

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage & Historical Society

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

November 2024 Newsletter

Message from HHHS President, Jude Meehan

Greetings HHHS Members,
Again we find ourselves in a wonderful season. Thanksgiving with its beautiful fall colors and Christmas is right on its heels.

Both MacKenzie and Ardena Schoolhouse are ready for seasonal events and will be decorated beautifully for the Holidays. Please join us at our upcoming events that are listed in this newsletter.

We are grateful for all the donations towards our gems and all of the hard work by our members. A special "Thank you" to everyone who contributed toward the 50/50 Raffle Initiative which was a success. This has been our largest fundraiser every year and we are looking forward to making it an annual event. If you have a fundraising idea, we would love to hear from you. We are always looking for ways to help raise funds to keep our historic sites running.

Many thanks and blessings to all of you over the upcoming holidays.

Truly,
Jude Meehan

Upcoming Events

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Open House
427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell
Saturday, November 16 from 1pm to 4pm

Old Ardena School – Special Opening
Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell
Sunday, November 17 from 8am to ~11am

Old Ardena School Holiday Event
Preventorium & Old Tavern Roads, Howell
Saturday, December 7 from 1pm to 4pm

MacKenzie House Museum & Library Holiday Event
427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road, Howell
Saturday & Sunday, December 7th and December 8th

2025 Fundraising Event – Cornhole
Contact Ellen McGirr or Margaret Winkelman if you are interested in helping

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

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Meet Our Members

November is frequently recognized as a "month of giving," primarily due to the celebration of Thanksgiving. This period invites individuals to reflect on gratitude and the importance of contributing to the community, particularly with the emergence of "Giving Tuesday," which occurs on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

As a Society, we have accomplished so much this year and have so much to be thankful for. Thank you to everyone who supported us this year. We couldn't have done it without you!

NOTE: Society meetings will not be held in November or December, but our sub-committees should continue any initiatives currently in progress.

50/50 Raffle

Our annual 50/50 Raffle was drawn on Sunday, October 27th. Winners of the raffle are:

Barry Barrall – 25% of proceeds

Ellen McGirr – 15% of proceeds

Jude Meehan & Catherine Schwier – 10% of proceeds

Proceeds to HHHS amount to \$1,670. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. This has been a very successful fundraiser for HHHS.

Wreaths Across America

Learn about the partnership between Wreaths Across America & HHHS on page 10. The deadline for sponsoring wreaths is December 3. We are behind in sponsorships thus far – please consider participating in this important initiative.

Old Ardena School Update

The visitor counts at the Old Ardena School keep growing with every opening. After a busy month of September, October included two openings on 10/19 and 10/27.

December will have a special opening on Saturday, December 7th for our annual holiday event. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance taking photos with families, including our *furry* friends. See the school decorated for the holidays, meet "Ardena" our special Christmas Donkey and pickup special Gift Shop items for the holiday season.

Margaret Winkelman, Board Treasurer and School Committee Member

Mackenzie House Museum & Library Update

With the arrival of Fall, we are ready to spend more time indoors. The family will gather to celebrate our traditional Thanksgiving. So please join us on Saturday, November 16th from 1pm to 4pm, as the Prickitt Family sit down to enjoy the warmth of the fire as they join hands and hearts this Thanksgiving.

We must also remember that in a few short weeks that we will be showcasing a Victorian Christmas here at MacKenzie. It will be a 2 day event. On Saturday, December 7th, we will even have music played on our pump organ from 1 to 4. And as we hope to have many visitors we will also be open on Sunday, December 8th, from 1 to 4.

So one and all please plan to visit us to celebrate a Victorian Christmas here at our beloved MacKenzie House.

Larry Lastra, HHHS Volunteer & MacKenzie Committee Member

DID YOU KNOW?

2024 Archives & History Day – 10/26/2024

Did you miss the 2024 Archives Day at Brookdale Community College sponsored by the Monmouth County Clerk's Office? Don't worry, you can find an electronic copy of the program booklet on the Monmouth County Clerk's Office website at www.monmouthcountyclerk.com or click [here](#).

HHHS MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 25, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: ANNE HARTMAN

The meeting was held at the Sea Girt Lighthouse with dinner provided by Jude Meehan and Catherine Schwier.

Call to order by President Jude Meehan

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Program: Tour of the Sea Girt Lighthouse

Business Meeting: The minutes and Treasurer's reports were in the last newsletter. Ron Alessi made a motion to accept both, seconded by Vicky Arose and all approved. The slate of officers for 2025 were announced as:

President: Jude Meehan

Vice President: Leigh Shaffer

Treasurer: Margaret Winkelman

Secretary: Debbie Frost

Trustees: Lynn Barrall, Vicky Arose and Catherine Schwier

Committee Reports:

MacKenzie House: Upcoming events are Open Houses November 16 and December 7th and 8th. The house has been beautifully decorated. Donations are needed and encouraged for ongoing upkeep and expenses.

