

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HERITAGE SOCIETY

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COMMUNITY GARDEN AT OAKLEY FARM by Veronika "Ronnie" Leibowitz



The Community Garden team have been very lucky to have the majority of this project funded by Freehold Township. The cost of the fencing, water hookups, etc. was quite an expense. The garden is now in full swing as you can see by the above picture and all gardens are thriving. We are all learning new things about the art of gardening. We have Master Gardener's in attendance 2 days a week to help answer questions. We have at least 3 gardens dedicated to the PAR, Plant a Row for the Hungry, which is donated to the local food banks. We also have 1 garden tended by the Heritage Society and the produce gleaned from that is available at our Farmer's Market (Sat/Sunday 9a-11a weather permitting). All proceeds /donations are used to help with our restoration projects. So come and see our Community

Garden, browse the grounds and enjoy!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the Community Garden as well as our other gardens on the grounds. They include a native memorial garden, perennial garden, colonial herb garden and a rain garden (soon to be reconstructed). Working in a garden is very rewarding experience—exercise, fresh air and of course making new friends.

JOHN M. BOUDE HOUSE – SALVAGE COMPLETED-Michael Berman

The FTHS is reporting to our membership that the re-location project undertaken to preserve and relocate the civil war era Boude House is NOT moving forward. Sufficient funds could not be raised to move and preserve the house. We thank all who donated toward the project but the funding level necessary to move and place the home on a new foundation was not

Upcoming events

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Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016-Civil War Tea sponsored by the 4th NJ Civil War Reenactors

Sunday Oct. 2, 2016—4th Annual Artisan Crafts Fest 10a-4p

Sunday Oct. 2, 2016-Barn Salvage Sale-10a-4p- Cash&Carry Sale

October 2016—Ghost Tour Program—date and time to be announced

December 2016—'Christmas at Camp' sponsored by 4th NJ Civil War Reenactors-date and time to be announced

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sufficient. The Society funded a salvage and documentation project to preserve what was possible of the homes historic architecture and history. Research has been done and archived by Susan Davison to help tell the story of the home and the family that built it and lived there. A photographic archive has been created to document the main house and outbuildings for the Society's historic archive. Architectural items were removed and are presently being stored at the Oakley farm for future sale and or integration into future building projects (i.e. The Arts Pavilion at Oakley Farm).

The architectural salvage items include: a magnificent ca. 1860 (dated) mantel, ornately decorated cast iron radiators, four panel solid core interior doors (some with hardware), solid oak period turned newel posts and rail plus accompanying balusters, 2 light transoms, vintage porch posts, original solid core back doors with decorative molding and screen door, salvaged wide plan heart pine flooring and more.

If you are interested in a private showing of these architectural gems please contact us now. The Society plans on offering whatever items are left at the annual Artisan Craft Festival, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016, but for best selection contact us NOW. All proceeds from the sale of these objects will benefit the FTHS Arts Pavilion Project.

THE ARTS PAVILION AT OAKLEY FARM

The FTHS has undertaken an exciting project to bring arts and programming to the Oakley Farmstead Museum. The design and construction of the integrated Arts Pavilion on the property has been approved for construction. Funds raised from 'Save the Boude House' initiative have been redirected (with permission of donors) to this very special project.

The Pavilion will be a dedicated outdoor venue for live performance and programming. The structure will be designed to reflect the historic site as well as incorporate some

architectural elements salvaged from the Boude House. The pavilion will be 25'x18' (proposed) and will be pre-wired to accommodate a sound, projection and lighting system. Design and construction are projected to be completed by late Fall 2016.

Programming potential will be vast and diverse. Bringing imagination, creativity and excitement to the Oakley site. Programs such as historic re-enactments, musical, theatrical and educational will be part of the creative mix. Imagination, creativity and the unique location provide a great canvas on which to create and attract audiences from the community. Many attendees to programs and performances may not have been introduced to the over 300 year history of the Oakley Farm which will help grow and strengthen the Society's outreach. Relationships with local historic, educational and arts organizations will be forged to create new productive alliances and partnerships. The goal of this initiative is to strengthen the Society and widen the scope of what the Oakley site has to offer.

Join us as we embark on this historic project and be part of the creative process. The society is forming an 'ARTS PAVILION' sub-committee to plan programming and outreach for the Spring of 2016. If you love putting on a show or always wanted to be an event producer contact us. If you want to help with public relations and marketing, social media outreach, ushering, event management or just want to meet new people and celebrate our historic and creative community contact us NOW! Join us as the Arts take center stage at Oakley Farm and continue to make history with us. Contact Michael Berman 732-685-7377 or Cookie 732-294-1877 if you are interested. Or just send us an email at theheritagesociety@gmail.com

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT IN ANYWAY YOU CAN!!

PERSONALIZED BRICK FUNDRAISER

The FTHS has a newly erected flagpole with an 11'x11' brick base on the grounds of the Oakley Farm. The bricks within the 10'x10' center can be engraved and will provide the Society an opportunity to continually raise funds to support its many properties including the Oakley Farmhouse, Georgia Rd. and West Freehold Schoolhouses. Bricks can be engraved in remembrance of a loved one, in the name of a supporter(s) of the Heritage Society, a business name, or something meaningful to you.

The cost of each personalized brick is \$140. The form is available on our website or via email. We have lots of bricks available so please pass this information along to friends, family, etc.

The Society is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization. Ask your tax professional whether all or part of this can be tax deductible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you can see we have lots going on and really need as many people to help see these initiatives through. Please consider volunteering in any capacity.

Hosts/Hostesses needed for house tours, programming committee for 2017—be in on the ground floor of this wonderful initiative!

Office workers needed for light filing, newsletter editors, mass mailings, scanning files to computer for historical archives

Light housekeeping needed monthly, dusting, vacuuming, flower arranging, etc.

Volunteers for events – parking attendants, kitchen personnel, greeters, etc.

PHONE 732-577-9766 OR EMAIL US SOON TO GET IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THIS VERY EXCITING TIME