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## PRESIDENT'S MEMO

Spring is almost upon us and so is the Strawberry Festival! Anne Snyder and her crew have been hard at work putting together this year's event. She informs me that bakers are still needed as well as volunteers, so please give her a call and give us an hour or two. The camaraderie can't be beat! Mark your calendars: June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Gandy Farmstead!

On May 10th, the dedication of the split rail fence installed at the Friendship School in memory of Rey Schmidt was celebrated. The ceremony took place at the Gandy Farmstead; and those members attending spoke of Rey's volunteerism, love of county, community and family. After the Presentation of Colors by the Vietnam Color Guard of South Jersey, we were pleased to present Maxine and her family a plaque in memory of Rey. Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblymen Nelson Albano and Matt Milam presented both Senate and Assembly Resolutions and our own Mayor Richard Palumbo presented the family with a township resolution honoring Rey's dedication to the Historical Society and our community. Special thanks go to Dan Clark, Mike Houdart and Avis Reed for their hard work in putting together this event.

Lynn Houdart has volunteered to chair the AppleFest this October and she will be looking for volunteers to help pull off this event. Please look for the sign-up sheet to help us at AppleFest during the Strawberry Festival. The success of both our festivals depends on all the volunteers!

The board has decided to resurrect the phone tree to remind our members of upcoming events. Those of you with computer access will also be receiving timely e-mail blasts from our Webmaster, Ralph Cooper, to keep you informed. Please make sure that we have your current email address. Mike Houdart has been keeping our list up to date, so keep him in mind if your address changes.

Our website is alive and well! Check it out @ [www.uppertwphistory.org](http://www.uppertwphistory.org)

Have a wonderful spring and a great summer!

Carol Williams, President



## RECENT EVENTS

If you do not usually make our monthly meetings you are missing a lot. **TAKE A LOOK!!!**

**Kindergarten Day** was its usual success. For the first time it had to be postponed because of bad weather. We volunteers thought that the whole experience was much more comfortable in the warmer weather of springtime, although it certainly didn't get across to the students the hardships of a woodstove and outhouse like February's cold does. Some pictures are in this edition's insert.

In March we had our annual **Covered Dish Supper and Show and Tell**. Good food and good fellowship. If you haven't attended this event mark your calendar for next year. Not only do we have good food, but the things our members bring in are both fascinating and instructive. For instance this year Jerry Bailey brought in an earthenware pitcher that he found smashed to pieces in the woods. He had reassembled it like a giant 3-D jigsaw puzzle. Too shy to do show and tell? Then just come to eat and learn.

This year's **Spring Ramble** was to the birthplace of the suffragist Alice Paul, a most timely trip in light of the current political campaign. Sonia brought back a book and an excellent DVD about the woman's suffrage movement. These can both be borrowed from the society. Call Sonia Forry or speak to her at the next meeting. Check our newsletters for future rambles.

At our April meeting, having just returned from a 2 week trip across Canada and the USA by train, Bix and I found reminiscences of **Bill George**, a retired conductor who worked on the rail lines between South Jersey and Philadelphia a revelation! To find that then the railroad was on time not merely to the minute but to the second, while we were 8 hours late getting in to Vancouver and 6 hours late getting in to Chicago. That lines ran from Court House, Wildwood and Ocean City to Philly; and that passenger trains and freight trains shared the tracks and brought people and goods back and forth efficiently. And yet, there was featherbedding which helped to cause the demise of the railroads. He told so many amusing stories about people we knew and places we know. It was a most enjoyable evening.



