

# HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage and Historical Society – Newsletter – September 2023

Meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7 pm, Ardena Baptist Church Gym, Adelpia Rd. Howell

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Norman Rockwell Visits a Country School copied from The Saturday Evening Post

We won't have to just reminisce about the "Old Days" for much longer!  
We'll be able to visit them in all their glory!  
Hmmm, if only Norman Rockwell could immortalize our "Old and Improved,"  
Old Ardena One-Room Schoolhouse...

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Corwin Knapp Linson - painting  
c. 1910



Lightning Jack's Foundation - painting  
c. 2023

MacKenzie Museum and Library

*Speaking of the Olden Days – Do You Remember?*

*Heavens to Mergatroyd!*

*The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ... But not that old.*

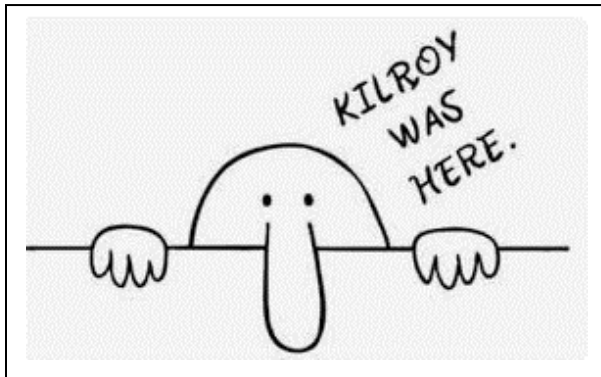
*Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle.*

*About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry.*

*Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat!*

*Holy Moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China! Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back!*

*Kilroy was here.*



*but he isn't anymore!*

*We wake up from nap, and before we monkey's uncle!" Or, We discover that the words that seemed*

*vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.*

*Poof, go the words of our youth! Where have all those great phrases gone?*

*Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain.*

*Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty.*

*I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.*

*It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.*

*This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)*

*Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth...*

*See ya later, alligator! After a while crocodile. Oki-Doki artichokey!*

*Thanks. [@doyouremember ig](https://www.instagram.com/doyourememberig)*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT,  
NOTE FROM BOB:

Yes, while I may have been seen at a couple HHHS activities over the past couple weeks, it should not be thought of as my being back.

When I made the announcement at the March Society meeting, that I would be finishing out this year's term as a final year of my 4-year stint as HHHS President, it was just a public affirmation of what I had been leaning toward as 2022 came to an end.

But by March/April, events at home were moving quickly in an unexpected direction. And at that time, we did not foresee the rapidity of the ensuing developments.

I would like to offer my deepest thanks and appreciation to the HHHS members, for their reaching out with support during this trying time. But I have several personal thoughts to be sorted out, as I look to weigh my options for finding what I do from hereon out.

At the present, while I may lend a hand here or there, I feel it is difficult to commit to resuming the president's seat. What I have seen from the sidelines, the recent work of HHHS has been carried out extremely well during my being out of commission. And I wish those involved, the very best in a successful conclusion to the projects at the Schoolhouse and MacKenzie, and the running of the organization.

*With gratitude, Bob.*

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, ANN MALSURY:

History is more than just names and dates. It is more than a time frame or a school subject. Each of us holds a store house of personal history in our memories. A photo, a smell, a place can transport us back in time to savor a memory. Currently both the Old Ardena Schoolhouse and the MacKenzie Museum and Research Library are undergoing renovations thanks to Jude Meehan and John Woolley. It is my hope that future visitors will learn and appreciate Howell's rich history through these two buildings and their contents.

Members of this year's Nominating Committee are Lynn Barrall, chairman, Ron Alessi, and Debbie Frost with Margaret Winkelman as alternate. They have begun their work and will present a slate of officers at the September meeting.

At our last Board meeting, we started developing a "Criteria for Donations" so we will have guidelines as to what we can accept and what will not be right for our museum.

This month is our annual "Show and Tell" where members bring an item from their personal history to share with other members and tell how it relates to their story. A special guest, Audra Thomas will join us and present her findings from her metal detection of the MacKenzie property. Please plan to join us September 22 at 7PM at the Ardena Baptist Church gym to see her display.

