

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage & Historical Society

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

October 2025 Newsletter

Message from HHHS President, Jude Meehan

Greetings HHHS Members,

Our Members were treated to a wonderful talk and slideshow by TJ Fallon on graves of celebrities. TJ will be back for our next meeting to do a different program, so please join us. TJ is very entertaining, you will not be disappointed.

Unfortunately, this past weekend the Yard Sale was put on hold due to The Nor'easter. We will try again.

A few projects are in store for both Ardena and MacKenzie. We will be doing a landscape cleanup at the school. MacKenzie will be getting a basement clean out, mainly brick, block and old HVAC machinery.

MacKenzie will be hosting events all year thanks to our new HVAC system. Ardena will have events up until Christmas.

We also kicked off the HHHS 50/50 raffle. Please buy tickets and let your family, friends and neighbors know they can buy tickets to support our wonderful organization.

Exciting times at HHHS. Please join us and help support Howell's History. Remember any suggestions for fundraising and events you may want to host, please reach out.

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

Upcoming Events

Lighthouse Challenge (Supported by Jude & Cate)

Sea Girt Lighthouse

9 Ocean Avenue North, Sea Girt NJ

Saturday & Sunday, October 18 and 19 from 8am to 6pm

Yard Sale *NEW DATE*

Old Ardena School Open House

Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell

Saturday, October 18 from 10am to 3pm

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Open House

427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell

Saturday, October 18 from 1pm to 4pm

Monthly HHHS Society Meeting

Ardena Baptist Church, 593 Adelpia Road, Howell

Friday, October 24 starting at 7pm

Old Ardena School Open House

Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell

Sunday, October 26 from 1pm to 4pm

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HHHS NEWS

Thank you TJ Fallon for presenting at September's meeting. An incredible presentation on Presidents and V.P.s who ran and lost was shown. You can follow TJ on YouTube under "Dead History".

For our October meeting, TJ will be back! TJ has kindly offered to hold a second presentation for our October meeting "Helter Skelter – Sites, Locations and Graves of Crimes through history". Don't miss it!

The Nominating Committee will also be presenting their Slate of Officers.

HHHS Yard Sale - *NEW DATE*

The Yard Sale will be held at Old Ardena School on Saturday, October 18th from 10am to 3pm. Thank you to Ron & Larry for organizing the fundraiser and to everyone who donated items to sell.

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

Old Ardena School Update

October is here. The committee at Ardena is excited about our many upcoming events. We have a scheduled private tour later this month, along with the monthly Open House on Sunday, October 26 from 1-4pm. Come and learn about Johnny Appleseed, an American folk hero, and candy history, since everyone craves sweets as Halloween approaches this October. We will also be open on November 30, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will once again join us on Saturday, December 6, for photos with Howell's families and their pets.

The Ardena volunteers working at our September Open House greeted our guests, and expanded their own knowledge about our collections in the building. We are an old school house, yet we have some non-school items commonly found in a home during the late 1800s. One unique item is a butter churn, a curiosity to many of our visitors. We also have a "new" desk, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Higgins of Pt. Pleasant, who had visited over the summer. This desk, and its style, a modern update for schools in the 1930's, might have replaced the desks found in Ardena #2 when Howell's new modern Consolidated School opened. Drop in and see these items. The yard sale, needed to be

rescheduled most recently due to the Nor'easter. Our 50/50 raffle will be pulled on November 30 at 4pm. These fundraisers are so important, as they help provide the funds needed to keep on the lights for both of HHHS buildings. Please support the 50/50 and set aside the evening of December 12 for a Christmas Concert event in Farmingdale.

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 & School Committee Member

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Update

Happy Fall and Harvest Time from MacKenzie Museum!

Life is always busy at MacKenzie – "In Case You Missed It" – visitors in September were fascinated by the life achievements and artwork of Corwin Knapp Linson. Please check out the photos later in the newsletter. As a result, it has been suggested that we present a Corwin Knapp Linson program at a monthly meeting in the New Year.

This month we are offering a fun time to celebrate Halloween with a comical nod to Capt. and Mrs. Prickitt. We hope that on Sat. the 18th, you'll make 2 stops, please visit MacKenzie to be entertained, and then head on over to the Ardena schoolhouse for the Yard Sale, where there will be loads of stuff you can't live without!

