

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage & Historical Society

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

August 2025 Newsletter

Message from HHHS President, Jude Meehan

Hello HHHS Members,

Our last meeting we had a wonderful night of "Show & Tell". Many people brought in small keepsakes they have had for over 40-50 years. Great stories came along with the treasures.

MacKenzie House is ready for President Lincoln to move in - AC/Heat and hopefully H2O very soon. Many thanks to everyone making it happen.

Ardena School had a tour this last Sunday. If you have not visited Ardena in a while, please do. We have great volunteers that are always excited to share the school's history.

Many thanks,
Jude Meehan
President
(732) 433-3359

Upcoming Events

HHHS Cornhole Fundraiser Event

Woody's Roadside, Farmingdale NJ
RESCHEDULED FOR SPRING 2026

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Open House

427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell
Saturday, August 16 from 1pm to 4pm

Monthly HHHS Society Meeting

Ardena Baptist Church, 593 Adelphia Road, Howell
Friday, August 22 starting at 7pm

Old Ardena School Open House

Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell
Sunday, August 31 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

In July, we held our annual tradition of “Show & Tell.” What an incredible time was held by all.

We are looking for a refreshment host for the August meeting. If you are interested, please contact howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

Cornhole Event at Woody’s – POSTPONED

Unfortunately, the Corn Hole Event scheduled for August 23 is postponed due to low attendance. Woody’s has agreed to provide us with a date in the Spring, so look out for more details to mark your 2026 calendar!

Please expect to hear from our Treasurer, Margaret Winkelman regarding refund options if you have already paid. Questions can be sent to: howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

HHHS Yard Sale

The Yard Sale will be held at Old Ardena School on Saturday, October 11th. A rain date will be Sunday, October 12th. Designated days to drop off items to the school will be on Tuesday, October 7th and Thursday, October 9th from 12pm to 4pm.

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

Old Ardena School Update

The lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us. Ardena opened for visitors on July 27th. The day was quiet, but we did have visitors, which is why we open. The visitors we had found us using the Old Monmouth Weekend tour booklet. They mentioned using it to visit sites throughout the year and on Old Monmouth weekend they go to places only open for that weekend. If you don’t have the current 2025 tour book, drop in and pick one up and see how things are evolving at Ardena. Use it to see Monmouth County’s history and share information about our sites as you visit the many other historical sites in Monmouth County.

Our open days give us a chance to evaluate and plan our displays and activities. We welcome everyone’s input. Little things mean a lot to fulfilling our mission of keeping history alive in Howell for its future generations.

Special thanks to Bob Novak for helping us with the maintenance of the dehumidifier at Ardena. Our next scheduled opening is August 31, 2025 from 1-4 PM. See you at Ardena!

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

Hi, to our Fellow History Buffs!
Our July Open House went well, celebrating our Grand Old Flag, and those who came met with our surprise visitor, Ms. Betsy Ross (lovingly portrayed by our own Leigh Shaffer.)

Going forward, in August, we will be taking a look at the History of “Big Sea Day.” Still celebrated this very day, in by-gone times, it was quite different. Farmers would spend the spring and summer planting and tending to their crops. On the second Saturday in August, farmers made their annual pilgrimage to the sea. Carriages, carryalls, farm wagons, buggies and every description of vehicle lined the beach near Wreck Pond. They contained jolly picnickers who planned to enjoy the salt water before the harvests would start. Some families arrived early and spent the weekend.

Within the crowds, there were people selling their wares, such as luscious bananas, copious amounts of raspberry lemonade, lager beer and other refreshments. The blue glass spectacle man encouraged the relief of glare from the sun.

Fortunately, our MacKenzie House is newly air-conditioned, thanks to the generous Terkildsen family. So please come “Sea” how we’ll enjoy the memories left by those who enjoyed “Big Sea Day” back in the day.

PS THE BIG SEA DAY is still celebrated on the Jersey Shore on August 15, and disbelievers can check their google account for more information.