On Saturday, May 10, a **Dedication in Memory of Major Reynold D. B. Schmidt, USAF (Ret.)** was held at the Gandy Farmstead. Rey was an active member and officer of this organization for 20 years. A split rail fence was erected at the Friendship School with money given to the society in his name. Carol Williams officiated at the ceremony. The Vietnam Veterans Color Guard of Somers Point presented the colors. After Rev. John Garrahan gave the invocation several people spoke. Mayor Palumbo read a resolution and Maxine's and Rey's Daughter, Daleyne, gave a loving tribute to her father. In this photograph Mike Houdart is presenting Maxine with the memorial plaque that will be placed on the fence in memory of her husband. There is a wonderful slide show of Glen Stewart's photos of the event posted on our website at:

**[www.uppertwphistory.org](http://www.uppertwphistory.org)**

At our last meeting on May 13, **Jim Campbell**, historian of the Cape May Historical Society, gave a presentation about the surrender of the German U-boat 45 miles off the coast of Cape May on May 14, 1945. That was 63 years and 1 day previously. His research was amazing. He had actual photographs and news clips (the kind we used to see in the movie theaters during WWII). In addition he had corresponded with the Captain of the U-boat and various crew members. He hosted one of the crew members when he came back to Cape May to speak to local organizations. He helped me understand the event in the light of the politics and emotions of that time.

**Become an active member, come join us!**

## Architectural Committee Report

### County Open Space Amendment

Update: On March 10, 2008 this Society sent a letter to the Cape May County Freeholders with copies to Barbara Ernst, director of CMC Open Space and Terry Karchner of the office of Historical Preservation formally requesting that the open Space Charter be amended to include funds for Historical preservation. As of May 6, there have been no replies. I recently discussed the matter with Freeholder Bakely who said he will check with Director Dan Beyel.

Railroad Station: Steve Martinelli and Doug Longenecker are still trying to find a site for the speeder house that would be agreeable to Tony Macrie and the township. Don Westerdorn informed Doug that he will start work on the speeder cab soon.

Friendship School: The old split rail fence has been replaced by a new one, and on May 10 was dedicated to the memory of faithful member and friend of this Society, Major Reynold Schmidt.

Gandy Farmstead: Restoration of the 100 year old Victrola is nearing completion, and we have about 30 old records. I will be making arrangements for the windmill to be painted, and getting the water tested. Two Japanese holly shrubs have been planted near the sign. Additional upholstery work is being planned on the carriage. Spraying the fruit trees continues. Painting the granary is planned for this year, plus other touch-up work on some of the buildings. Township treasurer, Pat Garbut, told me that our budget suggestions have been approved by the township, and that we may get township employees to help with the speeder building. On May 4, Sonia cooked a

delicious hearth dinner for all the workers who came out to help with the Gandy Farmstead clean-up.

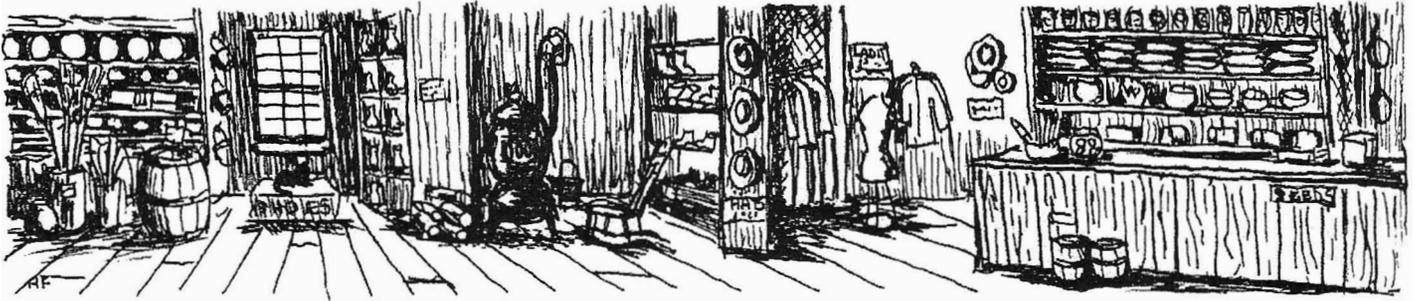
Submitted by Lew Albrecht, Architectural Committee Chairman

## **RAMBLES! They're back!**

The first event after a few years absence took seven Society members on a "Three M" day trip to Moorestown, Mt. Laurel, and Medford. The group toured PAULSDALE, birth place and home of Alice Stokes Paul, Quaker suffragist. The site is a National Historic Landmark. Next, a grief visit to the Westfield Meeting Cemetery, where Alice Paul is buried. Then, onto Mount Laurel (Evesham) Meeting to walk the grounds and enjoy a guided tour of the interior of this, the oldest Quaker meeting house in Burlington County (1717). Our final stop was in historic Medford with a dinner stop at Braddock's Tavern. It was, indeed, a memorable Ramble!