In November and December, we will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas as decorated in the Historic Miller's Home.

At the MacKenzie Museum, we plan something special each month, so we hope you'll stop in often to see what we're highlighting; always focused on the history and families connected to the house. Lower Squankum, and Howell Twp as a whole. Next year, we will be focusing on Revolutionary War stories in Howell, 250 Years ago! We hope to see you often! If you are unable to visit on scheduled Saturdays, we are always willing to provide private visits. Happy Holidays!

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

SPECIAL EDITION: The Pine Robbers of Monmouth

SUBMITTED BY: HHHS SOCIETY MEMBER, ANN MALSBUY

The Pine Robbers of Monmouth

Submitted by Ann Malsbury

Written by Major John C. Patterson Jr.

Major John C. Patterson (1834-1918) was born in Ardena and one of four brothers who served in the Civil War. He was in the 14th NJ Volunteers. After the war he served in the NJ State Militia and the U.S. Life Saving Station at Sandy Hook. Two years ago the U.S. Coast Guard commissioned a cutter in his name and honor.

Much has been written of these bold and desperate at times, and at other times beastly cowards, and much can still be written of them. What I am about to write was told to me by my father who was born in 1790 and who when grown to manhood lived as neighbor to many who lived in terror of these desperados.

Fenton as the leader of these robbers in Monmouth County. He learned his trade as a blacksmith in Freehold, the County seat of Monmouth. He had a desperate band of men under him. At one time they became very hold and actually took possession of this village of Freehold and held it for eleven days. This was about the closing year of the Revolutionary War. Most of the men were serving in the New Jersey Line or in some body of troops.

The Pine Robbers were driven out by a body of light horsemen commanded by Light Horse Harry Lee.

Fenton used to start off from the dens where they congregated and would arrange himself a stopping place and when hunger drove him out he would go to some near by farm where he knew there was no men folks and demand a meal and provisions to take with him to his hiding place. Two days after the Battle of Monmouth he came to a family by name of Cooper who lived about 2 1/2 to 3 miles Southeast from Freehold. He came very early in the morning. The Mother and two daughters 14 and 16 years old were the only persons home. Fenton demanded of the mother food, and with an oath told her to be quick about it and not be up to any tricks or he would soon finish them. His first demand was milk, sweet milk. Mrs. Cooper had none, so sent the girls to milk a cow.

After the Battle of Monmouth a number of men deserted from Sir Henry Clinton's army. While one of the girls was milking the cow near a large track of dense woods, the sister saw five men come out of the wood and start toward them. They were dressed in bright red uniforms. Much frightened, the girls fled to the house, and upon reaching near the door one of them cried, Oh Mother here comes a lot of soldiers. That was enough for Fenton. He took one look out the door. Not daring to come out the front door he made a bolt for the back door. Some 2 or 3 years before this incident in the career of Fenton happened, the rear part of Mrs. Cooper's house had been torn down (It was a log house) and used in other places. The native stone wall of the cellar had been removed. The cellar had not been filled up, and naturally a rank growth of weeds sprang up. As Fenton ran toward the rear door he made a terrible threat against Mrs. Cooper. She in fright ran out doors. Fenton bolted through the door and not seeing the hole for weeds fell prostrate about 6 feet, jumping to his feet as the girls watched him, he rushed through the weeds and as he reached the opposite side of the cellar made a jump but missed and fell back. The oldest girl, who was not afraid of Fenton, ventured to say "Here are the soldiers Mr. Fenton". This only frightened him the more. He made a bound and landed on the bank. With the speed of a deer he made for the swamp nearby.

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The soldiers came on to the house. They were unarmed and proved to be Hessians. Mrs. Cooper could not understand hardly a word of what they said, but understood from their motions they were hungry and wanted to drink. She gave them what she had prepared for Fenton and gave them the milk to drink. They did not offer to molest Mrs. Cooper or her daughters.

By signs and a few understood words they made Mrs. Cooper understand that they wanted to change their uniforms for other clothes and wanted to know in what direction Philadelphia lay. She made them understand she had no clothes, and by pointing, directed them toward Philadelphia.

