

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage & Historical Society

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

August 2024 Newsletter

Message from HHHS President, Jude Meehan

Dear HHHS Members,

Summer is nearing the end and our tours have been going strong. Our Tours at both Ardena School and The MacKenzie House have been light in attendance but the enthusiasm from our visitors has been rewarding.

HHHS Member Cathy McKee has donated many items to MacKenzie House. A beautiful dollhouse, rug, dresser and other goodies have made their way to The MacKenzie House. Thank you Cathy.

HHHS Members Ron Alessi and Larry Lastra had a neighbor donate an Ice Box that looks great in The MacKenzie House. We placed it in Jessie's Kitchen. Thank you Ron and Larry.

A glass cake stand was donated by William A.B. Ditto and complements the dining table well. Thank you Bill.

Our 50/50 Raffle is well underway. If you need more tickets, please contact Margaret Winkelman. The Raffle is our biggest fundraiser and we appreciate your support for making it a success.

This Fall, we are looking forward to decorating the school and MacKenzie for Halloween. Any suggestions, please let us know.

Thank you to all of our Members and Officers for your hard work and love for our historic sites. Remember we are always looking for Members and Volunteers, no experience necessary!

Yours Truly, Jude Meehan, (732) 433-3359

Upcoming Events

HHHS Society Meeting

Ardena Baptist Church, 593 Adelpia Road, Howell
Friday, August 23 starting at 7pm

Old Ardena School Open House

Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell
Sunday, August 25 from 1pm to 4pm

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Open House

427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell
Saturday, September 21 from 1pm to 4pm

Volunteers Needed

Old Ardena & MacKenzie Museum Open Houses

Old Ardena – last Sunday of each month

MacKenzie – third Saturday of each month

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HHHS NEWS

Meet Our Members

Our monthly Society meeting is a good opportunity to meet other Society members.

ALL ARE WELCOME. Our Society meetings always include a special presentation prior to our business meeting. Please see our Seminar calendar enclosed that outlines our presentations for the remainder of the year.

Missed a recent meeting? See notes from the Business Portion of our meeting enclosed.

Thank you to **William A.B. Ditto** for hosting our July seminar on American Table Glass from 1700-1920.

50/50 Raffle

All Society members were sent 50/50 raffle tickets to sell. Tickets are \$5 each and money and ticket stubs can be returned at any Society meeting or directly to Margaret Winkelman, Treasurer. Contact Margaret directly for more tickets or to return your sold tickets stubs/payment. This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. Help us make this the most successful yet!

Old Ardena School Update

The school continues to be open the last Sunday of each month. Visitor attendance is low, but this is typical of the summer months. We continue to accept Private Tours with another new request for a private tour just this week. Our connection with the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore continues to fair well.

Additionally, the Scout Bell project has been completed. Special thanks to Eagle Candidate Eric Rice and his father Greg and to Bill Shaffer

for his efforts in restoring the bell to its original form. Special thanks to Bob Novak who saw this project through from when the initial idea was posed. We couldn't have accomplished this without Bob's patience and support.

Please stop by and see the bell which is outside of the school near the flagpole.

Vicky Arose, School Committee & Board Trustee

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Update

The MacKenzie Museum was open to many visitors, recently. July Open House guests were very interested in the history of the house, the people who lived there and the related displays. They enjoyed scooting up the tight-winder stairs to the loft of the original house.

A Special Event, on an extremely hot day, in July, was the visit of 20 Lovely Ladies of the Sandpipers Questers Group. The Questers have been extremely generous to HHHS since the beginning!

2018-2020 New Jersey State President, Doris Czarnecki awarded her President's Grant to the Howell Heritage and Historical Society for improving the foundation of the MacKenzie Museum and Library located in Howell.

State President 2020-2022, Marilyn Kilrain, awarded her President's Grant to HHHS for the restoration of the exterior of the Old Ardena Schoolhouse in Howell. The school house is the last one room schoolhouse in Howell and will be opened to educate the public and future generations.

Leigh Shaffer, Board Vice President & MacKenzie Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

We give Private Tours! Know a group that may want to visit the Old Ardena School or MacKenzie Museum? Admission is free but donations are always appreciated. Contact us today! Our doors are always open!

