

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage & Historical Society

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

May 2025 Newsletter

Message from HHHS President, Jude Meehan

Hello HHHS Members,

Another busy month at HHHS...

Catherine & I attended the Monmouth County 250th Anniversary Committee meeting last week. The County discussed the plans they have to celebrate our Nation's 250th Birthday. The meeting was well attended with a lot of enthusiasm. The County was thankful to all of the towns that were participating in "A Weekend in Old Monmouth" and they are encouraging us to be a part of the Nation's 250th Birthday.

Our two dedicated staffs of volunteers at MacKenzie & Ardena are doing a great job showcasing our buildings. Special "thank you" to Frank Pinkus for the railings at Ardena Schoolhouse. We are proceeding with an AC/Heat spilt unit for MacKenzie that is being expensed by Donna and her family. HHHS will be responsible for about \$1,500.00 of the cost. Thank you Donna!

It is exciting seeing our historic showplaces, open, staffed and always ready to welcome visitors. Many of you have worked for years to reach this point. Thank you again to all of you that have volunteered and everything our HHHS Membership does to keep Howell history alive.

Sincerely,
Jude Meehan
(732) 433-3359

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

Upcoming Events

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Open House
427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell
Saturday, May 17 from 1pm to 4pm

Monthly HHHS Society Meeting
Ardena Baptist Church, 593 Adelphia Road, Howell
Friday, May 23 starting at 7pm
Please join us to celebrate the anniversary of HHHS

Old Ardena School Open House
Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell
CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

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

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www.howellheritagehistoricalsociety.org

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HowellHeritageandHistoricalSoc@gmail.com

By snail mail:

Howell Heritage and Historical Society

2 Ardmore Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

HHHS NEWS

Meet Our Members

Attending a Society meeting is a great way to meet others with a love of history as well as listening to the unique presentations held each month. In May, we will recognize the anniversary of HHHS instead of a formal presentation.

We are in need of a presenter for our June meeting. If interested, please contact howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

HHHS Yard Sale

HHHS will again this year hold a Yard Sale at Old Ardena School on Saturday, June 7th (rain date June 8th). Donations of household items will be accepted at the Old Ardena School on Tuesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 5th from 12 to 4pm (please, no books or clothing).

Questions relating to the Yard Sale can be sent to howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

Old Ardena School Update

It's been a busy Spring at the school. Early April saw the Western Monmouth Schoolhouse tour with our special guest, the Easter Bunny on April 5th. We hosted a private tour on April 22 for the Windjammer Questers who came up from Ocean County. We also opened for the last Sunday of the month and were excited to find our new railings by the stairs. Thank you, Frank Pinkus, for taking on the project to support the needs of our guests. We appreciate you!

Old Monmouth weekend saw us open for two days. Anne, Debbie, Margaret and Vicky were on hand to open the schoolhouse for visitors. Weekend in Old Monmouth hosted 44 guests, even with a rainy Sunday. Generous donations totaled \$48 and Gift Shop sales were \$23.

During quiet times when we're open we work on adding to our displays and are continually moving the memorabilia associated with Howell's one room schools to make it more visitor friendly. It also helps us learn about the people who were in Howell many years ago. Grooming our grounds is another of the many activities we accomplish during quiet times. And, when guests arrive it's easy to stop gardening and greet them. It's fun to chat with them as we guide them inside sharing our history.

Need Your Help – Howell School Photos

Come see the changes inside the Old Ardena school. Our most recent change is that we've displayed class pictures associated with most of the schools but we're still looking for **class pictures for our Greenville And Fort Plains schools**. Anyone out there have old class photos to share, pre-1940? Just looking at how the students dressed is sweet. Just a photocopy of the old photo is all we need.

The school committee has also started to compile a list of Howell teachers from the pre-1940 schoolhouses. Come see our display of former Old Ardena School teachers. If you have **pictures of any former (pre-1940) teachers**, we would love to have them. Again, photo copies are accepted.