After the Battle of Monmouth quite a number of the men of the neighborhoods were allowed to go to their homes for a few days. Naturally they would hunt for Pine Robbers. Fenton left his hiding place in "Old Tinker Swamp" and was not seen anywhere about there afterward.

One of the dens of these bold robbers of women and children was about 2 miles South West from the old Tavern now standing and known as "Our House Tavern". This house is located on the road leading from Freehold to Manasquan.

Their den was just South of the Manasquan River located in dense growth of Pine and Oak. I have been to this den with my father 70 years ago when much was in evidence of the cave in the hillside where they lived and from where they sallied forth to prey on defenceless women and children. The place was dark and gloomy even then, and boy like, I thought I could see Pine Robbers peeping from behind the big pines.

At the time I am writing this old tavern was kept by a Mrs. Harris who lived to a good old age and with my father often conversed. Fenton used to come to this tavern to get rum and force Mrs. Harris to provide him food. These robbers when coming to the tavern crossed the dam of the old Longstreth Mill that stood along the bank of the Manasquan River about a half mile from the tavern, leaving one man at the old mill to watch. Fenton would come on to the tavern where he held up more than one man and made him pay toll with the threat if he didn't pay he would burn his buildings.

This old tavern of which we will have more to say later on proved to be the attraction that was the undoing of Fenton.

This gang of robbers had two or three dens. Moving from one to the other when too hard pressed. One of these of which we write was situated along the road leading from Squankum to Colt's Neck, at a place called "Hominy Hills" just West of a dense cedar swamp of many acres, the road dividing the swamp from the hills, this swamp was known as "Hock-Hockson Swamp". Just below (East) the place now known as Allaire, the deserted city was then called by no special name. The place named was the home of Major Dennis, who was serving in the New Jersey Line as Major. These robbers had made threat against Major Dennis and all living anywhere near him, these threats had been carried to Mrs. Dennis by sympathisers with the robbers.

Finally the plans were laid to rob the Dennis home. Some friend of the robbers having told them that Mrs. Dennis had money. About this time a man by name of Smith had joined the robbers. He was trying to prove to them that he was one of them, but he joined to help exterminate them or die in the attempt. His name was not Smith. From somewhere near the robbers procured a wagon in which to carry their plunder and the following (night?) started through the wilderness of woods to rob Major Dennis's home. Smith was driving the horse. When they had arrived near Major Dennis's home they halted to spy out the premises and find if there was any men around. Smith had persuaded them to let him act as spy as he knew the Dennises. There was in this party Fenton leader, Fagan, Burke and Smith. Smith had reached the house and was telling Mrs. Dennis that the Pine Robbers were near by

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and were about to rob her and probably worse. Smith advised her if she had money to give it up as it might be better for her. She told him she had none and in a moment the other three were at the door, Smith went and told them that there was no men about.

Fenton told Mrs. Dennis he wanted whatever valuables she had and her money. She told them she had none. Fenton and Burke tore up the feather bed, tore up the carpets, hunting in any place that would likely to conceal valuables. Mrs. Dennis had a married daughter with her with a young child. These two had ran from the side of the house opposite to the side the robbers came to a nearby swamp. They were seen and fired at but their air was poor so they escaped. The man that worked for Major Dennis had gone with the team and wagon to a near by mill to have some grain ground.

Not funding any money the robbers were very angry and decided to hang Mrs. Dennis using a clothes line for the purpose. Smith tried to persuade them to spare her life, but the other three prepared to put into execution what they decided to do. There was a large cedar tree very near the door of the house. The robbers had heard a gun fired not far away and had become frightened. What they done was very hastily done. This, no doubt, was the salvation of Mrs. Dennis. She was a slight woman; the rope was adjusted about her neck, her hands tied behind her, the rope was thrown over a limb. Fenton and Fagan drew Mrs. Dennis' feet from the ground, tied the rope around the tree and catching their guns ran to where they left their wagon, soon disappearing in the forest. Mrs. Dennis' first severe struggles had loosened the knot around the butt of the cedar allowing her to slip toward the ground so that her feet rested on the ground. She had presence of mind to remain perfectly still while the robbers could see her, being afraid if she drew their attention they would shoot her. Just at this time the man and team came in sight, the robbers or one of them fired at him and missed. He sprang from the wagon and took to the swamp, the team coming to the barn without him. The daughter had seen from the swamp what was done to her mother, supposing, of course, that she was dead. As soon as she could in safety she left the swamp and approached her mother. You can imagine her surprise and joy when she heard her mother say 'I'm all right' "You had better go back until they are further away, they may come back". In. short time she came to her mother and relieved her of the line about her neck. My father was intimately acquainted with this daughter and conversed with her about the hanging of her mother.

