

Freehold Township Heritage Society Newsletter

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Winter 2015/2016

President's Message

What's your interest? Is it history, gardening, nature, the environment, entertainment, learning a new skill, or a combination of some of them? If so, we've got you covered! Come pursue your interests, or learn something new...and bring a friend or two.

Winter is a time for reflection, and spring is a time for renewal. This winter, we're reflecting on where we've come from, and look to welcome new members and fresh ideas. And, as part of our renewal, we offer new adventures to begin this spring. Serving our community and beyond remains our main goal and commitment.

We will have our regular **Artisan Festival** in October and are adding a new one to coincide with **Weekend in Old Monmouth** on April 30th and May 1st this year.

In addition to our regular programs and our Weekend in Old Monmouth tour participation, we have created new, diversified activities.

One of our new programs is the '**Porch Players**', a venue for poets, actors, musicians, and other performers to provide free entertainment for the community. We will also be holding a **Barn Sale** where people can purchase items we have in our bars, like shutters, barn wood, doors, etc. And holding lessons in a variety of craft areas is in the works...more details to follow.

Among other things we are planning a self-guided tour project that will allow visitors to stop by any time and learn more about the property and Freehold Township history using **QR codes** for smart phones and **URL** shorteners for those who don't have smart phones.

Come join our society and bring your unique vision, ideas, and expertise...let's grow together. We look forward to working with you.

Our annual membership meeting will be Thursday, April 7, 2016-7pm at the Oakley Farmhouse.

You don't need to be a member to attend!

Pat Eisemann, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

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April 30-May 1, 2016

WEEKEND IN OLD MONMOUTH

April 30-10am -4pm

CRAFT FAIR AT OAKLEY FARM

May 14, 2016

NJ STATE HISTORY FAIR AT BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

(OAKLEY FARM WILL BE OPEN 10-4)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 2016

BARN SALE AT OAKLEY FARM

8-3—CASH & CARRY

September 18, 2016

4TH NJ CIVIL WAR TEA AT OAKLEY

October 2, 2016-10am-4pm

ANNUAL ARTISAN FESTIVAL

December 2016

CHRISTMAS AT CAMP W/4TH NJ

!!!!NEW PROGRAM FOR 2016!!!!

PORCH PLAYERS SERIES

WATCH THE NEWSLETTERS OR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

HOST/HOSTESS FOR ALL SITES

OFFICE WORKERS

HANDYPERSON

COMMITTEE PEOPLE NEEDED!!!!

GRANTS/FINANCE/FUNDRAISING

PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

BUILDINGS/FACILITIES MGMT.

If you are interested please email

ftheritagesociety@gmail.com or

call 732-577-9766

COMMUNITY GARDEN at Oakley Farm

The Garden will officially open April 16, 2016. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held April 9, 2016 with the Mayor and Township Committee in attendance.

The Garden is being offered to Freehold Township residents as well as residents from surrounding communities. It will offer residents a chance to

grow their own crops and learn about gardening. There are two different size plots available and hope to have a special section of the garden as an area for people with special needs- this area will have raised beds for anyone needing that.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who has wanted to grow their own vegetables/flowers but

has limited space to do so.

The garden will be located in the Eastern Field at the Oakley Farm, take a look and walk around the space to see what it looks like before we get started— applications available on our website

www.twp.freehold.nj.us/heritage

“COME GROW WITH US”

Veronika Leibowitz-Chair-
Oakley Farm Community
Garden

JOHN BOUDE HOUSE UPDATE

We are still actively working on this project. To date we have commitments of \$125,000.00 but we need at least twice that. The house will need to be moved by April 30, 2016 so time is growing short. Michael Berman, Vice President of the Society is working feverishly to obtain the needed funds but you can help—just go to crowdrise.com and donate or send your check directly to “Save the Boude House”, Oakley Farm Museum, 189B Wemrock Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728—no donation is too small or too large! If we cannot raise the amount needed all monies will be returned.

This is a great opportunity to give us a large cultural space to bring in more programs to the site. We have a wonderful venue for lots of good things to happen here. Please help us see this to fruition! Thanks!

Michael Berman, Vice President

HOST/HOESSTESS FOR OAKLEY FARM TOURS—we would like to start opening the Farm on a regular basis. People can come in and watch a 20 min. DVD for the tour and then peruse the house and grounds at their leisure. We need monitors basically for the tour. This would require a 22 hour commitment on a regular basis. We are planning a host/hostess training session sometime in late March or early April. Let us know if you are interested. Dolores Gibson will be our instructor.

Help needed at our annual festivals/programs-this is a great job for Community Service people

Weekend in Old Monmouth Saturday, April 30 10am-4pm/Sunday, May1, 2016 Noon-4pm (all 3 sites open)

Mini Artisan Festival Saturday, April 30 10am-4pm at Oakley Farm-Parking attendants, house/building monitors/setup help

Artisan Festival-1st Sunday in October at Oakley Farm—Parking attendants, house/building monitors/ setup help

Barn Sale-September 2016-more information to follow

Annual Tea-Sept. 18, 2016

Christmas at Camp with 4th NJ Civil War Reenactors-Dec. 2016

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING

OFFICE WORKERS-for light filing, some computer work/scanning of documents to the computer, etc.

COLLECTION MAINTENANCE-maintain current collections-labeling needed for items-proper display of some items necessary, especially in the outbuildings

BUILDING/FACILITIES-light housekeeping needed monthly. Monitor bathrooms for toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, etc. Purchase items when supplies are low. Water plants.

FINANCE/FUNDRAISING/PROGRAMMING-person or persons needed to plan new programs which will entice public to get more involved. Planning fundraising projects-educational projects to gear towards schoolchildren. Also helpers needed for West Freehold Schoolhouse opening as often as possible.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE APRIL 7, 2016 AT 7PM

OAKLEY FARM MUSEUM-CORNER OF WEMROCK ROAD AND OAKLEY DRIVE, FREEHOLD, NJ

JOIN NOW! BRING A FRIEND!

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ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____EMAIL_____

Dues are \$20 per person/\$25.00 per family/per year. Make checks payable to "Freehold Township Heritage Society" and mail to same at 189B Wemrock Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728

Check out our Website for more happenings and find out about your Township's history

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