

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage & Historical Society

Meetings 4th Friday, 7 pm, Ardena Baptist Church Gym, 593 Adelpia Rd. Howell

June 2026 Newsletter

Message from HHHS President

As we welcome the warmth and beauty of June, I would like to thank our members, volunteers, and supporters for their continued dedication to preserving and sharing our community's rich history. The summer season offers many opportunities to explore local heritage, attend community events, and reflect on the stories that have shaped our town.

Our Historical Society remains committed to protecting the past while engaging future generations. We encourage everyone to visit our exhibits, participate in upcoming programs, and consider sharing family photographs, documents, and memories that help tell our collective story.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you a wonderful and enjoyable summer season.

Thanks to all,
Jude Meehan
President

Upcoming Events – Join Us

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Open House

427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell

Sat., June 20, 2026, 1pm to 4pm

Program: Juneteenth, Capt. William A. Prickett's Connection

Membership Meeting

June 26, 2026, at 7pm

**Program: Show and Tell, Members share
pieces of history to spark discussion**

Refreshments: Frank Pincus

Ardena Baptist Church GYM

Ardena School House Open House

Sun., June 28, 2026, 1pm to 4pm

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Ways to reach HHHS

Our Website

www.howellheritagehistoricalsociety.org

By email

HowellHeritageandHistoricalSoc@gmail.com

By snail mail:

Howell Heritage and Historical Society
2 Ardmore Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Follow us on Social Media for the latest HHHS events!

Facebook page is:

Howell Heritage & Historical Society of NJ



The above QR code will take you to our Facebook page.

Have a piece of Howell history to share?

If you have historic photos, local snapshots, or intriguing Howell-related topics, please email them to howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com Attn: **Margaret Winkelman**. Along with each photo, **please include a brief write-up** sharing any details, background, or stories connected to it.

We'll post submissions periodically on Facebook to spark conversation and help keep our local history alive.

This recent inquiry found its way to our Facebook page.

Can anyone help us identify this intriguing item from our collection?

One of our society members inherited it from her grandmother, who was originally from Indiana. The piece is marked "Made in Germany" on the bottom, but beyond that, its history remains a bit of a mystery.

Our member believes it may have been used as a hot chocolate server, and it may once have had a small light or heating element associated with it. We'd love to learn more about its purpose, age, and how it might have been used.

Have you seen something similar before? Do you recognize the style, manufacturer, or function? Please share your thoughts, memories, or expertise in the comments. Every clue helps us uncover another piece of history!



Tell us what you think



Old Ardena School Update

May has come and gone. The month started off with the Old Monmouth Weekend, and we were happy to share our building with the many visitors visiting Monmouth County's historical gems. Margaret and Vicky visited the 5th grade at Ardena School, formally known as Howell's Consolidated School, and made a presentation focused on America's 250th Anniversary on May 20th. The students were great, attentive, curious and knowledgeable about our area's history. HHHS was represented at the annual Memorial Day parade in Farmingdale, by Vicky and Margaret who were thrilled to see the parade route lined with the citizens of Farmingdale. They also saw many familiar HHHS faces along the route. The May 31 Open House highlighted the history of Memorial Day. We saw many visitors, including several coming in for the 250th Scavenger Hunt.



Our June 28th Open House coincides with the anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth. That battle

took place in 1778, so we have planned an informative display about the Battle of Monmouth, a significant turning point for the American Revolution. July 26th will find us celebrating America's Declaration of Independence, music included. Please join us for one or both of these Open Houses.

Work is continuing around the schoolhouse, both inside and out. We are looking to create new garden beds near the stairs leading to the school and around our sign. The railings on the stairs will be painted as well. Inside we relocated the potbellied stove, thank you Jude and Eric your help moving that very, very heavy stove. Now all drawn to the 1879 Howell map found at the center of our room.



For general questions or scheduling of a private tour of Ardena # 2, the School Committee members are: Anne Hartmann, Debbie Frost, Margaret Winkelman and Vicky Arose



The Monmouth County Historical Association and the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee invite you to take part in the Revolutionary Scavenger Hunt - a fun, family-friendly adventure across Monmouth County's historic sites as we celebrate America's 250th birthday!

