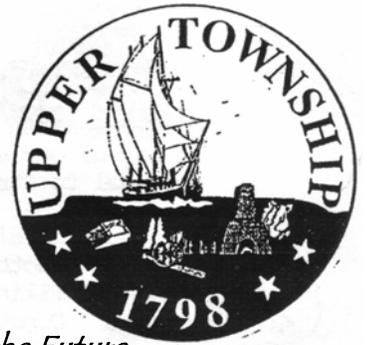


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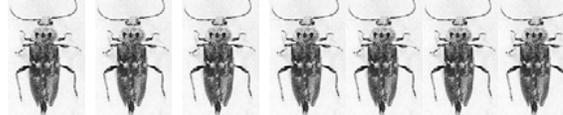
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The following is for your information! This letter was sent to the Township Committee this summer.

To: Upper Township Committee

From: The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.

Ref: Seven Year History of Pest Control of Friendship School

Old house wood borers and powder post beetles were found in the Friendship School as early as 2002. A meeting was held at the school with the Society's board of directors and Barbara Camp, Twp. Committeewoman. Barbara Camp was in charge of buildings and grounds owned by Upper Township.

Several letters of correspondence to different Pest Control companies have been included with this report to verify the attention given to the Friendship School in the past seven years.

Prior to the action taken on July 14, 2009 by the Western Pest Service the Historical Preservation Society has invested over two thousand dollars in unsuccessful treatment of old house wood borers and powder post beetles at the Friendship school in Palermo.

After contacting the Western Pest Service we learned they are the only company certified to use the tent fumigation method in the state of New Jersey. We learned this method of treatment was the only way our problem of old house wood borers and powder post beetles could be destroyed. This treatment must be done during the summer months for control purposes. The cost was far in excess of our budget for maintenance. We would appreciate the Township Committee helping with the cost of \$6,466.00.

Receipt from Western Pest Service for our expenditure is enclosed and copies of checks written by the Historical preservation Society are available upon request.



Calendar of Events



- August 31 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- September 8 - Dan Campbell, a New Jersey state historian employed at the Batsto Visitor Center, will be our speaker at the **regular meeting**. As usual the regular meeting will be held at the Upper Cape Library at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served at 7 P.M.
- September 12 - **Antiques Appraisal Fair** at Cape May County Library, main branch, Cape May Court House, 10 am - 2 pm, in the lower level meeting room. Free of charge Appraiser is Arthur Schwerdt. For more information contact the Library at 463-6350.
- September 20 - Railroad Station Open House
- September 28 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- October 3 - League of Historical Societies of New Jersey membership meeting at South Orange, hosted by the Montrose Park Historical Association.
- October 4 - **The APPLEFEST may not happen! We have no chairman!!!!**
- October 13 - **General Meeting** (Nominations for next year's officers*) Speaker TBA.
*editor's note: We don't have a nominating committee!
- November 2 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- November 10 - Our **regular meeting** will be held at the Upper Cape Library at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm. Member, Robert Holden, will display his huge collection of bipartisan political memorabilia. **Elections** for next year's officers will be held during the business meeting.
- November 30 - Board Meeting (Budget)



HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Upper Cape Library Branch is scheduled for major renovations during the coming 2010 season, possibly winter or early spring.* The Library will be closed but temporarily relocated at a site to be announced. This means that our Society's file cabinet will need to be moved and therefore emptied of its contents. Rachel Dolhanczyk will assist with inventory, also disposal of certain outdated technical manuals: the decision as to storage location of the photos, books artifacts, documents, etc. will be determined after the initial survey is completed.

During the fumigation of the Friendship School, a few objects that were suspected of possible infestation were placed inside the school. In particular, a rope bed previously in long-term storage at the Farmstead granary, is now in the hands of Mr. Fred Peech of Palermo, antiques dealer and furniture restorer. The bed is planned for display on the second floor of the Gandy House.

Submitted by Sonia Forry, historian

* Editor's note: This means our general meetings will necessarily be held at a different location at that time.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL REPORT

The 20th annual Strawberry Festival was successful in many different ways:

1. The strawberries were at their peak of ripeness and never sweeter.
2. The weather was not too windy, not too hot, not too chilly, not too wet, simply perfect. Thank you God!
3. People came and people went and every one found something to carry home.
4. Children were face painted like clowns, cats and pirates to please them.
5. Music provided by the acoustical guitar of Mr. Fisher was melodious.
6. Strawberry bread made by members sold out within an hour and jellies & jams flew off the stand as did the fresh picked strawberries.
7. Wreaths, flowers and plants decorated the farmstead grounds.
8. The Society's herb garden never looked better thanks to the Acorn Garden Club.
9. As a community service the Clayton's towed their Calliope with their 1914 antique Ford to the farmstead.
10. Many not-for-profit groups graced the grounds with their literature.

So many memories, so many smiling faces, so many children laughing while playing the games. All the work and all the effort by so many was truly a blessing. Young and old have found how to have fun together with this time honored Festival.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped no matter how much or how little.

Ann Snyder, Chairperson



Pictures courtesy of Glen Stewart



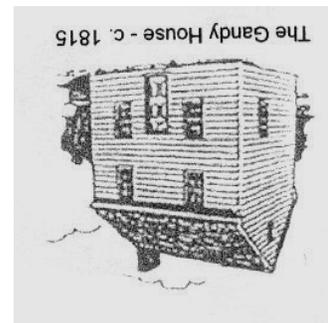
President's Memo
August 2009

As the lazy, hazy days of summer begin to wane, I look forward to a new season of activities. So far this year we have seen our entire collection accessed and catalogued using our PastPerfect computer program, the staging of our very successful Strawberry Festival (thanks to Ann Snyder and all those members who contributed time and energy), the fumigation of the Friendship School (more on this in a later article) and a series of very interesting and informative meetings. One of our new projects is to make the Gandy Farmstead a learning experience for our fourth grade students. We will be putting together a trunk of odds and ends that relate to the farmstead's heyday and sharing it with fourth graders as a prelude to visiting. We are hoping that you might suggest or have an interesting item that we could put into this trunk inviting the children to go on an archeological trunk treasure hunt. Articles as simple as hog scrapers, jelly sieves, wool carders or spindles, along with two trunks, are what we are looking for. We will ask our students to do the job of an experimental archeologist and try to discover the use of these objects before they see them in use at the farmstead. We will be asking for volunteers to man the house and outbuildings as docents for the few days we will be inviting our students to visit. Please consider giving us some of your time to make this happen. We are also in need of a chair or co-chairs for our AppleFest. The nominating committee also needs members. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please call me at 628-2902. All board members are reminded that our next board meeting will be held at my house on August 31st at 7 pm. Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you in September.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Society presented 3 scholarships to Upper Township students who showed interest and ability in history. We gave checks for: \$200 to OCHS graduating senior, Jacob Martin; \$100 to eighth grader, Adam Wallawender; and \$50 to fifth grader, Maria Nariasarnan.



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