

# HHHS PasTimes

*Howell Heritage and Historical Society – Newsletter – March 2022*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The major undertaking for 2022 is for the exterior wood repairs and painting of the Old Ardena Schoolhouse to be completed. From what we have discovered in the old records, it looks like the last time this was undertaken was in 1996. We have spoken with several contractors for options and bids. We have decided that Cut&Dry Painting in Jackson is the best company to meet our needs.

To bring a visual notice of our intentions, a “Paint Old Ardena” funding thermometer sign has been installed at the Schoolhouse. We are looking to raise the funds necessary to cover the painting, and any “surprise” wood conditions discovered beyond what we already can see. There will be additional avenues taken to spread our fundraising need.

Later in the newsletter are items discussing signups for school prep workdays and open school days. Please check out the dates and times to see if you could be available to assist us.

Also, later in the newsletter, if you missed the installation of 2022 officers at the February meeting, there is a reprint of the Charge to the Officers & Trustees, and the Charge to the Membership.

Looking forward to a busy year with preparations at Ardena, and continued efforts at MacKenzie. Thank you for your continued presence and support!

Bob



**SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE**

**Old Monmouth Candies Fundraiser!**

**YOUR ORDERS WILL BE READY FOR PICKUP AT THE MARCH MEETING. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT LEIGH TO ARRANGE DELIVERY.**

**WE TOOK IN \$1,539.50 IN SALES AND WILL RECEIVE ABOUT 40% IN PROFIT.**



# Old Ardena Schoolhouse Needs Some Love!



This is the last one-room schoolhouse in Howell Township that remains as it was originally intended. In order to keep it open for future generations, we need to repair rotted areas in the clapboard siding, and have the entire building prepared and painted.

You can help bring it back to life, so the schoolhouse can continue to teach our children about the rich educational process, of over 100 years ago, that sent students out into the world prepared for any career they might choose.

From March 4th until July 4<sup>th</sup>

Leigh Shaffer, Howell Heritage and Historical Society Treasurer, will be leading a Solicitation/Donation Fundraiser to acquire the much-needed funds for this project.

Donations of any amount will receive a 501c3 tax deductible receipt.

Any persons or businesses that donate \$250 or more will also have their names on a plaque in the Old Ardena Schoolhouse, separated in donation categories.

Please make checks payable to: Howell Heritage and Historical Society

PO Box 444, Farmingdale, NJ 07727



South side of schoolhouse. Rot along soffit, fascia and edge of roof



West end/Back of schoolhouse



North side of schoolhouse, some rot, chipping paint



East end/Front of Schoolhouse





## CALENDAR FOR 2022

THE PROGRAMS SCHEDULE IS COMPLETE AND YOU CAN SEE THERE IS A WIDE VARIETY OF OFFERINGS. WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY ~ PROGRAM 7 P.M. ~ BUSINESS MEETING 8 P.M.  
WE SERVE REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIALIZE AT EVERY MEETING.

**JANUARY PROGRAM:** GET-TO KNOW EACH OTHER ACTIVITY AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> REFRESHMENTS: LYNN BARRALL **MEETING CANCELLED FOR SNOW**

**FEBRUARY PROGRAM:** BOB NOVAK – SQUANKUM MILL  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> REFRESHMENTS: LYNN BARRALL, VIRGINIA KRZYZANOWSKI

**MARCH PROGRAM:** DON AND ELLEN MCGIRR – HARRY'S HOUSE  
Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> REFRESHMENTS: DON AND ELLEN MCGIRR

**APRIL PROGRAM:** LEIGH SHAFFER, BILL SHAFFER – HISTORY OF TRAINS IN HOWELL  
Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> REFRESHMENTS: BILL SHAFFER, LEIGH SHAFFER, LILY KEANEY

**MAY PROGRAM:** CELEBRATE 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HHHS INCORPORATION  
May 27<sup>th</sup> REFRESHMENTS: ANN MALSURY AND CATHY MCKEE

