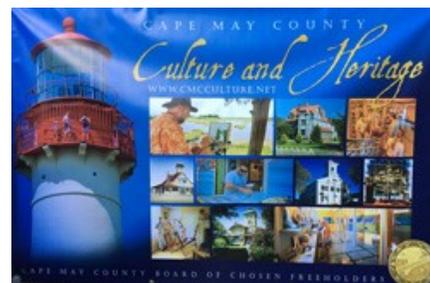
South Jersey Cultural Alliance

> www.facebook.com/SouthJerseyCulturalAlliance/



Ocean City Historical Museum

> www.ocnjmuseum.org/events



Cape May County Culture & Heritage Commission

<https://www.facebook.com/CMCCulture-2124951214406515/>

A Visit to Margate Museum with Atlantic Co. Small Museums Committee



Margate Historical Museum
 Margate Historical Society
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 (609) 823-6546

> www.facebook.com/Margate-Historical-Society-136578226382168/
 The Margate Library has teamed up with the Margate Historical Society to preserve the City's rich history. See Margate Museum video tour with Gwen Mead. > <https://youtu.be/L0KxDoAR9bE>





Paul Mulligan's own train car project - 1927 Pullman Parlor car that served four decades in NY - Phil "clocker service." MINERAL SPRING was based in Philadelphia and may have had AC assignments. Please contact Paul if you have any photos of this car in service. His email is pjmulligan@comcast.net

Historic Hudson Valley Bus Trip With Your HPSUT Now Set for April 2020

The dates for the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) bus trip are the weekend of April 25th & 26th, 2020.

Tentatively, we will visit the New Wind-

sor Cantonment including a special program, along with the Purple Heart Museum and also visit Washington's headquarters in Newburgh with a special program about Martha Washington, all on

Saturday, April 25th.

On Sunday, April 26th, we'll visit Olana, home of Hudson River School artist

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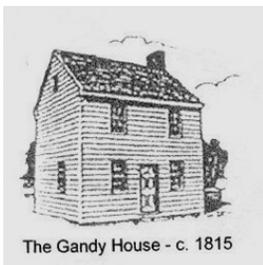


Tuckahoe Train Station grounds, maintained by Upper Twp. Public Works Department.

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The Gandy House - c. 1815

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