

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage and Historical Society – Newsletter – November 2023

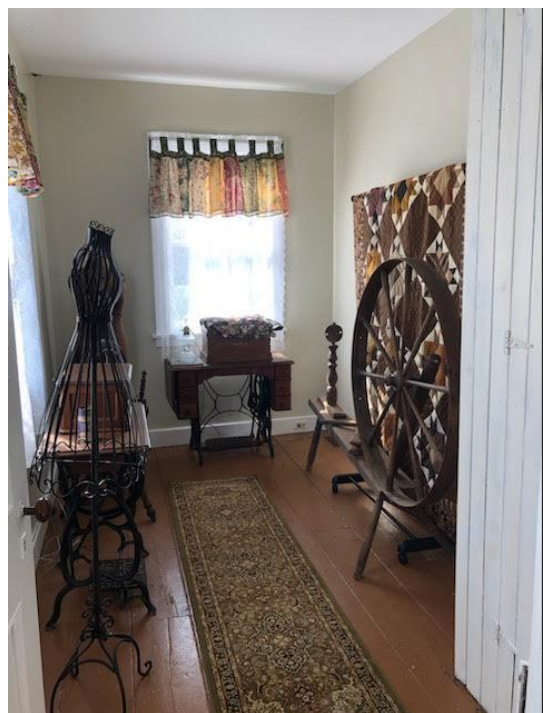
There are No Meetings during November and December.

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**We've Come a Long Way, Baby!**









# Open House Celebration at MacKenzie





**Special Christmas Event with Santa**  
**Saturday, DECEMBER 2**  
**1pm - 4 pm**

**There will also be time to tour the newly updated displays.**

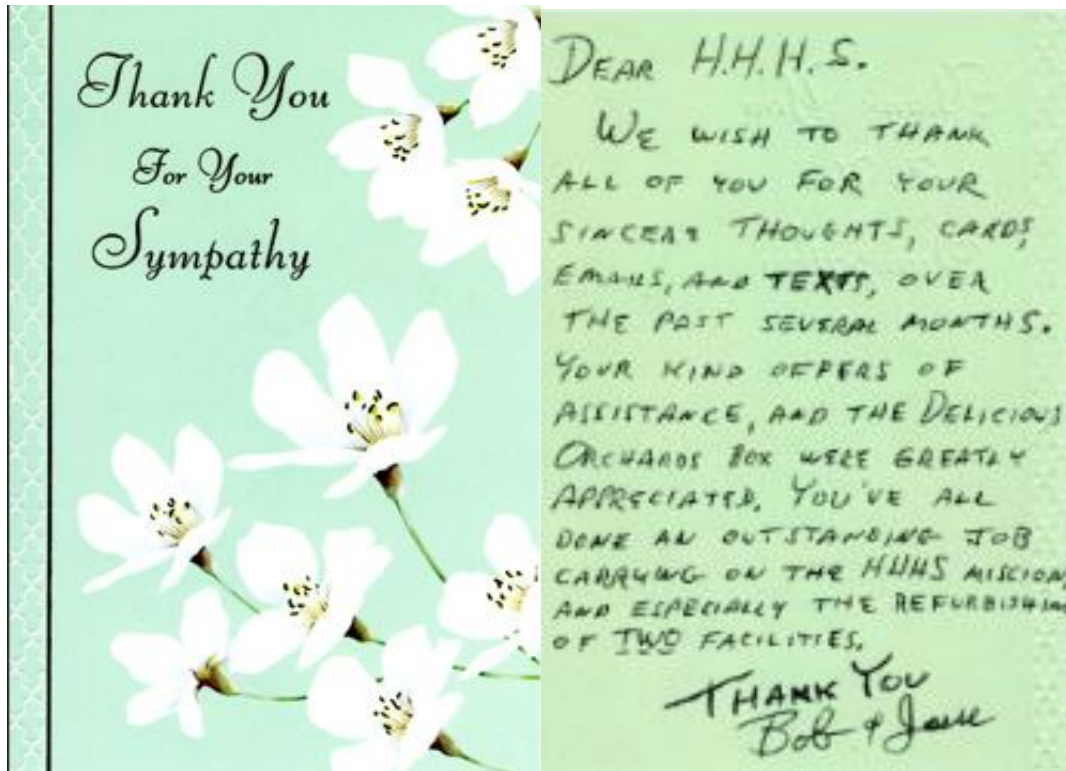


**ARDENA SCHOOLHOUSE OPEN HOUSE – 2024**

**We look forward to seeing you on the last Sunday of the month, beginning again, in March!**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Thanks again to the Nominating Committee, and especially to the slate of members for accepting the various officer positions. I know they will all do their darndest to keep history alive in Howell.

