

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage & Historical Society

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

February 2025 Newsletter

Message from HHHS President, Jude Meehan

Hello HHHS Members,
Spring is almost in the air, although I am still breaking up a lot of ice in my animals water on our farm! As I write this message, it is exactly 39 days until Spring. So, it is getting close.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the meetings. We will keep them to a firm ending of no later than 8:30 p.m. If we do not have much business or a short presentation, we will end earlier.

Fundraising and new members are always wanted and needed at HHHS. Please encourage family, friends, neighbors, etc. to come to a meeting/presentation and join our organization. It is very important that we grow our Society.

The pump organ at MacKenzie is going to receive a "tune up" courtesy of our new member Donna. Donna is planning to play the pump organ at upcoming events at MacKenzie House. It was a great time when our Members and visitors sang songs around the organ during our Victorian Christmas.

Both MacKenzie & Ardena will need spring cleanings inside and outside before we welcome visitors. We can plan to make fun projects out of it. Please share any ideas about anything to help and make HHHS fun and keep our treasures going.

Thank you everyone for your interest, efforts and love for HHHS.

Truly,
Jude Meehan

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www.howellheritagehistoricalsociety.org

Thanks to all of our Society Members who renewed their membership for 2025!

Upcoming Events

HHHS Society Meeting

Ardena Baptist Church, 593 Adelphia Road, Howell
Friday, February 28 starting at 7pm

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Open House

427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell
Saturday, March 15 from 1pm to 4pm

Old Ardena School Open House

Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell
Sunday, March 30 from 1pm to 4pm

2025 Fundraising Event – Cornhole

Contact Ellen McGirr or Margaret Winkelman if you are interested in helping

Volunteers Needed at All Events – Contact a Committee member to find out how you can help

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Meet Our Members

We look forward to seeing our members in 2025. Please join us in welcoming new member, James Estelle to HHHS.

If you haven't joined a monthly Society meeting recently, please consider attending. Family and friends are always welcome. February's meeting will be Friday, February 28.

Old Monmouth Candy Fundraiser

Again this year, HHHS will be participating in the Old Monmouth Candy Sale. HHHS receives a share of the proceeds from the candy sales, helping to support our initiatives. Physical Order forms will be distributed at the February Society meeting or an e-copy of the order form can be found on pages 7-8 of this newsletter. For an original copy of the form, please contact Margaret Winkelman.

Orders must be returned at the March Society meeting. If you cannot make the March meeting, please make arrangements to return your order and payment to Margaret directly.

Margaret Winkelman, Treasurer

Old Ardena School Update

It will be March before we know it and the School will again open its doors for monthly open houses, special events and private tours.

The School committee has developed a calendar of events for 2025. As it is finalized, we will distribute it via this newsletter.

2025 special events will begin with the Schoolhouse Tour organized by the Monmouth County Historical Commission on Saturday, April 5th. The Easter Bunny will also make a surprise visit to the school on Saturday, April 5th as well. The school will also participate in the Weekend in Old Monmouth which will be held on the 3rd and the 4th of May. Please mark your calendars – we hope to see you there.

For general questions or scheduling of a private tour, the School committee members are:

Anne Hartmann, Debbie Frost, Margaret Winkelman and Vicky Arose

Margaret Winkelman, HHHS Board Treasurer and School Committee Member

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Update

On March 15th, the MacKenzie Museum will be beautifully decorated with Cherry Blossoms and offer interesting information on how Cherry Blossoms came to be the topic of a National Festival in America.

April 19th, the MacKenzie will have its share of bunnies and eggs. There will be small gifts for any visitors who are wearing their Easter Bonnets!

Then, May 17, we will be focusing on the 4 Patterson Brothers from Howell who all served in the Civil War. The MacKenzie Museum will also be participating in the Weekend at Old Monmouth, May 3rd and 4th. We hope to see you often for a different historical experience!

Leigh Shaffer, HHHS Board Vice-President and MacKenzie Committee Member

For general questions or scheduling of a private tour, the MacKenzie committee members are:

Larry Lastra, Leigh Shaffer and Ron Alessi

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know some areas of Howell had different names than they do today?

- Adelphia (formally Blue Ball)
- Ardena (formally Turkey)
- Southard (formally Bethel)
- Jerseyville (formally Green Grove)
- Oak Glen (formally Morris)

Visit the Old Ardena School to learn more about these areas, including seeing photos school as well as group photos of students that attended.

Do you know someone who attend Howell schools between 1900-1960? Contact us – we may have them on a school register for the period.

HHHS MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 24, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: HHHS SECRETARY, DEBORAH FROST

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Flag salute and moment of silence by Jude Meehan

Program presented: No special program

Oath will be postponed until February

Business Meeting:

Catherine motioned to accept reports in January newsletter. Bob second.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Jude would like to discuss more in early Spring.

Fundraising: Debbie would like to have the Old Monmouth Easter candy fundraiser again. Members present agreed and Catherine will speak with Margaret.