Mark your calendar now for our **Fall Ramble** to historic Greenwich, Cumberland County on Saturday September 27. The centennial Celebration of Greenwich's Tea Burner's Monument dedication (1908) will be the centerpiece of many activities – a major craft faire featuring authentic early craft artisans, an exhibition of vintage photographs, a house decorating contest, and much more. This promises to be a fun day in this very interesting village.

Submitted by Sonia Forry, historian and coordinator of the Rambles



The following is an excerpt from The History of Petersburg, N.J.; published by H. Stanley Craig, 1913; the Herald Press, Tuckahoe, N.J. (Littleworth was the early name for Petersburg.)

## PRICES OF MERCHANDISE IN 1822

Prices paid by citizens of Littleworth, as recorded in John Townsend's "Day Book:"

Molasses, per gal.,.....	\$ .50
Raisins, per lb.,.....	.12 1-2
Rum, per qt.,.....	.16
Sugar, per lb., .....	.14
Wine, per qt.,.....	.37 1-2
Cigars, 50,.....	.12 1-2
Wheat flour, per bbl.,.....	8.00
Butter, per lb., .....	.20
Cord wood, oak, per cord,.....	2.00
Cord wood, pine, per cord,....	1.76
Nails: per lb.,.....	.10
Chocolate, per lb.,.....	.25
Tea, per lb., .....	1.25

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## **RECENT DONATIONS**

A Watercolor Painting by Alice Clark, Friends Meeting (prior to addition) painted in 1965. Donated by Dan Clark, her son.

Circa 1900 photograph of Petersburg School, showing a group of girls who graduated eighth grade. One of these girls is Julia (Bailey) Van Gilder. It was donated by Roland and Evelyn Van Gilder. Roland is her grandson.

Submitted by Sonia Forry, Historian

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**BACK ISSUES OF S.H.O.U.T.** are now available beginning with the year 1999. They are yours for the taking - these are duplicate copies. Please contact the editor or historian if you wish to acquire any of the volume sets or single issues. Articles and stories of historical interest can be found in each edition.



## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TIME

Submitted by Anne Snyder, Strawberry Festival Chairperson

Have you smelled the spring flowers, seen the blossoms on the trees, heard the birds chirping in the early morning? If so you know it's almost Strawberry Festival time again. In late spring before the summer begins our appetites are keen for the sweet red berries every one knows makes the shortcake and ice cream a dreamy delight.

This will be our nineteenth annual Festival and the second time we have held it at the Gandy Farmstead. Thankfully, the Gandy family who live across the road from the Farmstead have given us permission to use their field for parking purposes. The date is Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tell your neighbors and family members to bring their children and enjoy an Old Fashioned South Jersey traditional Strawberry Festival.

For all you members receiving this newsletter call Anne Snyder, 390-8485, and ask how you can help make the day more fun for everyone.

PS: Remember that people look forward each year to purchasing homemade strawberry bread at the festival. If each member could make just 2 loaves it would be a lot of help and keep a lot of people from being disappointed. The recipe follows:



### STRAWBERRY BREAD RECIPE

<b>2 (10 ounce) packages frozen strawberries thawed</b>	<b>3 cups flour</b>	<b>4 eggs</b>	<b>2 cups sugar</b>
<b>1 1/4 cups salad oil</b>	<b>1 tsp. baking soda</b>		<b>1 tsp. salt</b>
<b>3 tsp. cinnamon</b>			

**Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour two 9x5 loaf pans.**

**In bowl combine strawberries, eggs and oil. In separate bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Add strawberry mixture to dry ingredients and stir until blended. Pour into pans.**

**Bake one hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Please leave in the foil pans! The loaves may be frozen.**

