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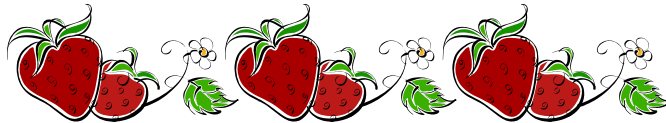
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Hello members,

Spring has finally arrived so it is time to get the tomato garden started if you have not already done so.

Here are some latest happenings:

- The township recently replaced the moss covered and badly worn roof on the Friendship School.

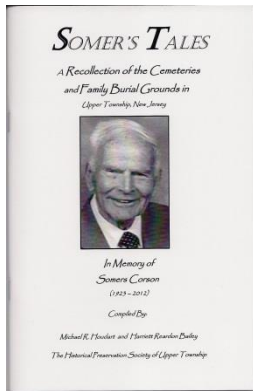
(For our Spanish speaking members: "moss, no mas!")

- Last Saturday was national railroad day. We opened Tuckahoe station for over 150 rail fans to visit our facility and to ride on the Cape May Seashore Line train.
- The Gandy farmstead will be featured on the Cape May County historic buildings tour this Saturday.
- **THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** is June 1st. Please be there!
- Remember that the society's June meeting will be a tour of the Ocean City Historical Museum. It is at 18th Street and Haven Ave.

Thought for the day: Time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like a banana.

Thanks for reading - Doug Longenecker





The “*Somer’s Tales*” booklet was just completed and it tells of Somers Corson’s recollections of the cemeteries and burial grounds in Upper Township. It was compiled in the memory of everyone’s friend, Somers. The booklet is available for sale at only \$5.00 per copy.

## ***EXCITING NEWS!***

The Upper Township Historical Preservation Society in association with Mayor Palombo and the Upper Township Committee is producing a DVD featuring the unique history of Upper Township. This is in celebration of the 215<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Township and also in celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society.

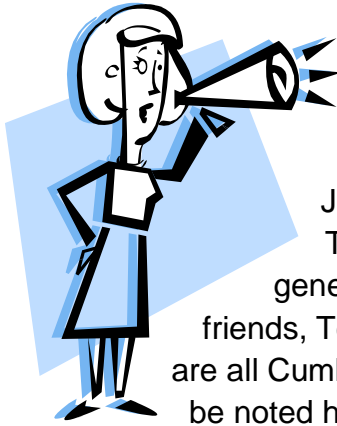
Further announcements will be coming.....



### ***From the Committee:***

The **Strawberry Festival** is Saturday June first. We need help to scoop ice cream, cut shortcake and etc. You need not work all day. It’s fun!!! If you can help, call Carroll Bailey. 628-2425

Also we need bakers to make shortcake and strawberry bread. At \$5.00 per loaf strawberry bread is one of our best fund raisers. To get the recipe and the pans please call Ebbie Unsworth. 390-7443.



## HISTORIAN'S REPORT —

In mid-April, J. P. Hand acted as tour guide and showed the John Wesley Gandy House to another John Gandy and family. The group totaled about eleven people which included three generations of Gandys. They were accompanied by their family friends, Terry and Louise Van Gilder. The Van Gilders and John Gandy are all Cumberland County natives with Cape May County roots. (It should be noted here that Terry and Louise are members of HPSUT.)

John Gandy and family now reside in the state of Maine where John operates schooner trip excursions. Interestingly, John found, and then donated the A. J. MEERWALD (the official tall ship of New Jersey) to the non-profit Bayshore Center at Bivalve, that was, at the time, known as the Delaware Bay Schooner Project. The volunteer group restored the oyster boat, and continues to maintain the vessel which offers both pleasure and educational sailing trips.

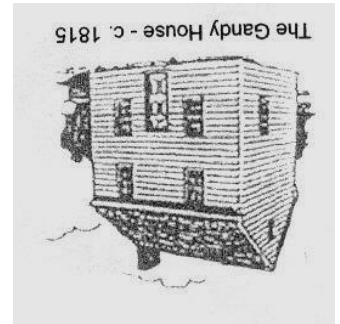
Thanks and appreciation to Jamie for stepping in to conduct the tour at short notice due to the illness of this writer.

Our participation in the New Jersey State History Fair held annually at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville was cancelled due to extremely unfavorable weather. Although the event is held rain or shine, we chose not to deal with the heavy downpours. Inside, we stayed close to home and volunteered at the Tuckahoe Railroad Station to host National Railroad Days. Despite the weather washout, hundreds of rail fans toured the station and rode three scheduled train rides. A good day to be inside, much preferred to outdoor conditions at the Fair!

Please take notice of a newly added object at the Gandy House which will be revealed to you only if you visit the site. It is, indeed, a lovely and homey addition to the hearth room and we sincerely thank Scott Smith, of Goshen, for so graciously constructing this particular item. He has been most generous with his time and talent in the past by assisting with the rope bed and fabricating additional fireplace tools and equipment.

Appreciation is extended to those volunteers who gave of their time to guide visitors through the Farmstead during the Cape May County Historic and Classic House Tour. Our society's site was a late substitution for another property, sold during the week prior to the event. Also, much preparation of the Gandy House and Barn was necessary to put the site in order before Saturday, May 18. Thank you to so many members who willingly lent their assistance.

# SEE YOU AT THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL JUNE FIRST!



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