TREASURER'S REPORT THROUGH JULY 31, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET WINKELMAN

HOWELL HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 For month ending: August 31, 2024

Prepared by: Winkelman, Margaret
 Peer Reviewed by:

Balance as of:	July 31, 2024	Operating	Improvements	Total			
		\$5,691.11	\$6,651.50	\$12,342.61			
INCOME	DESCRIPTION	INCOME TYPE	AMOUNT	DEPOSIT DATE	CLEARED BANK	Earmarked for Payable	NOTE
Date Received							
8/8/24	Deposit - Ardena Donations	Donations	\$20.00	8/8/24	8/8/24	\$0.00	
8/8/24	Deposit - Jude & Catherine	Donations	\$200.00	8/8/24	8/8/24	\$200.00	50/50 Raffle Ticket Printing
8/8/24	Deposit - MacKenzie Donations	Donations	\$20.00	8/8/24	8/8/24	\$0.00	
		INCOME TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total		\$0.00
			\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00		
		COMBINED TOTAL	\$5,931.11	\$6,651.50	\$12,582.61		
EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE TYPE	AMOUNT	PROCESSED DATE	CLEARED BANK	BUILDING DESCRIPTION	
Date Received							
8/6/24	First Energy	Power	\$51.25	8/6/24	8/6/24	MacKenzie Museum	
8/15/24	Chubb	Other	\$693.00	8/15/24	8/15/24	Other	Both Buildings
		EXPENSES TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total		
			\$744.25	\$0.00	\$744.25		
		COMBINED TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total		
Balance as of:	August 31, 2024		\$5,186.86		\$6,651.50	\$11,838.36	

HHHS MEETING MINUTES - JULY 26, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: CATHERINE SCHWIER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jude Meehan

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence

Condolences were offered to Bob Novak on the anniversary of his wife's passing.

President Meehan introduced local Boy Scout Corey Tamayo, Troop #300, Howell Township. Corey would like to erect signage in the area where the abandoned gun powder factory/mill was housed on Maxim Road in Bear Swamp Nature Area. Corey would like our support for his project. Members agreed to support him in his endeavor. If anyone has any information on the factory/mill, Corey's email is catamayo3392@gmail.com

Program: "Presented by William "Bill" Ditto, West Farms Antiques, "American Table Glass from 1700 to 1920"

Business Meeting: Minutes from June 28, 2024, meeting were distributed at the meeting. Catherine made a motion to accept, Larry seconded, all approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Vice President Leigh Shaffer reported that there is approximately \$12,000.00 in the checking account. Leigh also reported that HHHS received about \$1,800.00 in donations in Memory of Margaret's son, James. Thank you letters have been sent to all donors. Leigh has offered to continue to handle the financials until Margaret is ready to reassume her position.

Fundraising: Catherine distributed the 50/50 Raffle tickets to those in attendance. Catherine explained that each member will receive 6 books, 30 tickets per member. If anyone would like more (or less) tickets, please contact Margaret. Cash or check for payment. Checks can be made payable to HHHS. Margaret will collect all monies for the raffle. There will be 3 winners for the 50/50. First winner receives 25%, second will receive 15% and third place winner will receive 10%. The drawing will be at Ardena Schoolhouse on October 27th. Catherine thanked Margaret for creating the spreadsheet and dividing all of the tickets for members to sell.

MacKenzie House: Leigh, Ron & Larry hosted tours last week and there was decent activity. Good interest from the visitors was reported. Lynn mentioned that she has a few items that Kathy McKee has donated. The items are a dollhouse, dresser and a chair. She will get these over to MacKenzie. Several people offered to help Lynn with getting the items to MacKenzie.

Ardena School: The school is open on July 28th. Debbie will work from 2-4, Vicky will work for a part of the opening and Bob will open and close the building.

*Items in *italics* were edited from original minutes

Library & Old Business: Nothing new to report.