MacKenzie House: Jude saw the video of Donna playing the organ. Donna told us that people were fascinated with how the organ worked and spoke of sharing the history of Christmas carols at the December event. She would like a professional friend to look at the organ in warmer weather to see if it needs anything. If so, she will absorb any expense. She would like to play patriotic songs in May in honor of Memorial Day.

Ardena School: Debbie is looking forward to a visit from the Easter Bunny in April. Vicky is hoping the bulbs she planted will come up. She mentioned the town event at Oak Glen on April 5th and the schoolhouse tours the same day. Ardena will be open 11:00am to 3:00pm that Saturday. Another special event will be the Old Monmouth Weekend on May 3rd and 4th. Vicky brought up the challenges of shuttle buses and some road blocks the day of the car show when the schoolhouse was also open.

Library: Jude said the library looks good.

Building and grounds: Jude would like to do some yard work on the grounds of the buildings. He also told us that Margaret had suggested painting the garage at MacKenzie. Frank fixed a bulletin board as requested by Margaret. He is not sure if it is of the era of the school.

Bob has been looking into the costs of the security system. He shared information he received from two companies and also discussed a fire inspection in February. He would like Don to look at the contract. Jude would like a private meeting with a township rep as this is a big expense.

New Business:

Monmouth County Regrant: Bob will accept the award from the Historical Commissioner. Jude is thankful for the paperwork Leigh has done.

Vicky motioned to adjourn, Frank second, All approved

HHHS PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2025



ARDENA BAPTIST CHURCH GYM ~ 593 ADELPHIA RD, HOWELL
4TH FRIDAY ~ PROGRAM 7 P.M. ~ BUSINESS MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

If you are interested in presenting at a Society Meeting in 2025, please contact HHHS via email at HowellHeritageandHistoricalSoc@gmail.com

January 24th Program: HHHS Installation of Officers – cancelled due to low attendance
Refreshments:

February 28th Program: HHHS Installation of Officers - rescheduled
Refreshments: Margaret Winkelman

March 28th Program:
Refreshments:

April 25th Program:
Refreshments:
Special Activity: [Western Monmouth School Tour / Ardena School](#)

May 23rd Program: CELEBRATE 6th ANNIVERSARY OF HHHS INC.
Refreshments:
Special Activity: [Farmingdale-Howell Memorial Day Parade](#)

June 27th Program:
Refreshments:

July 25th Program:
Refreshments:
Special Activity: [Monmouth County Fair at East Freehold Showgrounds](#)

August 22nd Program:
Refreshments:

September 26th Program: Slate of Officers Presented by Nominating Committee
Refreshments:
Special Activity: [Howell Day & Green Fair](#)

October 24th Program: Approval of Slate of Officers for 2026
Refreshments:
Special Activity: [Monmouth County Archives & History Day](#)

November & December — No Meetings

HHHS MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

Howell Heritage and Historical Society is now collecting 2025 Dues!

2025 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 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:

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Email: howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

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*Thank
you*

HHHS EVENTS – OLD MONMOUTH CANDY SALE

Old Monmouth Candies

#1  Coconut Cream Eggs Dark Chocolate 5 count gift box \$10.00	#2  Peanut Butter Eggs Milk Chocolate 5 count gift box \$10.00	#3  Non-Pareils Dark Chocolate 7 oz cello bag \$8.00	#4  Milk Chocolate Foiled Eggs 7 oz cello bag \$12.00
#5  Jelly Chicks & Bunnies Assorted Fruit Flavors 10 oz cello bag \$6.00	#6  Pectin Jelly Beans Made With Real Fruit! 10 oz cello bag \$8.00	#7  Chocolate Covered Marshmallow Bunnies 5 count gift box \$8.00	#8  Chocolate Covered Oreo Cookies 5 count gift box \$8.00
#9  Chocolate Covered Pretzels 8 count gift box \$10.00	#10  3.75 oz Molded Chocolate Cross 4 1/4 inches tall \$9.00	#11 Milk #12 White #13 Dark  6 oz Sitting Chocolate Bunny 5 3/4 inches tall \$12.00	#14  15 oz Sitting Chocolate Bunny 8 1/2 inches tall \$22.00
#15  Old Monmouth Peanut Brittle \$8.00	#17  Easter Bag-sket Gift Bag 2.5 oz Bunny 4 oz Foiled Eggs 10 oz Jelly Beans \$20.00	#18  Peanut Clusters Milk Chocolate 8 oz gift bag \$10.00	B1 B2  Our New JUMBO Chocolate Bars \$5.00 each B3 B4

Easter Sunday April 20th

**Old Blommouth Candies
Spring Fundraiser 2025**

Make checks payable to your organization, NOT Old Monmouth
CUSTOMER NAME/PHONE #

Take your customer orders on this sheet. Keep it to make up your orders when you receive your candy.
Total all lines and columns and return lower portion to your Candy Chairman.

*Greetings from
MacKenzie Museum and Library!*



*We are happy to announce
that the
MacKenzie Museum &
Library will Reopen on
March 15th from 1 to 4 pm*

*Celebrating the History of
National Cherry Blossoms*