Larry Lastra, MacKenzie Committee Member

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

Larry Lastra, Leigh Shaffer and Ron Alessi

TREASURER’S REPORT THROUGH JULY 31, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: HHHS TREASURER, MARGARET WINKELMAN

HOWELL HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY				Prepared by: Winkelman, Margaret			
Monthly Treasurer's Report				Peer Reviewed by:			
For month ending: July 2025							
Balance as of:	June 30, 2025	Operating			Improvements	Total	
		\$1,871.95			\$4,531.23	\$6,403.18	
INCOME	DESCRIPTION	INCOME TYPE	AMOUNT	DEPOSIT DATE	CLEARED BANK	Earmarked for Payable	NOTE
Date Received							
6/27/2025	Ardena School - June Open House	Donations	\$55.00	7/9/2025		\$0.00	
		INCOME TOTAL	Operating			Improvements	Total
			\$55.00			\$0.00	\$55.00
		COMBINED TOTAL	\$1,926.95			\$4,531.23	\$6,458.18
EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE TYPE	AMOUNT	PROCESSED DATE	CLEARED BANK	BUILDING DESCRIPTION	NOTE
Date Received							
6/28/2025	JCP&L	Other	\$113.01	7/3/25	7/7/25	MacKenzie Museum	
7/18/2025	Atlantic Security	Other	\$255.00	7/19/25	7/22/25	Other	XMGTX-3144F Bank Conf #
7/22/2025	Verizon / Final Bill	Phone	\$28.47	7/19/25	7/22/25	Other	972331 - Paid Online Verizon.com/paybill
7/31/2025	Legalized Games of Chance	Other	\$100.00	8/8/25	8/8/25	Other	Bi-Annual Registration Fee
		EXPENSES TOTAL	Operating			Improvements	Total
			\$496.48			\$0.00	\$496.48
		COMBINED TOTAL	Operating			Improvements	Total
Balance as of:	June 30, 2025		\$1,430.47			\$4,531.23	\$5,961.70

HHHS MEETING MINUTES – JULY 25, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: HHHS SECRETARY, DEBORAH FROST

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jude Meehan
Flag salute and moment of silence by Jude Meehan and Catherine Schwier
Refreshments: Margaret Winkelman

Program Presented: Show and Tell. Members were welcome to bring in items to show and share their stories with the group.

Business Meeting:

Prior Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

Approval of June 30, 2025 Minutes and Treasurer's Reports: 1st Catherine, 2nd Vicky

Committee Reports:

Finance: No Updates

Fundraising: Margaret gave us an update on the cornhole tournament. She had 5 teams slotted so far. Up to 40 teams can participate. The cost is \$50 per team of 2. Children can play too. Everyone will play at least 4 games. She has applied for a 50/50 drop ticket raffle. Dine around cards are a possibility. Raffle tickets could be sold in sleeves. A percentage of any food sold was offered by Woody's and will be used to offset the \$100 cost of the MC. There will be a prize for the winning team. The group suggested various locations where posters could be placed to advertise the event.

MacKenzie House: Jude said that the property looked great. Leigh said that Donna knows of someone who might be able to hook up water. Donna said that her grandson works for his company and they would do this for a tax receipt. They would do it gratis. The air conditioning is hooked up and it's cool and comfortable. If the dehumidifier is not needed, Leigh will donate \$100 to the society because she could use it. Seven or eight people visited the Mac for the Betsy Ross event and took a lot of pictures.

Old Ardena School: Open house is the 27th. Charles Hall had outlined information in 2000/2001 about work that had been done at the school. It was evident he was thinking about the future and what that would mean to people taking care of the school. Vicky mentioned she and Elijah had planted bulbs together and reminding him of it so he would have that memory 25 years from now. Margaret mentioned the gentleman who had done research at the school last month and his \$20 donation. Making the registers available for him to look at was a good experience. Margaret is waiting for state approval for our annual 50/50. She received a draft of the ticket from the printer and would like to pull the winning tickets at the end of November.