Building and Grounds: Jude reported that Bill Shaffer is doing a great job with landscaping both properties. Leigh reported that the security system has been having issues. Bob has been handling the situation. Leigh alerted us that we may have to pay for a service call with repairs. The dehumidifier was possibly causing problems with the sensors. The new, donated dehumidifier has been installed and hopefully will resolve the issues. Leigh reported an inquiry was made from a member of the public. He was inquiring about Cowboy City & Jersey Jungle.

New Business: Members discussed hosting a flea market at Ardena Schoolhouse on Saturday, October 5th. Catherine will check with Allaire's Flea Market date and other possible conflicts.

Lynn mentioned the Township of Ocean Historical Museum is an organization we should try to emulate. They do a variety of events to "drum up" interest in the community. Catherine agreed that they have a good website, great email content and informative newsletter. We should be looking towards doing events that will expose our buildings to the community.

Catherine noted that the Sea Girt Lighthouse hosts an art show every summer. The lighthouse does not do anything except provide the space. The turnout is great and is excellent public relations.

Mr. Ditto has agreed to host an "Antiques Roadshow" type of program for 2025. Details TBA at later date.

Future Events:

Ardena School Tours July 28th

Mackenzie House Tours August 17th

Howell Day September 21st 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Fall Yard Sale/Flea Market TBD

50/50 Drawing October 27th @ Ardena Schoolhouse

Please remember, we are always looking for volunteers to help with our events and open houses. Please consider volunteering your time.

Next HHHS meeting:

August 23rd 7:00 p.m. Program "The History & Art of Needlework" presented by Virginia Krzyzanowski. Refreshments also provided by Virginia.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:38 p.m., Catherine Schwier, seconded by Vicky Arose, all agreed.

HHHS PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2024

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

ARDENA BAPTIST CHURCH GYM ~ 593 ADELPHIA RD, HOWELL
4TH FRIDAY ~ PROGRAM 7 P.M. ~ BUSINESS MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

- ✓ **January Program:** Installation of Officers
Refreshments: Anne Hartman – Thank you!
- ✓ **February Program:** Patterson Family History – **Sue Patterson & Family** – Thank you!
Refreshments: Lynn Barrall - Thank you!
- ✓ **March Program:** The History of Postcards – **Jim & Kim Gilligan** – Thank you!
Refreshments: Bob Novak - Thank you!
- ✓ **April Program:** Famous Baseball Gravesites – **TJ Fallon** – Thank you!
Refreshments: Lynn Barrall – Thank you!
- ✓ **May Program:** **CELEBRATE 5th ANNIVERSARY OF HHHS INC.** / Seminars on Ardena School and MacKenzie Museum
Refreshments: Margaret Winkelman Refreshments: Ellen McGirr – Thank you!
May Special Activity: **Farmingdale-Howell Memorial Day Parade**
- ✓ **June Program:** Silver from England to the New World: an Odyssey – **William A. B. Ditto** – Thank you!
Refreshments: Frank P. – Thank you!
- ✓ **July Program:** America Table Glass from 1700 to 1920 – **William A.B. Ditto** – Thank you!
Refreshments: Frank Pinkus – Thank you!
July Special Activity: **Monmouth County Fair at East Freehold Showgrounds**
- August Program:** The History and Art of Needlework – Virginia K.
Refreshments: Virginia K.
- September Program:**
Refreshments: Refreshments:
- September Special Activity:** **Howell Day**
- October Program:** Sea Girt Light House
Refreshments: Jude Refreshments: Catherine
- October Special Activity:** **Archives Day**
- November & December** — No Meeting

MEMBERSHIP

Howell Heritage and Historical Society now collecting 2024 Dues!

2024 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 _____ Email _____

Please send this form & your check, payable to:

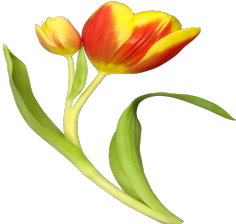
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*Thank
you*

HHHS EVENTS – PRESENTATION BY WILLIAM A.B. DITTO



HHS EVENTS – SPECIAL VISIT TO MACKENZIE MUSEUM & LIBRARY – SANDPIPER’S QUESTER GROUP



THANK YOU, NEW JERSEY QUESTERS!

