



Freehold Township Heritage Society

Spring 2015

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making our Holiday Gala the great success that it was. From the company and conversation, to the food and drinks, it was a very memorable event.

Many of my family members were able to be there, while others were unable to make the trip. Also in attendance were members of the Heritage Society family, and members the Freehold Township Committee family, and friends. The speeches given both in person and for those not able to attend were at once funny and touching.

Many people were not able to attend on that Thanksgiving weekend but made donations. In addition, there were donations of items for our Silent Auction. All things contributed to the success of our event, and will help with the upkeep of the Oakley Farmstead Museum.

On a personal note, it was a chance for me to acknowledge the wonderful organizations and people who have supported educational opportunities for my classes over the years in the Freehold Township School District:

- ~AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors
- ~Freehold Township Committee
- ~Freehold Township Heritage Society

~Freehold Township Shade Tree Commission

~Lake Topanemus Park Commission

~Monmouth County Master Gardeners

~USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service

~Project Learning Tree

Through affiliations with these groups and individuals, my students were afforded many real world educational opportunities.

These included five WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program) grant projects. One of these WHIP projects was at our own Oakley Farmstead Museum ; others were at Barkalow Middle School, Eisenhower Middle School, , Lake Topanemus Park, and the Green Acres site on Elton Adelpia Road, formally my family's farm.

The projects ran the gamut from preserving history to making new history, from environmental awareness to environmental action, all the while giving my students the opportunity to learn through performing important real world tasks and assisting local organizations. I feel very lucky to have had these opportunities to offer my students, and am grateful for the support afforded to us.

I appreciated and savored everything throughout the night. It was a wonderful evening!

Pat Eisemann
President

HOLIDAY GALA A SUCCESS

The "HOLIDAY GALA" honoring our President Pat Eisemann was a great success—we had a profit of \$3,010.00. Thanks in large part to Grace McMillan who was able to get the wine donated by a local merchant. The food was catered from Wegmans in Manalapan and again thanks to Grace for arranging that and picking it up. Also many thanks to Dave Salkin of Jewel Case, Freehold who donated a beautiful sterling silver necklace for our Silent Auction. Linda Gatti was our gift basket coordinator and her ideas were a great success. The 4th N. J. Civil War Re – enactors also donated 2 lovely baskets.

Chris Velasco coordinated with local community groups to have young people help with serving, parking, etc. this was a great help. Many thanks to Sheldon Leibowitz who was our Wine Master for the event. Of course our resident Photographer, Michael Berman did a fabulous job as well. If I have forgotten anyone please accept my apology in advance. Everyone who worked on the event did a fabulous job.

Cheryl Cook

THANK YOU!!

We would like to recognize and send out a huge THANK YOU!! To the members of the Monmouth County Master Gardener program for helping restore the Hugh Oakley Garden at the Farm. This was a monumental project and they did an excellent job as usual. We hope they will be able to continue keeping our site looking as beautiful as ever. This is a truly an amazing group of people and we cannot thank them enough for their dedication and spirit.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be Wed. April 1, 2015 at 7pm. We are working with the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County which is located in Mount's Corner Shopping Center to hold the meeting there. We will keep you informed as to how that is going. Please mark your calendars now!

DATES FOR PROGRAMS 2015

SATURDAY, MAY 2

10AM-4PM

SUNDAY, MAY 3

NOON-4PM

**WEEKEND IN OLD MONMOUTH
TOUR**

ALL 3 SITES OPEN

Saturday, May 9

NEW JERSEY

STATE HISTORY FAIR

11am-5pm

Monmouth Battlefield State Park

Saturday, May 9 6:30-9PM

Concert at Oakley Farm

New Jersey State

Youth Orchestra Quartet

“300 years of Music History”

Saturday, May 16, 2015-

1am-2pm

GARDEN PARTY TEA AT

OAKLEY FARM

**COMMITTEE NEEDED TO MAKE SAND-
WICHES, GIFT BASKET COMMITTEE,
SERVERS, SETUP HELP, CLEANUP HELP**

Sunday, October 4, 2015

ARTISAN FESTIVAL

10a—4pm

Spaces \$30.00 each—10'x10'

email ftheritagesociety@gmail.com

or call 732-577-9766 to reserve.

Space is limited apply early

**Volunteers are needed for the suc-
cess of all of these programs so
please be generous with your time
call 732-577-9766 or email us at
ftheritagesociety@gmail.com**

**NEW PROJECT AT
OAKLEY FARM**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN BEING
ESTABLISHED**

Veronika Leibowitz, Erin Beuka and Jeanne Patterson are part of the Monmouth County Master Gardener program as well as members of the Freehold Township Heritage Society. A Community Garden is something that has been talked about for quite a few years but it looks as if it will now become a reality! This is an ambitious project and will take some time to be up and running but we look forward to having this great resource for the Community. There will be more to come on this exciting project, so stay tuned!

**PROJECTS FOR
EAGLE SCOUTS**

FTHS is looking for prospective Eagle Scouts to bring some projects at the farm to fruition.

Some of the projects are

- a new brick walkway leading from the road to the front porch sidewalk,
- an overhaul and maintenance of the Rain Garden which runs the length of the barn along Wemrock Rd.
- a kiosk needs to be built to explain the significance of Rain Gardens
- the plants that are in the garden need to be labeled.
- the exterior of the Toll House at Oakley Farm needs the exterior repainted



FTHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DUES

_____ Individual - \$20.00

_____ Family -\$25.00

_____ Business \$50.00

\$_____ My donation to support the Society

Make checks payable to: **Freehold Twp. Heritage Society, Inc.** and mail to: Freehold Twp Heritage Society

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FTHS is a 501C3 non profit corporation and your payment is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.



FARM PRINT AVAILABLE

The portrait of the farm which is now the background for most of the FTTHS web pages is a print that is available for sale at the farm. It was done by local artist Mary Caruso-Albert and the price for this beautiful print is \$125.00. Please drop us a line or call 732-577-9766 if you are interested in purchasing one of these prints.