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

Anne Hartmann, Debbie Frost, Margaret Winkelman and Vicky Arose

Vicky Arose, HHHS Board Trustee and School Committee Member

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Update

There was a lot of excitement at the MacKenzie Museum in April! The Easter Parade theme highlighted Easter Parades in Atlantic City, Asbury Park, and 5th Avenue New York. But, the most fun was having visitors wearing Creative Easter Bonnets and Bunnie Ears! The Windjammer Questers were a delightful group! Please check out the pictures on the MacKenzie page.

A quick change took place from Easter to Patriotic in preparation for the Weekend at Old Monmouth. Many out-of-town guests joined us on Saturday and Sunday. It was wonderful meeting so many interested history buffs! That was just the beginning for "May at MacKenzie" – on May 17th Donna Terkildsen will be playing patriotic music on the pump organ in the parlor. Guests will be able to listen and sing along! We hope you'll join us – this is an event you won't want to miss!

Leigh Shaffer, HHHS Board Vice President & 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?

SPECIAL EDITION – OUR SCHOOL REGISTERS

Our School Registers

By Vicky Arose

We always talk about how school has changed over time. Classrooms had more students in them. In Howell, they were multi-graded classrooms, because it was rural farming area and Farmingdale was a big town, surrounded by Howell. Howell contained many small clusters of homes with a small school as its center. As Margaret and I review the school ledgers to create a searchable database I am more and more intrigued with the past. We always talk about students missing school to assist at home, yet when attendance in the registers is reviewed one can actually see school and attendance were important. There must have been a few 100% attendance certificates handed out each June.

We are inputting the names of the students from each register and creating a searchable data base of information available for each student. The name of the school, the year and grades for each register, the teacher's name and that of each student in the class, along with their address, age, birthday, and grade, if noted are in the register.

Howell Heritage and Historical Society is the depository of numerous school registers, predating the opening of the Consolidated Howell School in 1939. The registers are stored with the society for its research value. The goal is to create a searchable data base that can guide researchers to the correct register to quickly locate their family members.

Each book contains the daily attendance of students. It also lists the days off from school, some even include health records, such as eyesight, cavities, etc. By the 1930s the Adelphia area had classes broken down into Primary (1-3), then 4th, 5th, and 6th, and finally the 7th and 8th graders, with each group having a different teacher. If a student moved in, or out of school, it was noted, and the daily attendance can show the researcher when the child arrived or left.

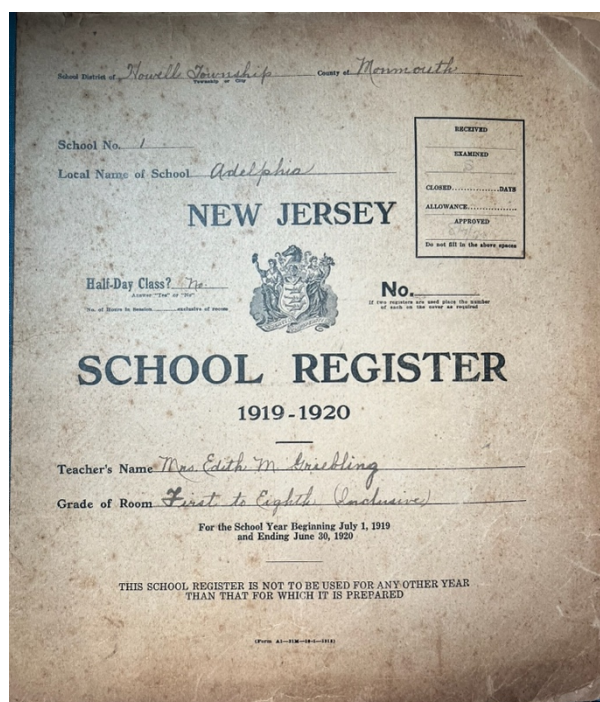
It also notes where they came from, or where they went to upon leaving Howell. Teachers needed to be accountants to keep track of everything related to attendance.