After this trouble the Dennises became very uneasy, sending word by a returning soldier to Major Dennis that they wanted to be placed somewhere safe from these desperate characters.

Very soon after Fenton and Fagan decided to go again to the Dennis place. Take all they could carry, and burn the buildings. Smith after they had set the night to be sent a messenger to Shrewsbury town for a detail of "Minute Men" to lie in ambush along the old Indian trail road near Wayside and as they passed just at night shoot the robbers. Smith was driving the horse and Fenton, Fagan and Burke were walking behind. When they had reached the right spot the soldiers fired, killing Burke and morally wounding Fagan. Fenton and Smith escaped, both in the wagon. They lashed the horse to high speed and returned to where they had started. Sympathising friends soon learned what had taken place, came and took the body of Burke and buried it. Fagan was taken to a friends house where he soon died. He too was burned, the place known to some loyal patriot who by some means informed the Loyal Legion of Freehold, a party of these men came at once, disintered the boy of Fagan and took it to Freehold.

They wrapped it in canvas and then bound it in chains, took it to a large Chestnut tree about a mile East of Freehold and hung it with a chain leaving it there to sway in the wind as a warning to others of the same band. Eleven of them were hung on this same tree that stood on the roadside of the main road from Freehold to the seashore. Fenton and Smith disappeared, returning to their old haunts.

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SUBMITTED BY: HHHS SOCIETY MEMBER, ANN MALSBUURY

We will now return to the place that seemed to draw Fenton, “Our House Tavern”. He knew he was being hunted like a wild beast. A number of his band had been killed or hung. Smith had left the robbers and taken his proper name had enlisted in the body of Light Horse at Freehold, still working for the extermination of this organized body of murderers.

The troops with which Major Dennis served were stationed at Elizabeth Port, N.J. He applied for a leave of absence to return to his home to care for his family. He did not reach his home alive. He had ridden across country to Colts Neck and took the road to go to his home by way of Squankum. He was ambushed and shot, no doubt by the Pine Robbers. His body was found in the road near Hoch-Hockson Swamp and conveyed to his home. His family left soon after and moved to near Allentown, Monmouth County, where the widow again married and lived many years.

In one of Fenton’s trips by the old mill on his way to the old tavern he met a young fellow by the name of Van Mater who was riding a horse with a bag of meal cross the horse in front of him. He was about 17 years old. My father was intimately acquainted with him. Fenton, threatening to shoot him, ordered him from his horse and breaking a huge limb from a roadside bush whipped him fearfully and then striking the horse started him for his home, took the bag of meal, and started the young man for his home on foot. This young fellow was no coward, he swore vengeance on Fenton and all his partners in crime. Van Mater went to Freehold and reported the outrage to the Commander of the small body of troops stationed there, telling him he believed they could get Fenton at the old tavern.