**Please bring the Strawberry Bread with you on the morning of the Strawberry Festival.**

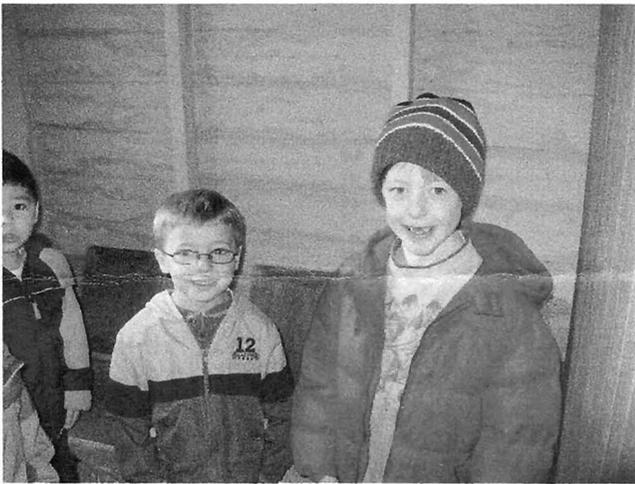
PPS: Al and I would like to thank the many HSPUT members who sent cards with good wishes and phone calls, and visits accompanied with delicious goodies. Friends give encouragement and nourish your spirit. We are grateful for all the remembrances.



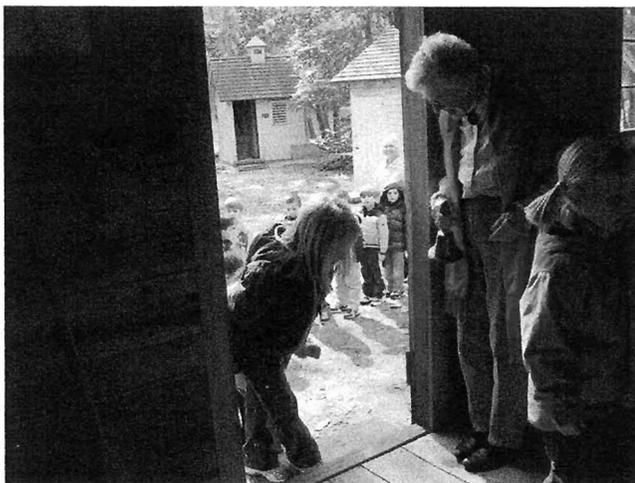
# KINDERGARTEN DAY



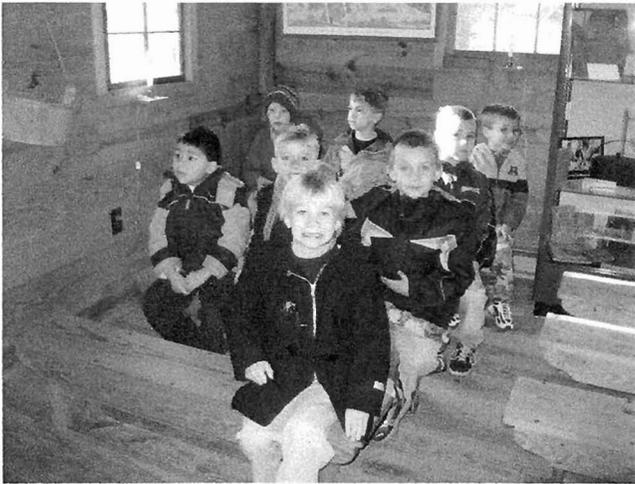
Anne shows the way, while Ebbie guides between outhouse and pump.