They needed to record the possible days of attendance, the actual number of days a student attended, and then transfer the information to the end of the book and calculate the percent of attendance.

I look forward to seeing this project completed. The family names are familiar: Patterson, Peskin, Miller, Hall, etc. Many of our roads in Howell match the surnames found in the registers. Other names are of the people who helped to bring Ardena # 2 back to Howell from Freehold and get it opened to the public.

I thank those people and their vision of sharing the past with future generations in Howell. They wanted all of us to be able to look back and learn about life in Howell before the Consolidated school opened up and brought all of the children in Howell to current day Ardena School on Adelphia Road with Edith Griebeling serving as its first Principal. The people who were here in the 1970s saw Howell grow and become the large town it is now, but fondly remembered the old quiet days in Howell with just 1 school and shared it with us by preserving Old Ardena, School # 2.

Want to help? Reach out to a school committee member to learn more.



TREASURER’S REPORT THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: TREASURER, MARGARET WINKELMAN

HOWELL HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Monthly Treasurer's Report
For month ending: April 2025

Prepared by: Winkelman, Margaret
Peer Reviewed by:

Balance as of:	March 31, 2025	Operating	Improvements	Total
		\$7,542.41	\$6,651.50	\$14,193.91

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	INCOME TYPE	AMOUNT	DEPOSIT DATE	CLEARED BANK	Earmarked for Payable	NOTE
Date Received							
3/25/2025	Donation - Winkelman	Donations	\$120.00	4/7/2025	4/7/2025	\$0.00	Cash
4/5/2025	Ardena School - Special Event	Donations	\$64.00	4/7/2025	4/7/2025	\$0.00	Cash
4/5/2025	Ardena School - Special Event	Sales	\$5.00	4/7/2025	4/7/2025	\$0.00	Cash
4/5/2025	Donation toward Candy Fundraiser - Hartmann	Fundraisers	\$100.00	4/7/2025	4/7/2025	\$0.00	Check 5000

INCOME TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total
	\$289.00	\$0.00	\$289.00
COMBINED TOTAL	\$7,831.41	\$6,651.50	\$14,482.91

EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE TYPE	AMOUNT	PROCESSED DATE	CLEARED BANK	BUILDING DESCRIPTION	NOTE
Date Received							
4/2/2025	Verizon	Phone	\$63.02	3/31/2025	4/2/2025	Ardena Schoolhouse	
4/5/2025	Verizon	Phone	\$63.02	4/6/2025	4/8/2025	MacKenzie Museum	
4/8/2025	Old Monmouth Candy	Other	\$727.50	4/8/2025	4/9/2025		Fundraiser - Paid Via Debit Card
4/9/2025	Atlantic Security	Other	\$1,469.50	4/9/2025	4/10/2025		Security Deposit - Paid Via Debit Card
4/9/2025	Atlantic Security	Other	\$1,110.50	4/9/2025	4/10/2025		Security Deposit - Paid Via Debit Card
4/21/2025	Atlantic Security	Other	\$1,675.96	4/21/2025	4/21/2025		Security Deposit - Paid Via Debit Card
4/22/2025	Atlantic Security	Other	\$1,395.08	4/22/2025	4/22/2025		Security Deposit - Paid Via Debit Card
4/27/2025	Verizon	Phone	\$63.04	5/2/2025	5/5/2025	Ardena Schoolhouse	
4/27/2025	JCP&L	Power	\$30.17	5/2/2025	5/5/2025	MacKenzie Museum	
4/30/2025	JCP&L	Power	\$10.62	4/30/2025	4/30/2025	Ardena Schoolhouse	

EXPENSES TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total
	\$6,608.41	\$0.00	\$6,608.41

COMBINED TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total
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Balance as of:	April 30, 2025	\$1,223.00	\$6,651.50	\$7,874.50
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Payable but invoices not yet received:
\$271.89 per quarter for security monitoring - FYI
Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission \$100
Biennial Registration

HHHS MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: HHHS SECRETARY, DEBORAH FROST

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Margaret Winkelman
Flag salute and moment of silence by Margaret Winkelman

Refreshments: Provided by Vicky Arose

Program Presented: "Evolution of Transferware from China to England and Beyond" by William A.B. Ditto. Bill brought some beautiful and unique items for us to see, touch, and admire.

