

Freehold Township Heritage Society

Spring, 2019

President's Message

Spring has finally arrived! And with it come renewed events and activities at the Freehold Township Heritage Society. Peruse this newsletter to find out details.

All of these events and activities are wonderful opportunities for our members to make a difference. Come check them out and see what they're all about.

And if you have a friend, co-worker, or family member interested in becoming a member, let us know.

If you can volunteer for an hour or whatever amount of time you wish to give, that would contribute to enhancing our work to retain the history of our great township.

Thank you. **You make a difference!**

By Pat Eisemann

Weekend in Old Monmouth - May 4th & 5th

This year during Weekend in Old Monmouth soldiers from 4th NJ will be stationed at the Oakley Farm and the Georgia Road School on May 4th.

Saturday tours: 10:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday tours: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

The Bards Grange Players will be playing at the West Freehold Schoolhouse on Saturday, May 4th from 1 - 3:00 p.m.

Oakley Farmhouse will host Nolan Willence playing the flamenco guitar for touring guests 1 - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday

The New Jersey State Youth Orchestra (NJSYO) will hold a concert on Sunday, May 5th at the Oakley Farm at 1:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to be at the Oakley Farmhouse and the West Freehold School. No prior training is required. Everything is written down and there are plenty of roles for a first-time volunteer. We welcome student volunteers needing community service, too.

Upcoming Events 2019

April 27 ... 4th NJ Volunteer Infantry drills

May 4 - 5 ... Weekend in Old Monmouth

May 5 ... NJSYO Concert

June 9 Liberty Oak Chorus Concert

Sept 22... Civil War Tea

Oct 6 Artisan Festival and outdoor concert

Dec 7 ... Christmas at Camp with the 4th NJ

Monthly Meetings - ALL ARE WELCOME

Whether you want to attend to hear what is being planned, whether you want to find out how to volunteer or if you want to make some new friends. **All are welcome to join.**

The 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 10:00 a.m.
at the Oakley Farm, 189b Wemrock Road

May 8 June 12 July 10 Aug 14

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

April - Saturday's @ Oakley 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

May - Saturday's @ West Freehold School 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday's @ West Freehold School
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

June - Saturday's @ Oakley 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday's @ Oakley 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

September - Saturday's @ West Freehold School
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday's @ West Freehold School
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The New Jersey State Youth Orchestra (NJSYO) will hold a concert on **Sunday, May 5th**. This outdoor concert will be a celebration of their year-long rehearsals and performances. Please join us on the lawn in front of the pavilion. A small number of chairs will be provided, but you are more than welcome to bring your own lawn chair for comfort. Any food and drinks brought onto the property must be removed when you leave.

1:00 p.m. Wind/Brass Ensemble

3:00 p.m. Chamber Orchestra



This is a **FREE** Event and open to the community!



Volunteers are needed

Events occur at our sites throughout the year and we can always use help. No experience is necessary and we welcome students that need community service hours.

We are also looking for volunteers with experience in grant writing, fundraising or facilities management. Call us @ 732.577.9766 or email us @ ftheritagesociety@gmail.com

PIG Oiler

In the early 1900's, outbreaks of hog lice were causing real problems for producers of livestock. While lice are itchy and annoying, the real problem is that they carry diseases, such as hog cholera. The hog oiler was invented to combat the problem. When the hog rubbed up against the oiler, oil was dispensed, smothering the lice.

While medicated oils were sold especially for this, most farmers used recycled motor oil, crude oil, or even kerosene.

There were many different kinds of oilers, including walk through, fence mounted, wheeled, weight regulated pump, and more. Apparently 157 different types of hog oilers were patented, and there were many more which were not. Some farm historians estimate 600 different types of hog oilers were in use at one point. Now they are more of a collectible and curiosity than a valuable piece of equipment, as hog production has become a primarily indoor production. (<https://animals.mom.me/hog-oiler-6441.html>)

The oiler at the Oakley Farm is a Hog Joy, and appears to be from around 1914. There are a small number of collectors of these oilers and they can even be found on Ebay!

The Freehold Township Heritage Society is using SignUp.com to organize our volunteers and shifts by function for our upcoming events. You should have received emails asking for volunteers for the Weekend in Old Monmouth May 4th and May 5th. If you'd like to help, use the link to sign up for the day, location, function and shift. If you have questions, call us at 732.577.9766 or email: ftheritagesociety@gmail.com

Community Garden Applications

The Oakley Community Garden has beds available for the 2019 crop! Master Gardeners will be educating and assisting gardeners grow seeds or plants in gardening beds for the fourth year. Most gardening beds are ground level, however, there are also raised beds. If interested, call Erin at 732.492.8937



Hog Joy Pig Oiler



Contact Us: 732.577.9766

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Liberty Oak Chorus

The women of the Liberty Oak Chorus will entertain the audience at the Oakley Farm on **Saturday, June 9th at 2:00 p.m.**

Real Women, Real Harmony, Real Fun!

Liberty Oak Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is dedicated to advancing women's a cappella singing. They recently took First Place at the Sweet Adeline Region 15 Competition.

It will be an entertaining program of a cappella singing with a variety of songs that include show tunes, patriotic and old time favorites. Get ready for a fun filled entertaining group of women that will light up your day with songs, keep your toes tapping and leave you wanting more.

Old Time Music comes to Oakley

Old Time is music of and by the people. The basis of many Old time tunes is simple and follows a predictable pattern and chord progression. The challenge for proficient musicians is the improvisation that occurs once the melody is learned.

Passed down by ear with regional differences, Revolutionary and Civil War tunes are in the mix, hymns, ballads and silly nonsense songs make up a variety of music shared by many. Fiddles, banjos, mandolins are commonly used, however, this program includes harmonica, fiddles/violins, bass, guitars, dulcimer and other instruments.

Come with or without an instrument to enjoy the music and a group of new friends that enjoy music. The group gathers on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 10:00 p.m. at the Oakley Farmstead.

Next sessions are May 14, June 11 and July 9
189b Wemrock Road in Freehold, NJ



Civil War Tea

September 22, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.
The Oakley Farmhouse

Learn the Civil War History, talk with re-enactors while enjoying tea, sandwiches and dessert. A gift auction will also take place and guests take home a thank you gift.

Call Jerri Chadwick for tickets 732.920.3039

Annual Membership

Our annual membership drive has started and members will receive a form in the mail. If you do not receive a membership package, please call us and request one.

Our President, Pat Eisemann, has requested everyone's help to saving the West Freehold Schoolhouse with required repairs. However, we also need funds for repairs on the Oakley Farm and the Georgia Road Schoolhouse. It's expensive to keep each structure historically accurate so we can continue to protect and educate others on the history of Freehold Township and its original properties. We need the help from those that share this passion.

Please become a member to support the continued effort to preserve the history of Freehold Township or send a donation to help keep our history alive.