In these days in the fall the farmers quite often would lead a wagon with a part of a load of corn and drive to the head of Barnegat Bay (now Bayhead) and trade the corn for “Moss Bankers”. Van Mater made the acquaintance of Smith. The two arranged their plan to trap Fenton. They had to go about it carefully. They procured a team from Van Mater’s father and a wagon with good high body, placed in it first some hay on which two armed soldiers lay covered near the tail board with more hay and in the rest of the body they loaded corn. Van Mater and Smith were on the seat. With this they had what was considered in that day useful, a jug of rum. They left Freehold so as to arrive at Our House Tavern about 10 A.M., driving up to the tavern they stop’d to water their horses and learned from Mrs. Harris that Fenton had not been there that day but would probably be over the next day. They returned to Freehold and the next morning made the same trip. They drove up to the tavern. The first person they saw was Fenton, he was sitting just inside the door with his rifle across his knees. He came toward them and with an oath wanted to know where they were going. Smith was disguised, Van Mater was not. Fenton recognized Van Mater and cursing him, said he did not think he would show his face there again. Winding up with the remark that he ought to shoot him (Van Mater). They told Fenton they were going to the head of Barnegat Bay to trade corn for fish. He walked up close to the wagon and asked if they had anything to drink. They answered yes, he told them to hand it out. The whiskey was in a gallon jug. Van Mater lifted it the wagon wheel, Fenton rested his rifle against the wheel and stooping a little leaned the jug from the wheel to the mouth and commenced to drink. Smith gave the signal. The soldier farthest from Fenton loosened his rifle in the hay and fired point blank at him shooting the top of his head off. And thus died Fenton the leader of the Pine Robbers of Monmouth. His body was thrown in the wagon, they drove rapidly to Freehold, where he was buried.

Fenton gone, the few that were left kept hid in the dark recesses of the swamps and pines, only venturing out as hunger and other causes forced them. Then they would go to the homes of sympathisers and from them learn what their fate was likely to be.

All that we can call to mind as still holding forth in Monmouth were Burke, McDonald, Bacon and West.

SPECIAL EDITION: The Pine Robbers of Monmouth (continued)

SUBMITTED BY: HHHS SOCIETY MEMBER, ANN MALSBUY

The Revolutionary War was ended and quite a number of soldiers returned to their homes. A number of the families of these returned soldiers had suffered from these black hearted villains and they determined to help hunt them as you would hunt wolves. Burke and McDonald soon met a fate similar to Fenton. West was hunted by a veteran soldier whose family and all his farm buildings had suffered at the hands of West and others. West was the recognized leader. They took the women and children and tied them so they were helpless and then tying them to trees standing close to these buildings, set fire to the buildings left them. Had it not been for kind neighbors who at the risk of being shot from ambush by the sneaking robbers released them, they no doubt would have perished.

This soldier who decedents are respected citizens of Monmouth, learned that West was staying in the dense swamp near "Walns Mills" in the Westerly part of Monmouth County and that he frequently visited a woman in a house near the mill. Getting a friend who had informed him of these visits to help him, he watched from the swamps for nearly a week and at last located him as being in the neighborhood and visiting his friend. The soldier had his friend go to the front door of the house, knock on the door and insist on seeing Jim West. The soldier took a position in rear of the house behind a large tree. Soon West made a bolt from the rear door of the house and as he passed the soldier he shot him and then disappeared in the swamp and the next day returned to his burned home and rebuilt a shelter for his family.

Bacon fled into Burlington County and from there into Gloster County pursued by Capt. Shreeve with a small body of light horse cavalry. He escaped across the Delaware into Pennsylvania, here Capt. Shreeve gave up pursuit. Bacon the last of the Pine Robbers of Monmouth was never seen or heard of again.

My father lived with this soldiers brother who was also a soldier. One of Washington's guides across the Jerseys, from the time he was 12 years of age until he was 18 years old and was familiar with the man who slew the last Pine Robber.

TREASURER’S REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 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: September 2025							
Balance as of:	August 31, 2025		Operating		Improvements	Total	
			\$1,274.24		\$4,531.23	\$5,805.47	
INCOME	DESCRIPTION	INCOME TYPE	AMOUNT	DEPOSIT DATE	CLEARED BANK	Earmarked for Payable	NOTE
Date Received							
		INCOME TOTAL	Operating		Improvements	Total	
			\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
		COMBINED TOTAL	\$1,274.24		\$4,531.23	\$5,805.47	
EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE TYPE	AMOUNT	PROCESSED DATE	CLEARED BANK	BUILDING DESCRIPTION	NOTE
Date Received							
9/15/2025	JCP&L	Power	\$46.20	9/15/25	9/17/25		
9/5/2025	JCP&L	Power	\$192.34	9/15/25	9/17/25		XTCK8-SMBCP
9/22/2025	Atlantic Security	Other	\$255.00	9/22/25	9/23/25	Ardena Schoolhouse	Security - Overdue
		EXPENSES TOTAL	Operating		Improvements	Total	
			\$493.54		\$0.00	\$493.54	
		COMBINED TOTAL	Operating		Improvements	Total	
Balance as of:	September 30, 2025		\$780.70		\$4,531.23	\$5,311.93	