Business Meeting:

Prior Meeting Minutes: Approved, motion by Vicky, 2nd by Ron

Treasurer's Report: Approved, motion by Vicky, 2nd by Lynn

Committee Reports:

Finance: There has been no update on the previous account.

Fundraising: Donna attended Farmingdale's Historical Society meeting and shared her plans for a fundraiser at Farmingdale 1st UMC. Contributions from a free will offering will be split 50/50 between FHS and HHHS.

Larry believes the large mirror at Mackenzie has been sold to Evelyn. Margaret is planning a corn hole event. There will be a yard sale at the schoolhouse June 7th, with a rain date of June 8th. Please speak to Ron and Larry if you have items to donate. Intake will likely be on June 4th or 5th. No clothing or books.

Margaret thanked everyone who bought or sold Old Monmouth Candy. The total received from this fundraiser was almost double over last year's!

MacKenzie House: Donna's son couldn't find the pieces to make the mini split he already had work. He researched some sites and believed that an electric 2 zone, 3 ton mini would be the most economical way to go. The cost would be \$1,500 plus shipping. He would donate the wiring and labor. Donna said they would be willing to front the cost. We could pay it back in increments down the road. Donna will ask her son what the monthly utility cost would be and e-mail Margaret with the information.

Margaret thought it would be a good idea to put a comment on social media to request materials for the house and Larry suggested cedar shake donations that someone might have left over from a project. Ann mentioned "Renovators".

April 19th was the Easter Parade event. The table had nice settings, the rooms were decorated, Leigh made posters of Easter parades and had little bags of treats for the guests. Around 2:30pm, the house got busy with visitors. The decor will change after the Quester's visit to get ready for the Weekend in Monmouth.

HHHS MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: HHHS SECRETARY, DEBORAH FROST

Old Ardena School: The school was open the last Sunday in March. We had a visit from the Easter Bunny on April 5th. Margaret worked on the gift shop area. Vicky spoke with interest about the visitors and how different items capture their attention, including the piano forte' poster, pictures, toys, and the bell. One group had visited all 6 schools and said Ardena looked the most like a school. Many guests signed in and we received \$69 in sales and donations. Frank is providing the school with much needed railings and is figuring out a way to anchor them down. Vicky mulched today.

Library: Ann M thought it would be good to have a filing cabinet with 3 or 4 drawers for file folders for research and also a place to put a school attendance book. Ann wants to do genealogy. Margaret thought Leigh would be good at finding something online as she has been on Marketplace. Margaret mentioned that a scout had scanned many items electronically. Ann told us that she first volunteered in the Research Center at Mackenzie house in 1997 and that the library was the focus. Having a library is a requirement in the Township agreement. She said they used to get a lot of students. Larry would like Ann to show members how to help visitors with their research. Larry thought the dining room table could be cleared off and encouraged Ann to have a special Library Day event. It could be put on social media to showcase the library. Margaret suggested a separate planning meeting concerning the steps that need to be done to be ready for research. Ron said that Leigh has done research for people and has made printouts for them. Ann will ask "her girls" (teachers) when might be a good time of year to hold an event like this. Donna suggested that certain items of value could be put on display in a safe and controlled way.

Building and Grounds: At MacKenzie, Jude has been working in the yard, raking, sawing branches, and brought up an old farm tool so it could be seen by visitors. Jude is looking into the cost of hooking up water. The bathroom is unusable.

Old Business: Atlantic set up fire alarm and we have certificates from Howell to be posted.