Ardena Schoolhouse: Work on both the bells has been completed and they are operational. The yard sale was a success and all feedback was positive. An Open House was held on October 19 and the next will be on October 27 with the raffle drawing on that day.

Grants: Leigh Shaffer and Bob Novak are working on the grants. ADA compliance was discussed.

Finance: Margaret Winkelman handed out her financial report and explained all the items. She stressed the need for donations and fundraising. Don McGirr offered to check into the security costs.

Library: Lynn Barrall discussed ways to enhance research and access to digital resources.

Fundraising: Tickets are still available for the raffle with the drawing on October 27. Margaret discussed a corn hole fundraiser to be held at Woody's in Farmingdale. A committee is needed

Next HHHS Meeting: No meetings for November & December.

Meeting adjourned.

HHHS PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2024

Thank you to our presenters for your informative presentations!



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 any Society Member.

- ✓ **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.** – Thank you!
Refreshments: Virginia K. – Thank you!
- ✓ **September Program:** Slate of Officers Presented by Nominating Committee
Refreshments: Ron & Larry – Thank you!
September Special Activity: Howell Day & Green Fair
- ✓ **October Program:** Sea Girt Light House; Approval of Slate of Officers for 2025
Refreshments: Jude & Catherine – Thank you!
- November & December — No Meetings**

HHHS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Howell Heritage and Historical Society is now collecting 2025 Dues!

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 donation:

Amount: \$____ donation

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

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Thank You

HHHS EVENTS – OLD ARDENA SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWS
CLUB NEWS, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Howell Senior Center Visits Ardena School House



Photo by Howell Senior Center

HOWELL – The Howell Senior Center took a tour of the Ardena School House on September 25. The members loved seeing the schoolhouse restored and hearing the history of it. Some people even knew some of the names of former students that were on the desks. They brought with them a painting of Ardena Schoolhouse that a former watercolor instructor painted for them several years ago that they had hanging up at the center. Both the Howell Senior Center and Township Manager Joe Clark believed the painting should be donated to Ardena, its rightful place to be hung from this point forward. If you are interested in joining the Howell Senior Center or checking out what types of programs, trips, and activities they offer, check out their newsletter at twp.howell.nj.us or call us at 732-938-4500 ext. 2550.



The Old Ardena School was featured in a recent issue of the Howell Times showcasing our newest addition to the School. A painting of the school by a former member of the Senior Center.



HHHS EVENTS – OLD ARDENA SCHOOL



Our last Old Ardena School open house sparked interest from our visitors regarding the new bell tower displayed on the front property. It continues to be a treasured addition to the school. Work on both bells have been completed and are fully operational.

The upkeep to the school occurs each time the school is opened. Our Ardena Volunteers (Anne, Vicky, Margaret & Debbie) spent time indoors and outdoors removing leaves, cleaning windows and floors.

Special thanks to Ann Malsbury for the outfit donations for our Ardena teacher.



HHHS EVENTS – MACKENZIE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY



The MacKenzie Museum recently opened its doors to the Howell Senior Center for a special private tour.

Board Vice President, Leigh Shaffer, hosted the group with her wealth of knowledge of the history of the MacKenzie Museum including the Prickett Family.



The MacKenzie Museum was decorated beautifully with Fall décor.

HHHS EVENTS – MACKENZIE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY



The MacKenzie Committee was busy decorating the museum for Halloween. It was a “spooktacular” open house.





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## Join us on National Wreaths Across America Day December 14, 2024 at noon

Each December Wreaths Across America's mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at over 4,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Howell Heritage and Historical Society will host the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Cedar Lawn/Southard Cemetery. We will read the 120 names of all the veterans interred and then participants will lay wreaths on the veterans' graves. **All current veterans & military are appreciated, honored and invited to join us!**

**Cedar Lawn/Southard Cemetery is a participating "3 for 2 Sponsorship" Group!  
3 wreaths for the price of 2! Just order 2 and you'll get credit for 3!  
Cut Off Date for Sponsoring Wreaths is Dec. 3.**

Please join us by sponsoring wreaths:

Cedar Lawn/Southard Cemetery at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/nj0236](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/nj0236)

participating in the ceremony: corner of Kent Road and Church Road in Howell  
and/or by volunteering to help.

Speak to or text: Leigh, 732-977-5805, or Lily, 732-682-4219  
if you'd like to help or need more information  
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