Though no program meetings are occurring during the next two months, the various committees will carry on via emails, calls, and pertinent activity. If you have a hankering to join in the fun, you can let us know where you'd like to help (see Oct meeting minutes for committee names).

Consider helping the Wreaths Across America programs at the Howell Cemeteries, which this year again, Farmingdale Evergreen and Cedar Lawn/Southard are participating "3 for the price of 2" sponsorship groups.

Point for consideration: while 2026 is still slightly over 2 years away, that year is the America 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the Howell 225<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and the Old Ardena Schoolhouse 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Re-Dedication. So, time to start considering if youse guys have any ideas to join the celebratin'.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for next year, please consider doing so. If you already have, we thank you for your continued interest in Howell history.

Bob



Join us on National Wreaths Across America Day  
December 16, 2023 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 3,700 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Every cemetery in Howell Township will participate, read veterans names and lay wreaths on them. There will be ceremonies, all at noon, at Adelpia Cemetery; Ardena Cemetery; Evergreen Cemetery, including Jerseyville, Brewer, Abner Thorp and Squankum; and Cedar Lawn Southard Cemetery.

This year Southard & Evergreen are participating "3 for 2 Sponsorship" Groups  
3 wreaths for the price of 2! Just order 2 and you'll get credit for 3!

Please join us by sponsoring wreaths for veterans laid to rest:

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

Farmingdale Evergreen Cemetery at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/nj0235](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/nj0235)

Ardena Baptist Cemetery at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/njabcf](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/njabcf)

Adelpia Cemetery at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/njacmr](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/njacmr)

and/or by volunteering to help.

Speak to Leigh, 732-977-5805, or Bill, 732-259-0954

if you'd like to help or need more information

Email: [leighanne3451@verizon.net](mailto:leighanne3451@verizon.net) or [njdukesfan@gmail.com](mailto:njdukesfan@gmail.com)



## **HHHS Meeting October 27, 2023**

The meeting was opened by Bob Novak, with the flag salute and a moment of silence. The program, "Honoring Veterans: All of Howell Now Supports Wreaths Across America!" was presented by Leigh Shaffer.

The September Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer Report were approved by Consent Agenda.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** Margaret Winkelman and Vicki Arose announced a new restaurant fundraiser at the Howell Texas Roadhouse, 11/7, 4-10:00pm. HHHS will receive 10% of the proceeds. Copy of coupon distributed. It was also noted that they are working on an additional fundraiser for a Chick-fil-A Spirit Night to be announced later.

**Schoolhouse Committee:** Margaret W. reported they had completed their first Inventory check (and most items were present). There are a number of items there that are not on the inventory list, and these will become categorized, using the same system that already exists. They have been there a lot and are looking for help to hang pictures on walls, hang boards on walls and move the stove. Open House is 10/29, with fall/pumpkin decorations. Planning is ongoing for a yearly calendar of quarterly events, along with a vision for use of the Schoolhouse. Note: Margarite will be attending Archives Day, 10/28. There will be a Schoolhouse Holiday event on 12/2, similar to last year.

**MacKenzie House Committee:** A lot of cleaning and decorating has been done. New stone (5 tons) has been spread in the parking area by Jude M. and a friend (with a possible addition of 5 more tons coming). Plans for a "soft opening" of the house to the public, in a Holiday Event, in December (date TBA), with Jude organizing the event. Some needed items for the house: 9X12 rug for parlor, new icebox for the kitchen, barrister bookcase and an electrified historically appropriate lamp. Plan to ask membership for these items and get the word out that they are needed. Cate S. will obtain clear acrylic donation boxes for the house. "Gift Shop" needs and concept introduced by Lilly K. along with a handout for everyone titled "Why Do We Need a Gift Shop for the Museum?". Group discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of a mobile gift shop set up concept and a static gift shop plan. The use of museum space "real estate" most efficiently was considered.

**Library Committee:** Lynn Barrall reported that she and Ann Malsbury will review the bookcases/shelves available at the house and will start cleaning and replacing the books/materials (from the temporary storage trailer) as appropriate for the library/reading spaces provided to date. We will develop a "library/museum" concept for visitors to review books and do research at The MacKenzie House in the future. This process will start during the week of 11/6 – 11/12. Help to move books will be needed. It was noted that there are currently approximately 20 linear feet of shelving available, out of the 30' requested to house the books, etc.

