

Freehold Township Heritage Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Freehold Township Heritage Society has entered an exciting new frontier. Our fabulous new arts pavilion (pictured below) showcased several programs this summer including Vic Scioppo & Beth Burns *The Great American Songbook*, the Fort Delaware Cornet Band and Dr. Mary Walker, Civil War Surgeon to name a few. These programs receive rave reviews and were



made possible thru a matching grant from Monmouth County Historical Commission Regrant Project. In addition, the Society is evolving in many ways. Several students from the Freehold Township High

School International Baccalaureate Program will be completing Creativity Activity Service (CAS) hours by learning how to weave. They will begin by practicing on frame looms and translate these skills to operating our large floor loom. This will add another facet to our events.

There is a Gold Award Girl

Scout candidate who plans to put QR codes around the Oakley museum. This will allow people to come onto the property when there isn't an event and be able to get information from our website about the buildings

1 UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

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April 14, 11am-2pm
Spring Treasure Hunt

May 5, 10am-4pm
Weekend in Old Monmouth
at Oakley Farm

May 20, 10am-4pm
275th Anniversary of
American Revolution
Battlefield State Park

May 20, 10am-4pm
Artisan Festival- Oakley
Farm -Interested vendors
please email for info.
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Monthly meetings are held
the 2nd Wednesday of every
month, 10am at Oakley Farm

!!!!NEW PROGRAMS FOR
2018!!!!

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

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or call 732-577-9766

and other areas. We are a Pokémon GO site, and hope to encourage those visitors to find out more about our museum as they explore the area.

An Eagle Scout candidate has completed the renovation of our rain garden along the barn on Wemrock Road and added an educational kiosk. The site will be registered as

an official Monarch Way Station in the spring.

Membership reminder:

We are always looking for new members. Our membership year runs from January to January. There is a dues coupon at the end of this newsletter that can be used to join the Freehold Township Heritage Society.

As always, if you have any ideas for us to try, would like to volunteer to help in any way, or have a talent to offer, please contact us.

We are always looking for new volunteers.

Come join us!

Sincerely,

Pat Eisemann, President
Freehold Township Heritage Society

COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Oakley Community Garden had its 2nd successful growing season. The year turned out great. Eighty percent of the gardeners from the 2016 season returned for a second year. It was nice to see some familiar faces back in the garden as well as fresh

new faces.

My co-chair Erin Beuka and I maintained 4 Plant A Row (PAR) gardens, which are grown specifically for donations to the Food Bank. We welcomed any help from the gardeners, which makes our job a little lighter. In addition, some of the Community Garden members donated a share of their bounty. In total over 760 pounds of fresh vegetables were donated to Open Door in Freehold throughout summer months.

In 2016 we had a Farmers Market in front of the Oakley farmhouse which raised funds for the Heritage Society. We were unable to have it back in 2017 because of a lack of

volunteers. We may try it again in 2018 if volunteers step forward to assist. The Freehold Heritage Society would like to have it again because this was a great opportunity to raise funds for The Heritage Society as well as provide fresh locally grown produce to our community. People were very generous and gave donations for anything that they took. So, if you have any interest in helping with the Farmers Market, let us know.

If you have never seen the Community Garden, please come by and take a look. The garden is located to the right of the Oakley house, towards the back field. The garden has been put to bed for the season,

but, Spring - 2018 will be upon us before we know it.

If you are interested in joining the Community Garden contact the Heritage Society or email us at

ftcommunitygardenatoakley@gmail.com and we will get back to you. Applications for 2018 are available now on the Freehold Township website. http://twp.freehold.nj.us/community_garden

Here are some pictures of exciting things we are doing In the garden.

Compost bins donated by Committeewoman Barbara J. McMorrow and built by the community gardeners.



Cold Frames were built from Reclaimed Windows from the Boude House.



Annual Garden Member Pot Luck Party



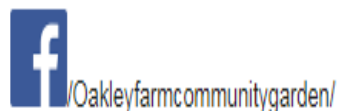
Thanks for a great season- See you in the garden.

[Come Grow with Us!](#)

**Ronnie Leibowitz
Erin Beuka**

Co-Chairs

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link to website: <http://twp.freehold.nj.us>

JUNIOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) has created a Junior Historical Preservation Commission (JHPC). This Junior Commission will be made up of students aged 15-18. Six students from Freehold Township High School have volunteered to be the first members of this new commission and will work closely with the Freehold Township Historical Society and the HPC. These students are dedicated to preserving the history of our township. Possible student projects include learning to use the weaving loom at Oakley Farm, organizing a children's event in the Spring, and updating the Historical Resources Report. They hope to learn both about the town they live in and how to help impact change in their community. If you would like to learn more about the JHPC please contact Erin Beuka at ebeuka@verizon.net.



The mission of the Freehold Township Heritage Society is to preserve, protect and promote the history and physical remnants of our past.

If you would like to become a member, please complete the coupon below and mail it with your check payable Freehold Township Heritage Society. Check out our website at <http://twp.freehold.nj.us/freehold-township-heritage-society>.

2018 Board Members

Patricia Eisemann, President

Michael Berman, Vice President

Veronika Leibowitz, Treasurer

Christine Velasco, Secretary

Richard Smith, Recording Secretary

To become a member please remit a check payable to The Freehold Township Heritage Society by January 30 and mail to the address listed below.

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20.00/YR INDIVIDUAL-\$25.00/YR FAMILY

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