HHHS MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Larry

Program Presented: TJ Fallon entertained us with his “Almost presentation”
Refreshments were provided by Lynn

Business Meeting:

Prior Meeting Minutes & Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Frank, 2nd Vicky to approve August Meeting and Treasurer’s Reports

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Proposed slate of nominees presented: President, Jude, Vice President, Margaret, Treasurer, Leigh, Secretary, Debbie, Trustees, Catherine, Vicky, and Donna. Motion to accept, Vicky, 2nd, Larry.

Finance: No Updates

Fundraising: Yard Sale: Larry is asking for help. The sale is October 11th with a rain date of the 12th. Jude will be bringing tables.

MacKenzie House: Jude had a great time! Wonderful job on the poster boards! He appreciated the climate control. He's pushing ahead with the water that we are trying to get at no cost to us. He mentioned our Councilwoman, Evelyn, and is hoping the township will help.

There were a few false alarms and Margaret met with the company today for them to fix it.

Old Ardena School: The shutter located between the 2 doors pulled out in front. Wind may have been the cause. Frank will check it out.

Table Donation: Lynn accepted a table from Ardena Baptist Church and offered it to the schoolhouse. It was gladly accepted by Vicky for the school.

Library: Jude said, "What a treasure," referring to the Boosters and their interesting ads. He thanked the library committee.

Building and Grounds: A split rail fence and a gravel path from the upper parking lot, 3 feet wide, has been planned by Jude in response to a previous suggestion by Vicky. Vicky noticed the cleanup work Jude had done at the schoolyard. Vicky noted the changed decor across the road from the schoolhouse. Deb misses the silhouettes too. Vicky acknowledged that TJ really enjoys what he does.

Jude mentioned the new road in front of MacKenzie.

T-shirts: Jude would like to get more shirts. Deb thought Bob might be able to help with that. Currently we have sizes that might fit an 8-year-old or a big football player. Vicky mentioned possible color variety.

Thank you: Jude expressed his thanks for the use of the church

Motion to adjourn by Lynn, 2nd Jude

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: Lynn Barrall – Thank you!
Special Activity: Howell Day & Green Fair – Thanks to Margaret, Vicky & Debbie for representing HHHS!

October 24th Program: Nominating Committee - Slate of Officers for 2026 & TJ Fallon returns!
Refreshments:
Special Activity: Monmouth County Archives & History Day – 10/11/2025

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, October 26th

1pm to 4pm

Admission is Free

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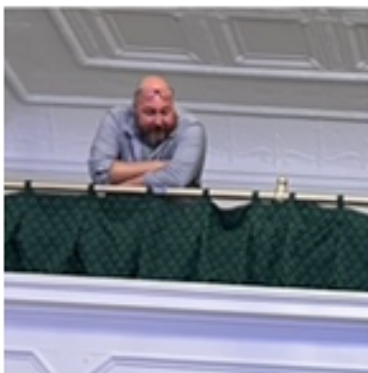
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HHHS EVENTS – TJ FALLON PRESENTATION