Library: No Updates

Building and Grounds: No Updates

September meeting: Lynn mentioned a scheduling conflict for our usual space. She is looking into the possibility of using the sanctuary space or changing our meeting date or T.J.s visit.

Wreaths Across America: Leigh was disappointed that the ceremony at Southard was not approved.

Gifts for Mackenzie: Bill Ditto donated antique items to MacKenzie house.

Motion to adjourn by Jude, Catherine 2nd

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 – Thank you!

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

June 27th Program: Leigh Shaffer – Research Requests for HHHS

Refreshments: Frank Pinkus – Thank you!

July 25th Program: “Show & Tell”

Refreshments: Margaret Winkelman – Thank you!

Special Activity: Monmouth County Fair at East Freehold Showgrounds

August 22nd Program: No Formal Program

Refreshments:

September 26th Program: TJ Fallon!

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

2026 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 ARDENA SCHOOL



Old Ardena Schoolhouse #2

Sunday, August 31st

1pm to 4pm

Admission is Free

✉ Howellheritageandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

HHHS EVENTS – MACKENZIE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

JULY OPEN HOUSE -1776 and pictures with Betsy Ross



Thank You, Terkildsen Family!

There are not enough words to thank you for your generosity!

One of the most important things a historical house needs is temperature control. Thanks to the Terkildsens, we now have a newly installed mini-split, heating and cooling system with separate thermostats for upstairs and down.

We asked Donna to provide information for you regarding the expertise provided to install this wonderful equipment. Here is her response:

Hi All,

Here is some information on our family business.

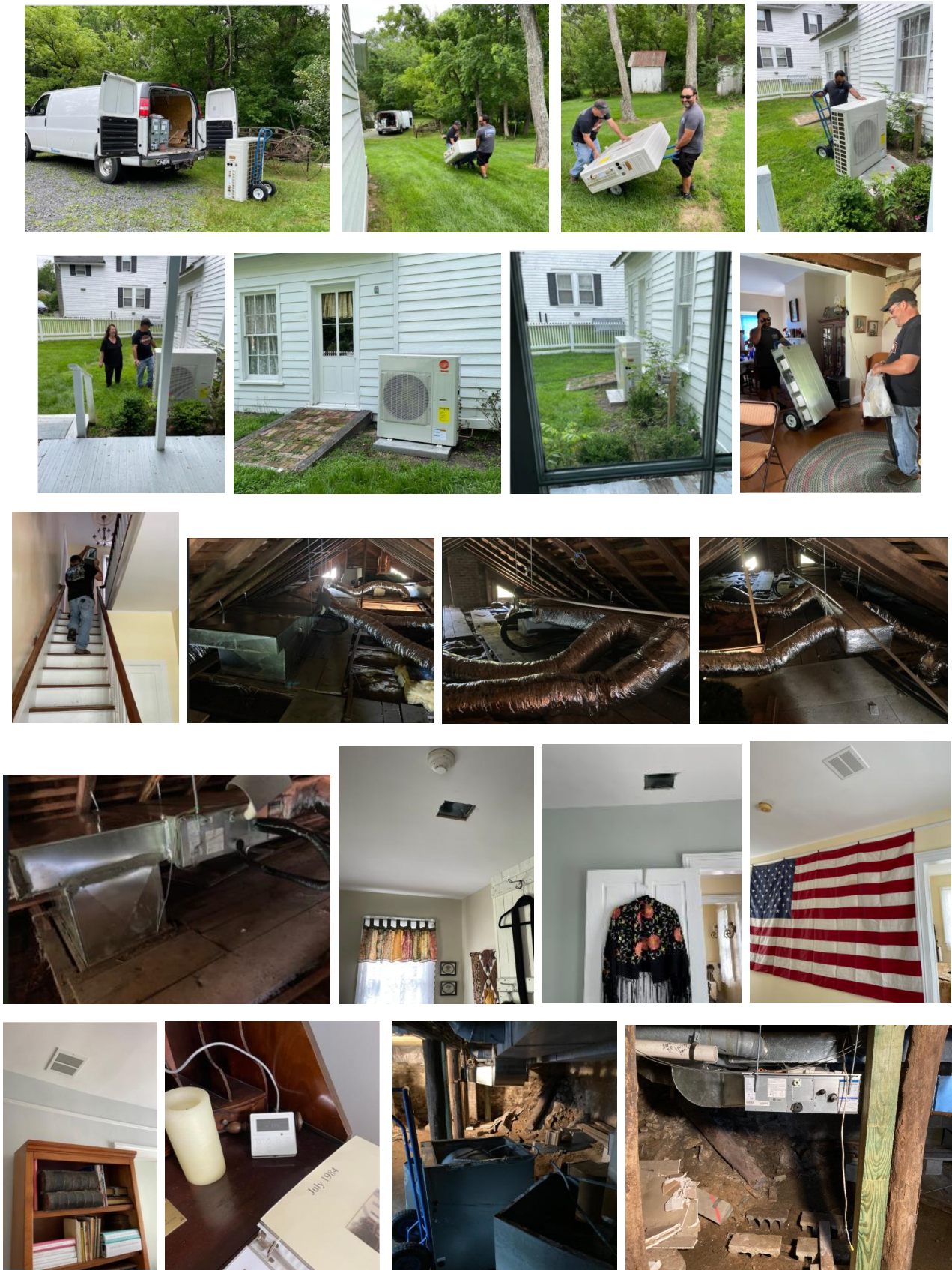
Terkildsen Refrigeration started out as a sole proprietor in December 1986 with Robert Terkildsen owner. We located our business at 4 Central Avenue, Farmingdale, NY in 1989. After Raising 4 sons, Robert and Donna decided to form Terkildsen Refrigeration LLC in February of 2005. We are a 4th generation family business that started with Donna's Paternal Grandfather Carmen Cupo, to her father Vincent Cupo to her husband Robert and then their sons.