New Business: None

Future Events: Sunday, April 27th, Old Ardena open house
May 3rd and 4th, both buildings open for the Weekend in Old Monmouth
Saturday, May 17th, Mackenzie Museum open house. Donna will play patriotic music and provide information about the chosen songs. A few organ stops don't work, but it's loud.

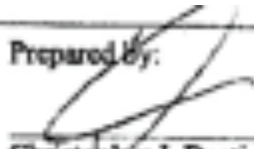
Lynn spoke to TJ Fallon and will set up a date for his "almost presidents" program.

Debbie called the senior who had two items to donate to the museum.

Ron motioned to adjourn the meeting, Donna 2nd. All approved.

MACKENZIE REAL ESTATE AGREEMENT

Prepared by:


Christopher J. Danti,
Attorney at Law, New Jersey

Deed

This Deed is made on 2/14, 2020

Between

THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL

whose post office address is 4567 Route 9 North, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 580, Howell, NJ 07731

and

referred to as the Grantor,

HOWELL HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, A NJ NON PROFIT CORPORATION

whose post office address is P.O. Box 444, Farmingdale, NJ 07727

referred to as the Grantee.

The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall mean all Grantors and all Grantees listed above.

1. **Transfer of Ownership.** The grantor grants and conveys (transfers ownership of) the property (called the "Property") described below to the Grantee. This Transfer is made for the sum of **ONE DOLLAR, 00/100, (\$1.00)**. The Grantor acknowledges receipt of this money.

2. **Tax Map Reference.** (N.J.S.A. 45:15:1.1) Township of Howell
Block No. 47 Lot No. 23

3. **Property.** The Property consists of the land and all the buildings and structures on the land in the Township of Howell, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey. The legal description is:

☒ Please see attached Legal Description annexed hereto and made a part hereof

Being the same premises conveyed to The Township of Howell by Deed from Jessie Mac Kenzie, widow, which Deed is dated October 16, 1982 and recorded November 10, 1982 in the Monmouth County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 4379 at Page 732.

SUBJECT to easements and/or other restrictions of record, if any, municipal ordinances and such facts as an ordinary survey would reveal.

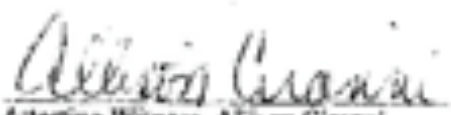
This conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21(f), and was authorized by Resolution of the Township of Howell which was duly adopted at a public meeting held on 9/24, 2019, in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

The street address of the Property is: 427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell, NJ 07731

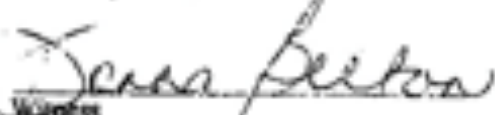
The Township has conveyed this property to buyer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21 which authorizes the private Sale of land to certain organizations for a nominal consideration. Buyer agrees that the property being conveyed Shall be used only for the purposes of restoration, preservation, improvements, and utilization for the benefit of the general public and if the land is not used in accordance said limitations, title thereto shall revert to the Township of Howell without any entry or re-entry made thereon on behalf of the Township.

4. **Promises by Grantor.** The Grantor promises that the Grantor has done no act to encumber the Property. This promise is called a "covenant as to grantor's acts" (N.J.S.A. 46:4-6). This promise means that the Grantor has not allowed anyone else to obtain any legal rights which affect the Property (such as by making a mortgage or allowing a judgment to be entered against the Grantor).

5. **Signatures.** The Grantor signs this Deed as of the date at the top of the first page. If the Grantor is a corporation, this Deed is signed and attested to by its proper corporate officers and its corporate seal is affixed. (Print name below each signature).