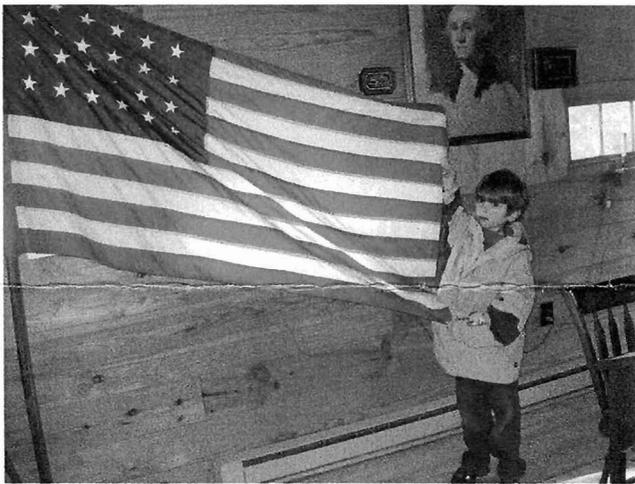
Little boys are fascinated with the outhouse. A little girl is trying the pump as Olive observes.



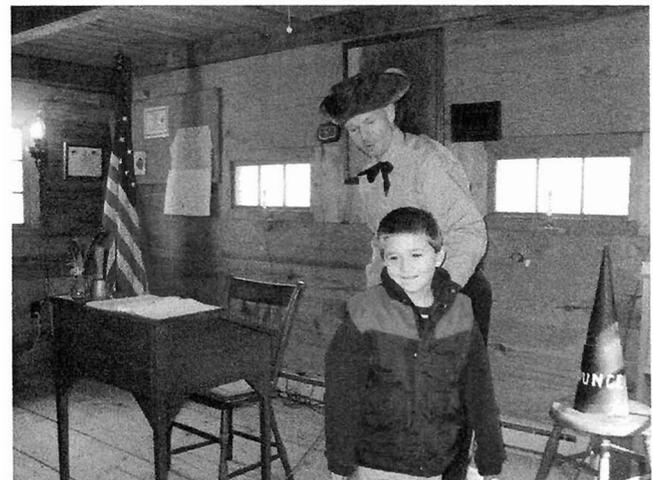
Edith sees that all the little girls curtsy and little boys bow upon entering the schoolhouse.



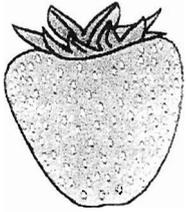
The boys sit on the left and the girls sit on the right in the schoolhouse. One little boy is fascinated with the wooden bucket on the wall.



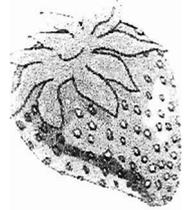
First they learn about the flag, but one little boy misbehaves and has to sit with the girls!



The schoolmaster (Steve) shows the kindergarteners would happen if you didn't learn your lessons or if you were unruly.



*YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
ATTEND THE*



**19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL  
AND CRAFT SHOW**  
(A DELIGHTFUL RESPITE FOR A JUNE DAY)

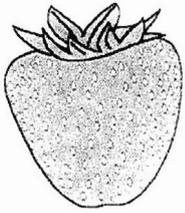
**JUNE 14, 2008  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
(RAIN DATE SUN. JUNE 15)

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AT THE GANDY  
FARMSTEAD!  
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THROUGH A SELECTION OF HAND MADE CRAFTS.*