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL EVENT:** JUDE MEEHAN AND CATHERINE SCHWIER WILL GIVE US A TOUR OF  
SEA GIRT LIGHTHOUSE AND PROVIDE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
4:30 PM AT SEA GIRT LIGHTHOUSE, 9 N. OCEAN AVE., SEA GIRT, NJ

**MAY SPECIAL ACTIVITY:** FARMINGDALE-HOWELL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**JUNE PROGRAM:** T. J. FALLON, VICE PRESIDENT'S GRAVES  
June 24<sup>th</sup> REFRESHMENTS:

**JULY PROGRAM:** T.J. FALLON, DECLARATION AND CONSTITUTION  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> REFRESHMENTS:

**AUGUST PROGRAM:** VIRGINIA KRZYZANOWSKI, BASKETS – FORM AND FUNCTION  
Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> REFRESHMENTS: VIRGINIA KRZYZANOWSKI AND ELLEN MCGIRR

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:** SHOW AND TELL – SHARE MEMORABILIA AND STORIES  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> REFRESHMENTS: LARRY LASTRA AND RON ALESSI

**OCTOBER PROGRAM:** JUDE MEEHAN AND CATHERINE SCHWIER – MILITARY HISTORY  
Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> REFRESHMENTS: JUDE MEEHAN AND CATHERINE SCHWIER

**NOVEMBER – NO MEETING**

**DECEMBER – NO MEETING**

<b>HOWELL HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>				
<b>Monthly Treasurer's Report</b>				
<b>For month ending February 28, 2022</b>				
<b>Balance as of January 31, 2021</b>		<b>Operating</b>	<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>\$2,245.20</b>	<b>\$9,060.02</b>	<b>\$11,305.22</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Date	MEMBERSHIP			
	Kelly Powers	\$20.00		
	Matassa Family	\$30.00		
	Bud & Eileen McIlvaine	\$30.00		
	Madolin Hall	\$30.00		
	Leeann McGirr & Dan Howe	\$30.00		
	DONATIONS			
	Anne Hartman	\$66.00		
	Kelly Powers	\$25.00		
	Cathy McKee	\$10.00		
	Lynn Barrall	\$50.00		
	SALES			
	Old Monmouth Candy Sale	\$1,539.50		
	<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
		\$1,830.50	\$0.00	\$1,830.50
	<b>combined total</b>	<b>\$4,075.70</b>	<b>\$9,060.02</b>	<b>\$13,135.72</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Date	MACKENZIE MUSEUM			
	JCP&L	\$10.06		
	verizon	\$40.07		
	CSS			
	ARDENA SCHOOLHOUSE			
	JCP&L	\$6.09		
	verizon	\$73.80		
	CSS			
	CHUBB Insurance	\$951.83		
	Jude's Crew			
	Old Monmouth Candies			
	<b>EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
		\$1,081.85	\$0.00	\$1,081.85
	<b>Balance as of February 28, 2021</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>\$2,993.85</b>	<b>\$9,060.02</b>	<b>\$12,053.87</b>
				designated for Old Monmouth Candies
				\$1,539.50
				designated for foundation/porch
				\$5,800.00
				designated for chimney
				\$233.63
				designated for Wreaths Across America
				\$165.00
				designated total
				\$7,738.13
				<b>usable funds</b>
				<b>\$4,315.74</b>

**DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE JANUARY MEETING, THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICES WAS DONE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT – ELLEN MCGIRR, TRUSTEE; LEIGH SHAFFER, TREASURER; ANNE MALSBUY, VICE PRESIDENT; BOB NOVAK, PRESIDENT; AND CATHY MCKEE, TRUSTEE. OFFICERS WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND ARE: ANNE HARTMAN, SECRETARY AND LYNN BARRALL, TRUSTEE.**



### **CHARGE TO THE OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

(given at Feb. meeting before Officer Installation)

The responsibility you are accepting is exciting. You are called to be the leaders of this Society which, will make a difference in history delivery to an increasing circle of people in this community.