**Building & Grounds Committee:** Jude noted that Billy Shaffer is doing a great job maintaining the landscaping at MacKenzie, and that we all need to be mindful of maintenance upkeep. We need to keep in touch with John Wooley re: maintenance needs being observed. We need to consider making a "checklist" of regular maintenance tasks needed and being accountable that they are done each season, year, etc. Clarification was made of locations of fire extinguishers in each building, for all to be aware of. Bob Novak discussed a reminder about the Alarm Systems in each building and how all the steps need to be followed to prevent un-needed emergency notifications to police. It was noted by Evelyn O. that the MacKenzie back porch light fixture needs replacing and Jude M. said he will take care of that.

**Officers Election:** Lynn Barrall from the Nominating Committee presented the updated slate of officers to Bob Novak, and Anne Hartman, Secretary, cast the vote for the slate of officers as listed.

**Old Business:**

Clarification was made that anyone can help at any building location, or with any events and fundraisers, even if not on that specific committee.

A request was made for a written list of the committees and their members (with contact info), in order to be able for all to be aware of what committees there are and whom to contact with questions or to help out. Updated membership lists also were requested. Leigh Shaffer said she would send these out in January.

There was inquiry as to whether it would be of interest to meet on a different day of the week than Friday, and if the current location was available to HHHS on a different day, if so. Lynn B will find out the location availability and report it to the Board.

Discussion was held re: the Ardena School House Eagle Scout Bell Project. Draft drawings were circulated and reviewed. There is an understanding that The Scout, Eric Rice, will discuss feasibility with Billy Shaffer. If Billy S is in agreement to go forward, the group unanimously approved the project to go forward.

**New Business:**

Reminder that the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Monmouth Co. is in 2026. Evelyn O. reported that from now, through this timeframe, Monmouth Co. will promote any historical program and activity our HHHS may be involved in. There is a wide berth of what can be done. This is a good opportunity for HHHS to become better known. It was noted that Howell is the second biggest town in Monmouth Co., and has a lot to offer!

Leigh S. noted that the painting of the Ardena Schoolhouse sign is half done and will be completed shortly.

There will be no general meetings in November and December, but the Board and Committees will continue to meet to address their respective needs and initiatives.

**The next meeting** is January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with the installation of the new officers.

Bob N. made the motion to adjourn and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Lynn Barrall (for Anne Hartman, Secretary)



**Watch for Upcoming Events at  
Mackenzie Museum and Library!**

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 Treasurer's Report – Respectfully Submitted by Leigh Shaffer

HOWELL HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monthly Treasurer's Report

For month ending October 31, 2023

Balance as of October 1, 2023	Operating	deposit	Improvements	Total
	\$3,350.48		\$6,901.50	\$10,251.98

INCOME

Date

DONATIONS				
Oct. 1	Larry Lastra	\$41.00	Sept. 30	
Oct. 11	Leigh Shaffer - bookcase		Oct. 13	\$30.00
FUNDRAISERS				
SALES				
Oct. 3	Laurie Smith - clothing lot	\$250.00		

	INCOME	TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total
			\$291.00	\$30.00	\$321.00
	combined	total	\$3,641.48	\$6,931.50	\$10,572.98

EXPENSES

Date

MACKENZIE MUSEUM				
	JCP&L	\$16.75		
	verizon	\$41.92		
ARDENA SCHOOLHOUSE				
	JCP&L	\$7.93		
	verizon	\$42.42		
Oct. 4	MacKenzie dining room set purchased on marketplace			\$250.00
Oct. 11	added to amount approved to purchase bookcase cost \$400 instead of \$370			\$30.00

	EXPENSES	TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total
			\$109.02	\$280.00	\$389.02
	combined	total	Operating	Improvements	Total
Balance as of October 31, 2023			\$3,532.46	\$6,651.50	\$10,183.96

Time to fill in the calendar for next year – please volunteer!
Howell Heritage and Historical Society
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 8 P.M.
WE SERVE REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIALIZE AT EVERY MEETING.

January Program: Installation of Officers

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

February Program: Sue Patterson – Patterson Family History

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

March Program:

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

April Program:

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

May Program: CELEBRATE 5th ANNIVERSARY OF HHHS INC.

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

May Special Activity: Farmingdale-Howell Memorial Day Parade

June Program:

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

July Special Activity: Monmouth County Fair at East Freehold Showgrounds

July Program:

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

August Program:

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

September Program:

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

September Special Activity: Howell Day

October Program:

Refreshments:

Refreshments:

October Special Activity: Archives Day

November — No Meeting

December — No Meeting

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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(s) _____

Email _____

Please send this form & your check,

payable to: Howell Heritage & Historical Society

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It has been my pleasure to prepare HHS Pastimes for the past two years. As of January 2024, I would appreciate it if someone else would take over this task. I know whoever takes over will enjoy sharing all the new experiences that are coming at the MacKenzie Museum & Library and the Old Ardena Schoolhouse.

Leigh

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