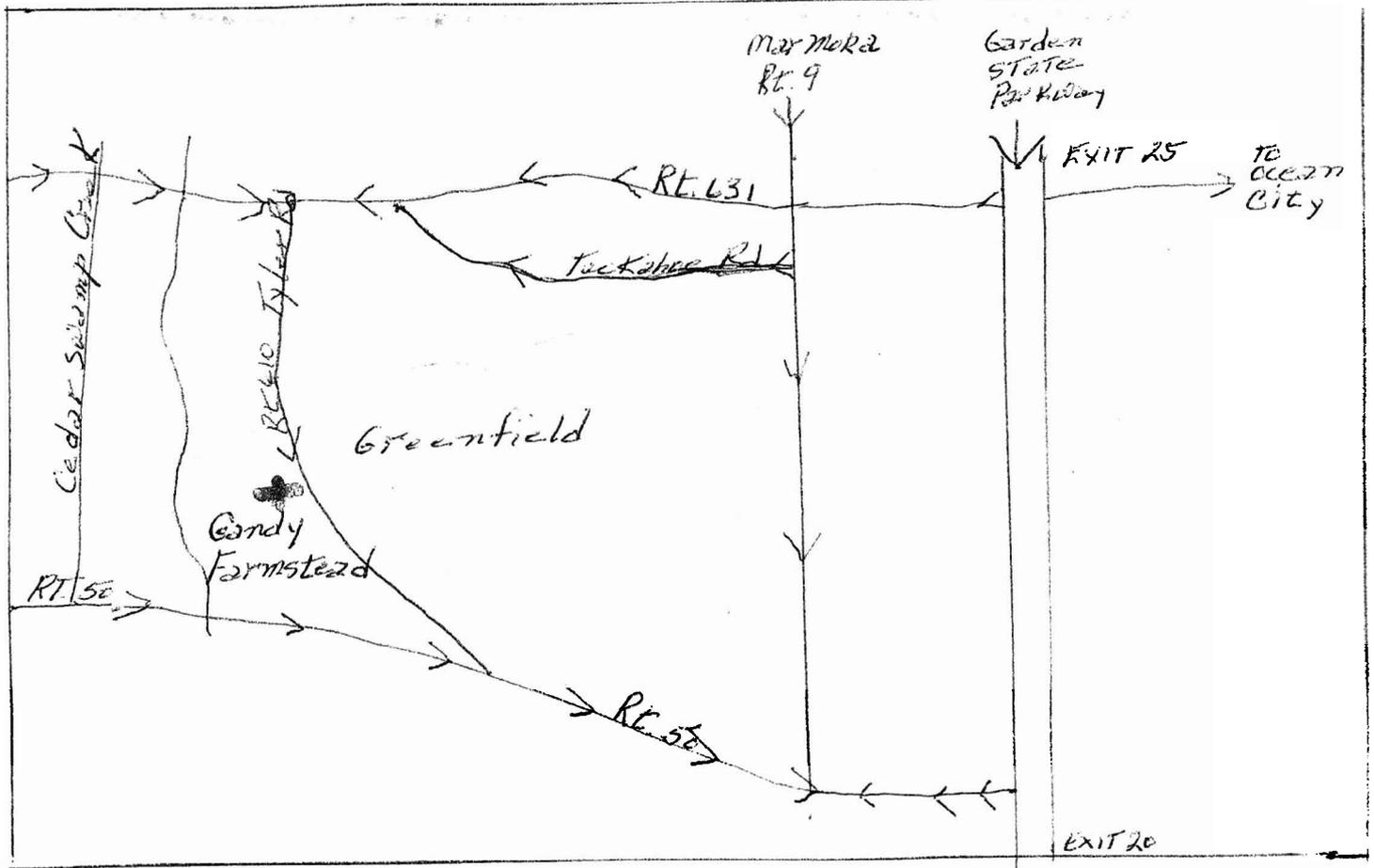
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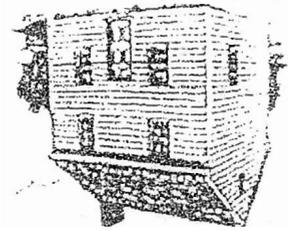
# DIRECTIONS TO THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



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ROUTE 631



The Gandy House - c. 1815



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## Calendar of Events

**May 31 -**

On Saturday, May 31, a meeting is scheduled for people in charge of a table or activity for the Strawberry Festival. It will be at the Gandy Farmstead at 10:30 A.M.

**June 14 -**

Our annual **Strawberry Festival** will be held at the Gandy Farmstead on Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tell your neighbors and family members to bring their children and enjoy an Old Fashioned South Jersey gathering. Please help!!! **See our lead article.**

**June, July, & August -**

There are **no regular meetings** scheduled for these months. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on:

**September 9 -**

This will be the date of our **next regularly scheduled meeting**. Meetings are held on the **second Tuesday** of the month at the Upper Cape Library. Refreshments at 7:00 pm. Meeting starts at 7:30.

**September 22 -**

**Fall ramble** to historic Greenwich, Cumberland County on Saturday, September 27. For details check Sonia's article about **rambles** elsewhere in this issue.