Let me tell you the inside story about Board membership – the part the bylaws do not cover:

- You will be called on to make sacrifices of your time, creative energy, resources, and money.
- The requirements for serving this Society will come at inconvenient times.
- Your commitment will require more than you presently imagine it will.
- You will be called upon to stretch all of your present problem solving and conflict resolution skills.
- Do not assume your present commitment lightly – to do a good job will require all that is in you.

You have the responsibility much like the founding fathers of our country, to shape this Society, and to design its potential.

Your attitudes and leadership consistency will be pivotal. To the extent you put aside differences and work well with one another, and to the degree you form the vision and work with positive excitement, the Society will flourish.

### **CHARGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP**

(given at Feb. meeting after Charge to Officers & their Installation)

I have just given a rather sobering view of what it takes to lead this organization.

Now, to you, the membership, who have chosen us as your leaders, I must deliver equally sobering news.

You have given us an impossible job. – Impossible that is, without your help and support.

That means – you stand united and support the decisions of the Board.

You probably will not agree with them all.

You register all differing opinions with the appropriate person with this rule: A complaint may not come to the Board without a recommended solution and your personal willingness to be a part of the answer.

Express your appreciation to your leaders often. They are serving at great sacrifice for your benefit.

It is up to you to be positively involved. Assume responsibility for helping your fellow members.

**To the membership,**

With the foregoing understanding, do you pledge your support to us as your chosen leaders?

( Spoken: Please indicate your support by standing as an indication that this board has your full support and assistance )

## ARDENA WORK SESSIONS

Since we are looking to reopen the Ardena Schoolhouse again to the public, we should do some tidying up before “company comes.”

Some initial cleaning out was done last year, but we should go in with more of an “eye” as to how we might like to have artifacts and information presented. Anyone who wants to help will need to bring rubber/plastic gloves, cleaners, vacuum, paper towels, garbage bags, etc. as there is no water (or bathroom) there. I have gallon bottles I can bring water in.

We’re looking at Saturdays March 19 and 26 from 10am to 12noon (or so). If you can’t make those, but have other available days/times, please let Bob Novak know, in either case (732-503-2006).

One priority, is to move a glass display case from upstairs at MacKenzie, over to the school. We will need a couple of people to get it down the stairs - maybe strapped to a hand truck? We are open to ideas on this. It looks like it will fit in my car to take it over. Just getting it out of the house is an issue.



This area between the two foyers was used as a Gift Shop in the past, and can easily be cleaned and restocked.



### ARDENA OPEN HOUSE - 2022

At the February meeting, it was decided to schedule the days that the Old Ardena School would be open to the public, the same schedule as had been several years ago. That would be the last Sunday of the month, from 12pm to 4pm.

March 27

April 24

May 29

June 26

July 31

August 28

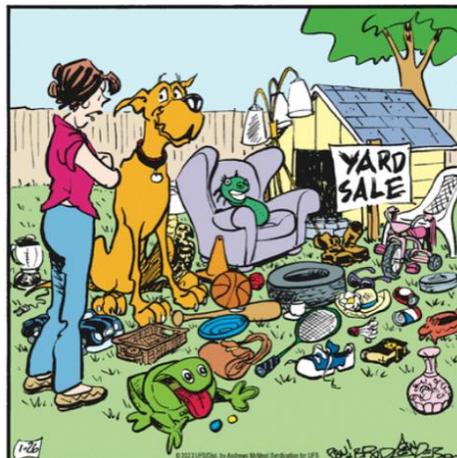
September 25

October 30

We should have at least two members on site at all times. We are looking to find any available decent scripts to aid in speaking to schoolhouse visitors; or we will have to craft one for use. Anyone who is interested in signing up for dates, please let Bob Novak know.

## ~~YARD SALE - APRIL, 1-2~~

**POSTPONED, IT WILL BE HELD AT COLLINGWOOD  
AUCTION, DATE TO BE DETERMINED**



"You take all this stuff back where you found it, right now!"

**Howell Heritage and  
Historical Society  
Now collecting 2022 Dues!**

**2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Particular skills, interests, and/or areas  
where you would like to be involved:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and your check,  
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mail to:

Howell Heritage and Historical Society  
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Farmingdale, NJ 07727

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