Our company also does structural steel, ornamental metals, commercial HVAC, build and design custom duct-work, railings interior and exterior and many other tasks. We are also owners of RTR Trailers, which build aluminum enclosed race car trailers.

Donna's love of history wanted to create conditioned air for Mackenzie House so that this living museum may be preserved well into the future. We decided to donate our supply and labor to a mini split system that would do the job efficiently both with cost and electric usage. Robert and Donna's sons Robert V. and Stephen along with our employee Marco Dominguez completed the installation. We required only the cost of the mini split and the shipping cost. We have assumed the rest of the cost as our donation to Howell Historical Society. This has been our pleasure!

Donna Terkildsen

HHHS EVENTS – MACKENZIE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY



**Imagine the Yard of this 170-year-old Schoolhouse
being filled with
COOL STUFF YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT!**



It's going to happen!

OCTOBER 11th 10am-3pm (RAIN DATE OCT. 12th)

OLD ARDENA SCHOOLHOUSE

Corner of Old Tavern and Preventorium Roads, Howell

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**Donations of items to sell will be accepted!**

**DROP OFF OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 12noon-4pm**

**Please do not leave items at any other time, unless you  
contact the email address for a scheduled appointment!**

**[HowellHeritageandHistoricalSoc@gmail.com](mailto:HowellHeritageandHistoricalSoc@gmail.com)**

# HHHS EVENTS – VICTORIA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 12, 2025



*Please Save the Date! December 12<sup>th</sup>*  
*Victorian Christmas Concert - 7 pm*  
*1894 Victorian Gothic Church*  
*Farmingdale Methodist Church, 8 Main Street, Farmingdale, NJ*  
*Hosted by, and for the benefit of,*  
*Farmingdale & Howell Heritage Historical Societies*

**UPDATE: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**  
**FROM: Leigh Shaffer, HHHS Vice President**



**I am very disappointed to report that  
Howell Heritage and Historical Society  
will not be able to host  
National Wreaths Across America Day  
CedarLawn/Southard Cemetery in 2025.  
I was unable to get approval from the  
Cemetery.**

**I hope you will join another ceremony to  
Honor Our Fallen Veterans.  
Thank you for your support,  
Leigh**