

Friendship School - Circa 1830

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As outgoing president of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township it is hard to believe that my two years in office have passed so quickly. I hope that I have been, in your eyes, moderately successful, but credit really goes to the Board for all the work that they did in the past two years.

I looked for and got much guidance from Sonia Forry (my favorite sister) who had been your president for many years. Thank you. Ebbie Unsworth, corresponding secretary, sent out the thank you letters as needed, often without any request from the Board. Marj Bixby, as usual, got out each issue of the 'SHOUT' and took care of all the publicity requirements. Thanks also to Barbara Horan for the difficult job of taking minutes and making sense of Board meeting proceedings. Vice President, Harriett Bailey was able to bring to our meetings interesting and informative speakers from whom we learned so much. The keeper of our treasury, Carroll Bailey, made sure that our financial house was always in order. I also want to thank Mike Horan for the many hours he has spent in modernizing and up-dating our computer. Thanks also to Mike Houdart, Horace Lorrilliere and Ralph Cooper for their work in maintaining and improving conditions at our buildings.

The production of the 'History of Upper Township' DVD and its premiere at the community center in September of this year was a complete success. Thank you to Mike Houdart who conceived the idea and to all of the members who contributed to its production. Thanks also to the Mayor and Township Committee for their backing and financial support of this well received project.

Finally I am thankful and grateful for all the help from the membership in keeping the Society going and improving in its endeavor to preserve the history of Upper Township. Again, thank you all for your help the past two years.

Very sincerely,

*Doug Longenecker*



# HISTORIAN'S REPORT



Early in October, this writer attended a public auction for the express purpose of purchasing an item or two from the estate of the late Somers Corson. Accompanied by our society president, successful bids were made on a grub hoe and a redware milk pan. We felt it important to acquire pieces belonging to Somers as a memento honoring his love and knowledge of Cape May County history. Somers will always be remembered with affection and respect as a long-time member of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township.

Also purchased at the sale was a New Jersey map dated 1876 which shows every railroad throughout the state at that time. It will be on display at the Tuckahoe Junction Railroad Station, and the Corson pieces at the Gandy Farmstead.

The c. 1830 Friendship School is now home to the Beesley's Point Farmer's School House bell. John Del Corio and Betty Del Corio have generously donated the bell, along with a brief history of the school and its chain of ownership. Additional deed records in copy form have been provided by Laurie Thomas, researcher at the Cape May County Clerk's office.

We are pleased that all of these objects are now a part of our ever-growing collection.

One more thing! When you visit or drive by the Gandy House, please take note of the new candle window lights. Each electric light is securely anchored on the window sill by a fluted aged tin base. All eight windows are illuminated.



Submitted by Sonia L. Forry, Historian



## WINNERS OF THE APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST

Our first prize winners of both the Senior and Junior Divisions were a mother and son team of Joanne and Matt Herron. The Second Prize winner of the Junior Division was Lorna Connell while the Second Place winners of the Senior Division were Joe and Chris Halpin. All are Upper Township residents.

CONGRATULATIONS!! We Hope you enter again next year.

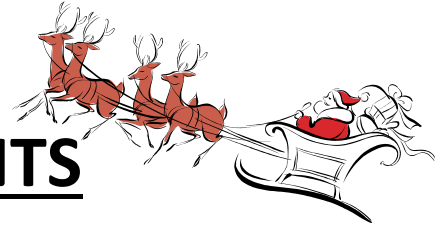


**AFTER 35 YEARS OF ACTIVITY, IT IS NATURAL THAT MANY OF OUR EARLY AND VERY INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS ARE PASSING ON.**

**ROBERT TURNBULL**

**WAS ANOTHER SUCH MEMBER. AS ONE OF THE NEWER MEMBERS I REMEMBER HIM AS A MOST ENTERTAINING SPEAKER AT OUR ANNUAL SHOW AND TELL AND COVERED DISH SUPPER. LONGTIME MEMBERS REMEMBER HIM AS AN INTELLIGENT AND HARDWORKING CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ORGANIZATION. FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM I REFER YOU TO THE JULY 21, 2013 ISSUE OF 'THE PRESS'.**

# CALENDAR of EVENTS



## Recent Events

- The introduction of our new DVD at the **35<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Party** in September was hugely successful. We estimate 200 people attended. A copy of the DVD can be bought at any meeting of the society for \$15.
- In spite of the less than perfect weather October's **AppleFest** was also successful. Check the color attachments for pictures of both events.

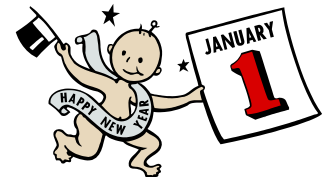


## December

- 10<sup>h</sup> – **Our Holiday Dinner and Installation of New Officers** will be held at the Tuckahoe Inn at 6:30pm. See the attached flier for details.
- **Yuletide historic home tours:** Woodstown by Candlelight, Friday Dec. 6; Tour of Historic Salem, Saturday Dec. 7; Christmas Candlelight Tour, Mauricetown on Saturday Dec. 14; 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historic Dennisville Christmas House Tour, Saturday Dec. 21

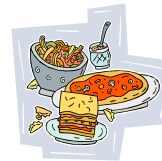
## January

- Please renew your membership by January 1. You may use the enclosed form.
- 7<sup>th</sup> – The Board of Trustees will meet at the Tuckahoe Train Station at 7 pm.
- There will be no general meeting.



## February

- 4<sup>th</sup> – The Board of Trustees will meet at the Tuckahoe Train Station at 7 pm
- There will be no general meeting.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Articles for the SHOUT are due.



## March

- 4<sup>th</sup> – The Board of Trustees will meet at the Tuckahoe Train Station at 7 pm.
- 8<sup>th</sup> – League of Historical Societies of New Jersey meeting at Haddon Heights Historical Society, Camden County
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Our first general meeting of the year is always **Our Annual Covered Dish Supper and Show and Tell**. More details will be found in the February issue of the SHOUT.

## May

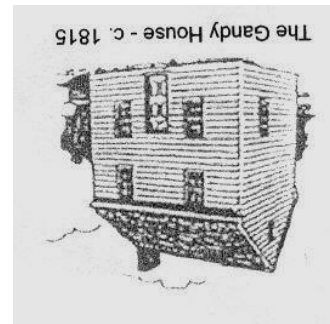
- 10 – **NJ State History Fair** at Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville, observing both the Fair's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and New Jersey's 350<sup>th</sup>.



## **Attention all members with email addresses:**

Please include your email address when you renew your membership. It is quicker and easier to notify you by email if there is a new event or a change in plans. Also the newsletter is in color and looks much better on the screen. Thank you.

**Marj Bixby, newsletter editor**



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