Ann

HHHS meeting August 25, 2023

The meeting was opened by Ann Malsbury, Vice President, with the flag salute and a moment of silence. The program "Kitchen Couture" was presented by Virginia Krzyzanowski.

The July Secretary's report was accepted with a motion to approve by Bill Shaffer and seconded by Lily Keaney. The July Treasurer's report was accepted with a motion to approve by Ron Alessi and seconded by Virginia Krzyzanowski.

Committee reports:

Buildings and Grounds: John Wooley reported on the progress at the MacKenzie House. The work on the exterior is completed which included roofing, siding, shingles, tree removal, gutters, new shutters and more. There is a comprehensive list compiled by John Wooley of all the work done thus far. There were six contractors used. He felt it would be a good idea to include their names in the next newsletter. The work was completed on time and was under budget. The interior work is next and will commence shortly. (John's report follows)

Jude Meehan reported on the work at the Schoolhouse. The interior painting is ongoing and should be completed within a few days. The bell was fixed and is now able to be rung. Shrubbery was removed and there are plans for new landscaping.

Margaret Winkelman reported on the reorganization of the Schoolhouse interior. Items were boxed up to allow for the painting. The ceiling is next to be painted. It is an opportunity to make changes to the displays. There is new lighting inside and outside, which was paid for through a donation. When the painting is completed, the reorganization can continue.

Ways and Means: The coffee sale is complete and the amount was included in the Treasurer's report. The drawing for the raffle was on August 6 at the Schoolhouse and the 3 winners were announced.

Old Business: Laurie Smith met at MacKenzie House to evaluate the clothing and she purchased some items. It needs to be decided what to do with the remaining clothing. A motion was made by Catherine Schwier to have Leigh Shaffer and Lily Keaney decide what to sell and what to keep. The motion was seconded by Ron Alessi. All agreed. Audra Thomas went to MacKenzie House with her metal detector and made several discoveries. She is hoping to be able to go again.

Evelyn O'Donnell spoke about the upcoming 250th anniversary for America in 2026. The county would like all towns to be involved. It was discussed that HHHS could use the MacKenzie House to focus on the history of Capt. Prickitt and his legacy. A committee comprised of Virginia Krzyzanowski, Evelyn O'Donnell, Lynn Barrall, Leigh Shaffer, Virginia Wooley, Billy Shaffer and Debbie Frost will work on this project.

The nominating committee for the 2024 slate of officers will be Lynn Barrall, Ron Alessi and Debbie Frost. Margaret Winkelman will be the alternate. The slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting.

Upcoming events:

Farmingdale's town wide yard sale is September 16 and 17. Virginia Wooley has offered the Wainright House if HHHs decides to participate. Howell Day is September 23 and volunteers are needed if HHHS chooses to participate.

Next HHHS meeting is September 22 and the program will be Show and Tell.

Bill Shaffer made 2 motions, one to put trash in the red dumpster at MacKenzie and second to formulate a group to decide what Mackenzie items to keep or toss. Catherine Schwier seconded the motion. All agreed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Virginia Wooley and seconded by Lily Keaney. All agreed.

Submitted by Anne Hartman HHHS Secretary



## Lightning Jack's Foundation Restoration

### **McKensie House Restoration**

- Lifted side and front porch
- Tame Shrubs
- Attach handicap Rail
- Refurbish Sign and sign post
- Make fence sections and align all fences
- Paint front side
- Place pots/plants for front
- Power wash roof and house \$2900
- Replace well pump \$350 w/parts
- Met with County Road Dept about drainage, apron and shrubs
- Met with Wayne (neighbor) about shrubs obstructing view
- Replace well point \$2000
- Repair siding, roof shingles, rebuild rear porch roof and corner
- Reroof chimney, flash chimney and all porches
- 4 bundles of shakes
- Replace 196' linear of clear siding, 1/2x8" primed \$1960
- Sand/paint entire house 2 coats primer 30 gal
- 2 coats semi gloss white 25 gals
- Shutters blue 5 gal
- Ceiling grey 2 gal
- Sand/paint all porches light green 5 gal
- Dion's Tree Service removed problem trees No Cost
- Met with McCurdy Well Service for new well \$5000 (must be 60' or more to be considered legal)
- Met with Kay Well Diggers, \$12,000
- Install brick floor in out building