The Monmouth County 250th Historical Scavenger Hunt features dozens of Revolutionary War landmarks and historic locations. Participants explore sites ranging from northern to southern municipalities, and find answers to questions that focus on local landmarks, Revolutionary War history, and specific community heritage. The exact trivia questions that must be answered upon scanning the QR codes at these locations include:

MacKenzie Museum Questions

Question 1: What did Captain William Prickitt and the Nesbit brother, Isaac and William, have in common?

Question 2: Who lived in the 1805 section of the MacKenzie Museum?

Question 3: Whose picture hangs over the fireplace at the MacKenzie Museum?

Old Ardena Schoolhouse Questions

Question 1: How many schools/districts were in Howell Township before the school consolidation in 1939?

Question 2: Where was the Ardena Schoolhouse actually located when it was in use?

Once you find the answers, remember to email your submissions along with your name and address to info@monmouthhistory.org to be entered into the prize pool.



Question 3



Question 2

**YOU CAN STILL
PARTICIPATE IN
THE
SCAVENGER
HUNT UNTIL
JULY 4th!**

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Update

In May, the MacKenzie Museum focused on the Origin of Decoration Day. We will continue our monthly programs connected to the 250 Years of History of America. June will focus on Abraham Lincoln's "Emancipation Proclamation" and what it meant for slavery. We will also explain why it didn't free all slaves.

Did you know that New Jersey was the last state to free its slaves? It wasn't until 1704, when East Jersey and West Jersey became unified, that a slave code entitled,

"AN ACT FOR REGULATING NEGRO, INDIAN AND MALLATTO SLAVES
WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF NEW JERSEY."

Who Knew?

There are a lot of other interesting programs and events taking place in Monmouth County.

JUNETEENTH 2026 IN MONMOUTH COUNTY



Features

Food-Music-Festivities-Guest Speakers-Kid Activities-Community Resources-Quilts-Drumming-Historic Educational Info-Community Parades-Gospel Choirs-Local Business Vendors-Presentations-Meditation-Yoga-Talent Expo-Reenactments-Call & Response-Poetry-Bible Stories-Drum Circles-Spoken Word-BBQ-Free Book Giveaway-Old Time Baseball-Corridor of Creativity

Check Your Local Library for Juneteenth Kid Activities

Note: All Libraires are closed on Fri. June 19, 2026

Juneteenth Menu

Traditional Juneteenth celebrations center on "red foods" and drinks—like hibiscus tea, watermelon, and red velvet cake—to honor the resilience, joy, and bloodshed of enslaved ancestors.

[2026 Juneteenth Events in Monmouth Count - howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com - Gmail](mailto:howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com)

Lists 2 pages of Events on Monmouth County – MacKenzie Museum IS INCLUDED!

[Capt. William A. Prickitt of Farmingdale, NJ carried photo album of officers who served with him in the 225th U.S. Colored Infantry](#)

Source: [Howell Heritage and Historical Society](#)

For general questions or scheduling of a private tour, you can contact the MacKenzie Museum committee members Larry Lastra, Ron Alessi, and Leigh Shaffer at HowellHeritageandHistoricalSoc@gmail.com



A BEAUTIFUL OPEN HOUSE DAY AT MACKENZIE MUSEUM! OUTSIDE & IN!



Enjoying Memories in the
Howell Booster!

The Topic for May was the
Origin of Decoration Day
- we have a few brochures left -
In Case You Missed It!

Howell Heritage and Historical Society

Celebrates another Anniversary!





**IF INTERESTED IN MAKING A
PRESENTATION OR HELPING OUT IN ANY
WAY PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL AT:
HowellHeritageandHistoricalSoc@gmail.com**

2026 Membership / Donation Form

An important way to grow our membership is through word of mouth.
Please consider sharing this form with friends and family who may be interested in joining.

☐ 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 general donation:

Amount: \$ _____ donation

☐ I would like to be added to your email distribution list only:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please send this form & your check, payable to:

Howell Heritage & Historical Society, 2 Ardmore Road, Freehold NJ 07728

Email: howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

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