

Friendship School - Circa 1830

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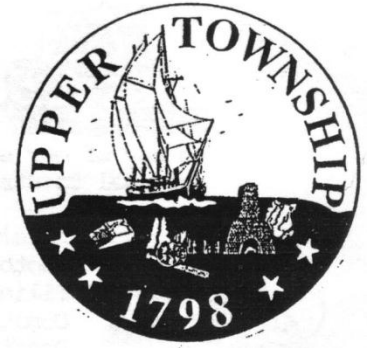
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## NEWS FROM THE APPLEFEST

Our spring and fall events are very weather dependent. This autumn nature shined on us and we ran out of food, apples, and baked goods early in the day. We earned a comfortable profit. Previous years the cold raw weather kept our guests home, food was left over and our accounts in the red.

Maintaining our historic sites is not cheap, and this year repairs to the windmill, a unique educational calling card of the farmstead, nearly ate up the profits we worked so hard to gain.

We certainly did not predict the results of the national election! The official results of the Mock election held on October 20, 2012 were:

92 – Obama  
127 – Romney



Many look forward to the Apple Pie Baking contest because the pies are then sliced and succulent pieces are sold. The results of the pie baking contest are:

### JUNIOR PIES

1<sup>st</sup> – Lorna Connell

2<sup>nd</sup> – Olivia

3<sup>rd</sup> – Tori Wright



### ADULT PIES

1<sup>st</sup> – Lacey Batt

2<sup>nd</sup> – Julie Schneider

Other contestants were: Lauren Drinkard, Christian Halpin & Michelet Gros

(Barbara Wright contributed an apple cake.)

Many thanks to Carroll Bailey who chaired the festival and was ably assisted by our members.



# Calendar of Events

**There are no regular meetings in the winter, however there are special events.**

## DECEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> On Tuesday there will be a meeting of the Board of Trustee's at the Train Station 7:00 pm to work on the 2013 calendar of events.
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday is the **Holiday Dinner** and election of officers. See the enclosed flier. It is also on line.

## JANUARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Membership **dues are due**. We need to increase our membership. Each member should please try to get another person to join. The membership mailing envelope is enclosed. It is also on line.
- 8<sup>th</sup> –If necessary to finalize the 2013 calendar of events the Board of Trustees will meet at the Train Station at 7:00 pm.

## February

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Board of Trustees will meet at the Train Station at 7:00 pm.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Articles are due for the spring edition of SHOUT. As the annual **membership booklet** will be enclosed in the spring edition of SHOUT, you will not be included if you haven't joined by this time.

## March

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Board of Trustees will meet at the Train Station at 7:00 pm.
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Our first spring meeting starts with our annual **Covered Dish Supper and Show and Tell!** It will be held at the First Methodist Church of Tuckahoe at 6:30 pm.

## IN MEMORIAM:

**SOMERS CORSON 1923-2012** Somers will always be thought of as “Mr. Cape May County History”, the prime source of information on Cape May County history and especially on Upper Township, his life-long residency. He was admired and sought after for his extensive knowledge of local history, facts, and stories, and was more than willing to share that information with friends and acquaintances, alike. He was a life member of HPSUT and his involvement, not only in our Society, but also the Cape May County Museum where he served as Curator and the South Seaville Camp Meeting, will long be remembered by those individuals who knew him, personally. Somers will sadly be missed by one and all in the history community.

**OLIVE WATSON PISANI 1925-2012** Our Society has lost yet another willing and faithful volunteer, a lady of great style who was dependable and never turned down a request for help at all of our events and sites. Olive was especially valuable at the Tuckahoe Railroad Station whenever our Society’s services were needed at that location. She was of great assistance to the Historian when the Van Gilder-Smith collection was inventoried which consumed several weekends to complete. Her participation in meetings, both HPSUT and the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey made for good fun and fellowship with other attendees. It was said of Olive’s dedication to our organization that a dozen more like her would have been like manna from heaven. We are greatly saddened by her passing.

**JAMES T. SIEGRIST 1926-2012** Many of our current members did not personally know Jim, but those of us who did will never forget the huge contributions he made to benefit two of our historic sites, the Friendship School and the John Wesley Gandy House. Many backbreaking yard sales, restoration work and regular maintenance at the school were undertaken by Jim. In addition and to a greater sense, his handiwork and craftsmanship is evident at the Farmstead site where you will see his name on the dedication plaque on the south wall of the hearth room. Only those of us who were involved with the very beginnings of the acquisition and ensuing restoration of that house will fully appreciate what was done there by Jim. We are forever indebted to his untiring skills and dedication to the completion of that structure as you see it today. Thank you, Jim. Your passing is a sad note in the Society’s history.

## Presidents Message

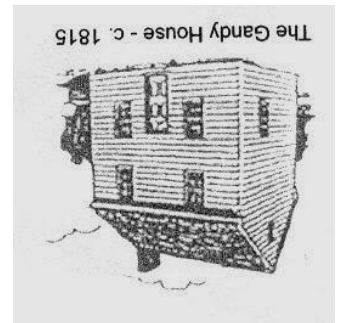
Hello again.

Well it's almost the end of my first year as president of the Society and it went rather quickly and I hope successfully. It certainly had some minuses but also some pluses. Sadly, we lost some of our members. Happily, the Strawberry and Apple Festivals were quite successful.

Our Christmas dinner is coming up in December which will be our last get-together for the year and I hope to see you all there. In the event you can't be there, let me wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the very best for the coming New Year.

Sincerely,

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