## Lightning Jack's Foundation Restoration

### **McKensie House Contact List for work**

- A&R Drywall (General Handyman) Adrian 732-600-4821 Paint, ext/int, and other trades
- Royal Crown Roofing Siding, Gutters, Windows Doors etc (Gen Contracting) Mike 732-740-1885
- Dion's tree Service Dion 732-522-2181
- Woodhaven Lumber 732-295-8800
- McKurdy Well and Pump 732-363-6739
- Kaye Well Drilling Shawn 732-928-1233

Jude Meehan provided the dumpster for MacKenzie

Old Ardena Schoolhouse Interior painting and belfry

- 2 5-gallon buckets white semi-gloss paint      donated by Howell Home Depot
- 2 5-gallon buckets KILZ      \$198 designated by HHHS
- 13 days pay Richard Whitmeyer      \$3,800 donated by Jude Meehan
- Belfry scraped and painted      \$750 designated HHHS funds
- 1 day pay Richard Whitmeyer      \$350 donated by Margaret Winkelman
- 3 days pay Richard Whitmeyer      \$1,050 designated by HHHS

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ARDENA OPEN HOUSE - 2023

The Old Ardena Schoolhouse will be open to the public, again, the last Sunday of the month, from 1 pm to 4 pm.

September 24      October 29

We need at least two members on site at all times.

Anyone who is interested in signing up for dates, please let Margaret Winkelman know.



**ARDENA OPEN HOUSE  
2023**

**We look forward to  
seeing you on the last  
Sunday of the month!**



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## CALENDAR for 2023

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

ARDENA BAPTIST CHURCH GYM ~ 593 ADELPHIA RD, HOWELL  
4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY ~ PROGRAM 7 P.M. ~ BUSINESS MEETING 8 P.M.  
WE SERVE REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIALIZE AT EVERY MEETING.

January 27<sup>th</sup> Program: Get-to-Know-Each-Other Activity and Installation of Officers  
Refreshments: Anne Hartman

February 24<sup>th</sup> Program: T J Fallon - "Signers of the Declaration of Independence and  
Constitution Gravesites - The third in the fascinating series of TJ's adventures  
visiting gravesites of these historical figures and the role they played in history!  
Refreshments: Lynn Barrall

March 24<sup>th</sup> Program: Bob Novak "Why Allaire Village Was Called Howell Works"  
Refreshments: Margaret Winkelman

April 28<sup>nd</sup> Program: "Did you know this?" Local Vintage Videos Ann Malsbury & Lynn Barrall  
Refreshments: Lynn Barrall

May 26<sup>th</sup> Program: CELEBRATE 4<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HHHS INC. – Share Memories  
Program: "What Did We Do in '52?"  
Refreshments: Ann Malsbury and Cathy McKee  
May Special Activity: Farmingdale-Howell Memorial Day Parade

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Program: "WWII Ost Front"  
Refreshments: Jude Meehan and Catherine Schwier

July 28<sup>th</sup> Program: Shayne Davidson's lecture on "Seventeen Men: Life-Sized  
Portraits of the 25<sup>th</sup> USCT Co. G, Civil War" beloved by Capt. William A. Prickett  
Refreshments: Virginia Woolley  
July Special Activity: Monmouth County Fair at East Freehold Showgrounds on  
Kozloski Road, Freehold

August 25<sup>th</sup> Program: "Kitchen Couture" Virginia Krzyzanowski  
Refreshments: Virginia Krzyzanowski

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Program: "Show and Tell"  
Refreshments: Larry Lastra and Ron Alessi

October 27<sup>th</sup> Program: Honoring Veterans, Wreaths Across America in Howell  
Refreshments: Debbie Frost and Leigh Shaffer  
Election of Officers

November — No Meeting  
December — No Meeting



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**Howell Heritage and Historical Society Now collecting 2023 Dues!**

**2023 Membership/ Donation Form**

**I would like to enroll as a member in the category below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 individual      \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 sponsor      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 patron

**I would like to make a donation:**

**Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Street \_\_\_\_\_**

**City \_\_\_\_\_**

**State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please send this form & your check,**

**payable to: Howell Heritage & Historical Society**

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