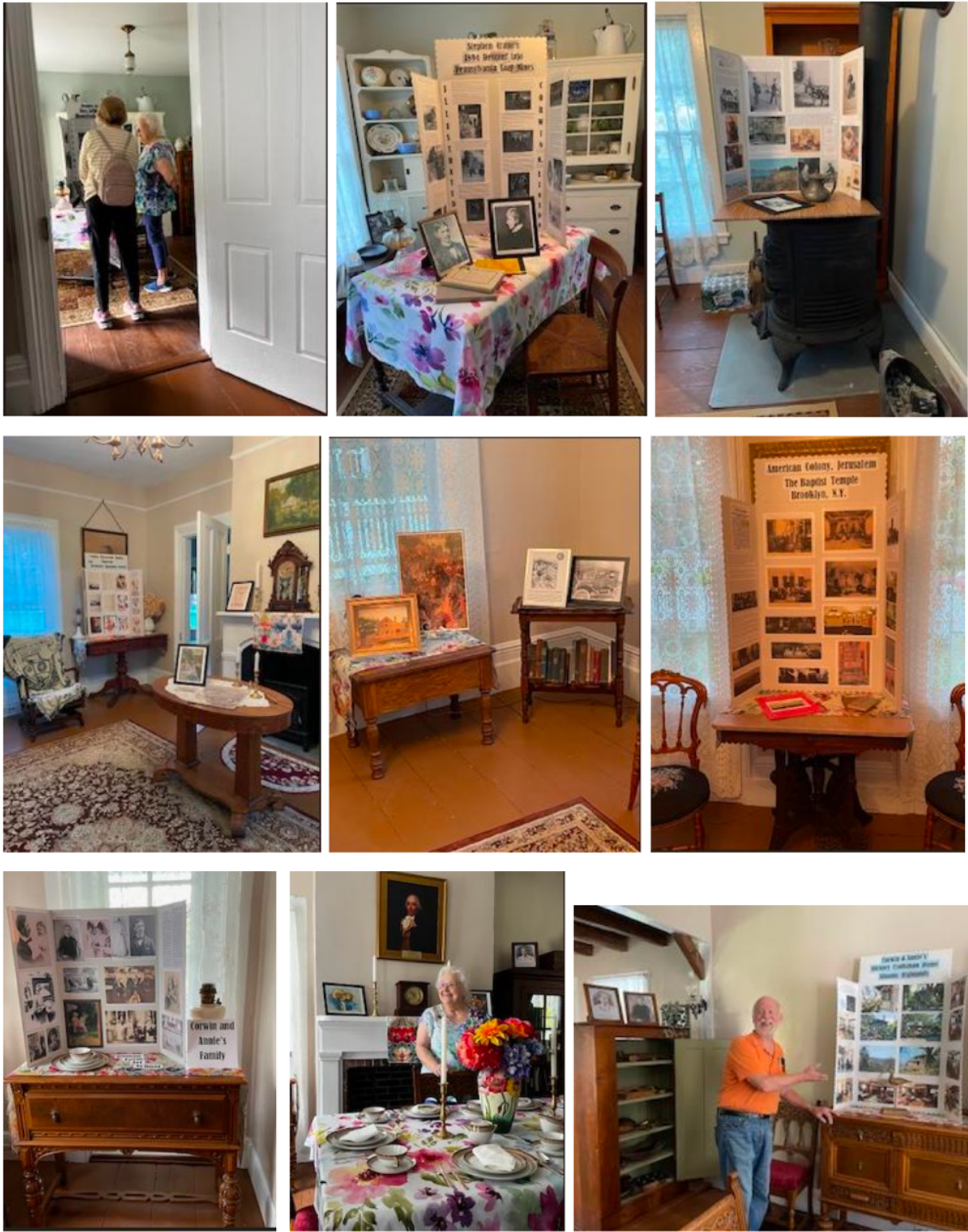


ON A BEAUTIFUL SEPTEMBER
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TJ FALLON PROVIDED
ANOTHER FASCINATING
PROGRAM
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HHHS EVENTS – MACKENZIE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER OPEN HOUSE

CORWIN KNAPP LINSON – INCREDIBLE LIFE AND ARTWORKS!



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HHHS EVENTS – YARD SALE

Saturday, October 18, 2025 - *NEW DATE*

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



It's going to happen!

OCT. 18th 10am–3pm

OLD ARDENA SCHOOLHOUSE

Corner of Old Tavern and Preventorium Roads, Howell

HHHS EVENTS – VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 12, 2025

A Victorian Christmas Concert

Friday, December 12, 7 pm



At the 1894 Historic Victorian Gothic Farmingdale United
Methodist Church, 8 Main Street, Farmingdale, NJ



A Good Will Offering will Benefit Both
Farmingdale & Howell Historical Societies

CLASSIC CAROLS AND THEIR HISTORY PERFORMED
BY LOCAL MUSICIANS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
DONNA TERKILDSSEN

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE CONCERT
COME AND SHARE THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON!