

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage & Historical Society

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

March 2025 Newsletter

Message from HHHS President, Jude Meehan

Greetings HHHS Members,

Spring is almost here! Vicky has reported that daffodils have sprouted at the schoolhouse. Both MacKenzie and Ardena are getting ready to see a busy March and Spring season. Our great Membership has the cleanups underway!

Anyone with ideas about fun things to do at Ardena or MacKenzie, please let the Membership know. Remember, all ideas are welcome! Both buildings have some great events planned for this year.

I think we are all looking forward to a grand season of tours, events and fun meetings. Please join us at our next meeting. We have a great group of people and we welcome all suggestions.

Sincerely,
Jude Meehan

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

Upcoming Events

Monthly HHHS Society Meeting

Ardena Baptist Church, 593 Adelpia Road, Howell
Friday, March 28 starting at 7pm

Old Ardena School Open House

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

Old Ardena School Event – Schoolhouse Tour

Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell
Saturday, April 5 from 11am to 3pm

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Open House

427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell
Saturday, April 19 from 1pm to 4pm

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

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HHHS NEWS

Meet Our Members

Attending a Society meeting is a great way of meeting other Society members and our Board of Directors.

Our monthly presentation calendar has availability - if you are interested in presenting a topic at a meeting (or know someone who does), please reach out to HHHS via email at howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

Old Monmouth Candy Fundraiser

The Old Monmouth Candy Sale is under way. HHHS receives a share of the proceeds from the candy sales, helping to support our initiatives. A copy of the order form can be found pages 8-9 of this newsletter. Old Monmouth Candy has been a local business to Monmouth County since 1939. Support both HHHS and a local business by purchasing Easter Candy through this fundraiser.

Please return your order form and payment 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

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 for these special events.

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

April 19th the MacKenzie Museum will be celebrating the History of the Easter Parade. Among the bunnies and eggs, there will be displays of historic Easter Parade photos, and there will be souvenirs for everyone who joins the fun by wearing their Easter Bonnets!

April 29th We will be hosting the Windjammer Questers for a private visit. We're looking forward to their parade of 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 that the HHHS Library Committee organized numerous family biographies at the MacKenzie Museum? This includes biographies of several local families from Howell.

A list of Family surnames are below:

Babcock, Barton, Berges, Burdge
Clark, Clayton, Conover, Cook, Cooke, Cowdrick
Estelle
Forsberg
Goslin
Hall, Howell, Hulshart, Hurley
King
LaFetra, Langlois, Layton
McClellan, Megill
Patterson, Pittenger, Polhemus, Price
Reynolds, Riley
Skidmore, Soper, Southard, Stillwell, Stokey
Thompson
VanHorne
Wainwright, Woolley

If you are interested in learning more about the above families, please visit during a MacKenzie Museum Open House or contact a MacKenzie Committee Member.

HHHS MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28, 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

Program presented: No special program
Installation of officers will take place at a future meeting when more board members can attend

Business Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report: Approved, motion by Frank, 2nd by Larry

Committee Reports:

Finance: Margaret spoke of keeping enough revenue to cover costs through fund raisers, donations, memberships, and tours. Vicky is working on a calendar of events. We have to prioritize the needs of the buildings so they don't deteriorate. Bob gave the first of two checks from the County to the HHHS Treasurer. The next check will be given in July. We thank Leigh for working on the grant.

Fundraising: Bob mentioned special projects grants and the ways other groups have broken down specific requests into smaller chunks. Frank suggested having a plaque made to honor someone who might donate to a project, using the example of windows. Ron had mentioned that a bird had gotten into MacKenzie House. Larry would like to do a Spring and Fall yard sale at the schoolhouse and Margaret will look into a date for the Spring sale.

Margaret requests that candy orders and payment be in by our next meeting in March. Checks can be made out to HHHS. Old Monmouth has been generous with the percentage of sales going to our organization. Arrangements can be made for pick-up or drop off of candy. Larry suggested that people could also pick up their candy at the schoolhouse. Please contact Margaret for arrangements.

Volunteers are needed for the Cornhole event at Woody's. Please speak to Margaret or Ellen. Ellen would also like to include gifts baskets and a 50/50 at the event which will take place on a Sunday, 1:00pm to 4:00pm. We also need a rain date. Ellen is wondering if we should also give shirts to the players.

MacKenzie House: Ron told us about plans for a cherry blossom event, a Questers visit, and an Easter event. The building needs cleaning and he asked for volunteers. Margaret reminded us of the sign-up sheets. James wondered if there was a chance of recording the May 17th event. He had donated a book, "Upon the Tented Field." Donna is concerned about the pump organ and other items in the building due to lack of temperature control. Her family has an HVAC business and would like her son to check out the building. She is also concerned about the roof. Bob, Ann M., Margaret, and Larry shared information on what they knew about either concern. Margaret has used the term "wish list."

Ardena School: Peter Rabbit will be hopping along the bunny trail in April. Our location and parking availability helps bring in visitors, especially when the park has their Easter event. Keep in mind that we are open to tour groups. Margaret reminds us that our answer is "yes."

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Library: Lynn would like to follow up w/ Don on his offer of research. She would like to become more familiar with the library and encourages others to join her. Margaret suggested highlighting family names to bring more attention to the library. Lynn suggested having pictures taken of people doing research and mentioned Lily and Kyle enjoying a book in the old kitchen.

Building and Grounds: We are faced with tough decisions about maintaining the buildings. Bob mentioned a contact in Toms River who doesn't replace windows but is good at getting windows to work again. Larry mentioned that John had, used some shakes he had and some metal patches on MacKenzie's roof. Margaret would like to see more community involvement. That could lead to more help with maintaining the buildings.

Old Business: Bob informed us of the quotes from CSS and Atlantic for the security system. Ellen said that Don reviewed the contracts.

New Business: James and Donna are interested in a meeting concerning the re-opening of the MacKenzie House. The Spring cleaning date would likely be March 12th or 13th. Members can contact Ron or Larry for details if they would like to participate.

Margaret is looking for presenters at future meetings. Lynn will contact her about some ideas, including T. J. Fallon's new program called "Almost Presidents." Ron and Larry mentioned the Hindenburg as a program. James said that his grandfather had a fire log that also included the events of May 6, 1937. Margaret mentioned Bill Ditto.

Larry motioned to adjourn the meeting, Frank 2nd. 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: 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:

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

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

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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 \$3.00	#16  Old Monmouth Cashew 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 B3 B4  Our New JUMBO Chocolate Bars \$5.00 each			

Easter Sunday April 20th

Old Flomouth Candies
Spring Fundraiser 2025

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

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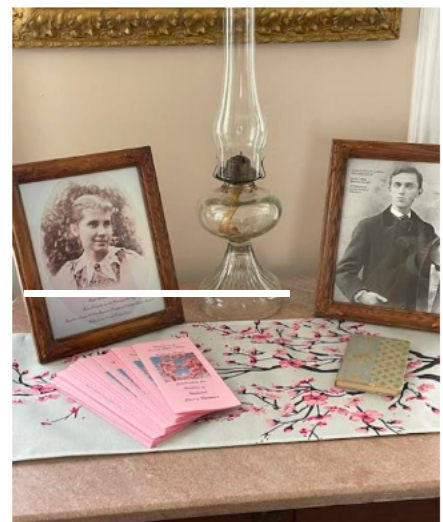
Take your customer orders on this sheet. Keep it to make up your orders when you receive your candy.

Total all lines and columns and return lower portion to your Candy Chairman.

HHHS EVENTS – MACKENZIE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

In Case You Missed It!

The 2025 Opening of the MacKenzie Museum Celebrated the History of National Cherry Blossoms





You're Invited!
MacKenzie Museum and Library!
Please Join the Easter Parade
Thru the Historic Miller's Home!
April 19th
from 1 to 4 pm



Celebrating our History!