Attesting Witness, Allison Ciranni,
Township Clerk

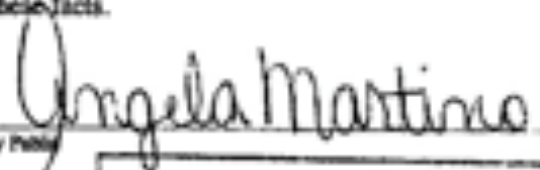

Theresa Berger, Mayor


James Becker

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF Monmouth, ss.:

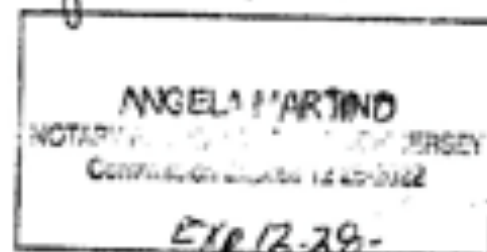
I CERTIFY that on 2/14/2022, Allison Ciranni, Township Clerk, personally came before me and this person acknowledged under oath, to my satisfaction that:

- This person is the Township Clerk of The Township of Howell, the municipal corporation named in the attached document;
- This person is the attesting witness to the signing of this document by the proper corporate officer who is Theresa Berger, Mayor of the Township of Howell;
- This document was signed and delivered by the municipal corporation as its voluntary act duly authorized by a proper resolution of its Council; and
- This person signed this proof to attest to the truth of these facts.


Notary Public

RECORD AND RETURN TO:

R&R
New Dawn Title Agency, LLC
750 Route 73 S, Suite 105B
Marlton, NJ 08053



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: Catherine Schwier – Thank you!

February 28th Program: HHHS Installation of Officers – postponed due to Board absences
Refreshments: Margaret Winkelman – Thank you!

March 28th Program: HHHS Installation of Officers - rescheduled
Refreshments: Debbie Frost – Thank you!

April 25th Program: William A.B. Ditto on “Evolution of Transferware from China to England and Beyond.”
Refreshments: Vicky Arose – Thank you!

Special Activity: Western Monmouth School Tour – Ardena School

May 23rd Program: CELEBRATE 6th ANNIVERSARY OF HHHS INC.
Refreshments: Lynn Barrall

Special Activity: Weekend in Old Monmouth & Farmingdale-Howell Memorial Day Parade

June 27th Program: *OPEN*
Refreshments:

July 25th Program: “Show & Tell”
Refreshments:

Special Activity: Monmouth County Fair at East Freehold Showgrounds

August 22nd Program: Virginia Krzyzanowski on “Making Family Memories (with a focus on genealogy and oral family history)”
Refreshments: Virginia Krzyzanowski

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

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.

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:

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

Email: howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

HHHS is a recognized 501c organization under EIN: 83-4488067

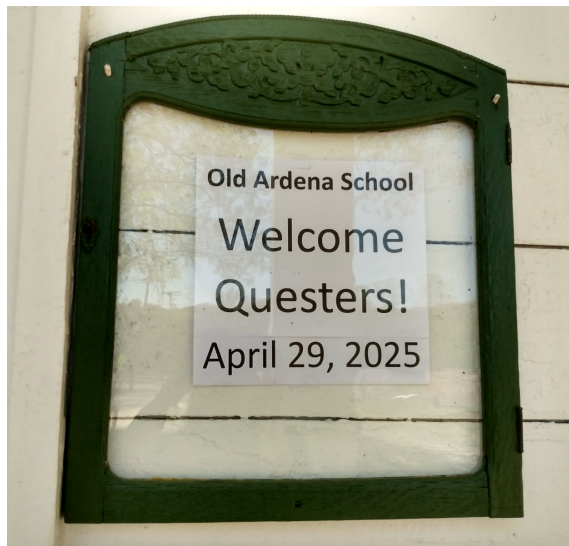


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*Thank
you*

HHHS EVENTS – OLD ARDENA SCHOOL

Questers Private Tour



Weekend in Old Monmouth



HHHS EVENTS – MACKENZIE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

EASTER PARADE THRU MACKENZIE
WELCOME WINDJAMMER QUESTERS



EASTER BASKET TREATS
WELCOME FAMILIES & FRIENDS

HHHS EVENTS – MACKENZIE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

WEEKEND AT OLD MONMOUTH May 3 & 4

