

Freehold Township Heritage Society

Summer 2022

President's Message

These are exciting times for the Freehold Township Heritage Society. It has been wonderful to be able to host events safely again! The Community Garden is in full swing, lettuce and peas being harvested already. Our music jams draw folks from near and far-It's been great to play music with our friends from Pennsylvania and south Jersey again. We had good success with a yard sale in April and a Garden Tea in May, which has provided funds for delayed maintenance to our schoolhouses and the farm. The grounds are in good shape and getting even better, and continuing to provide bounty for bees and butterflies.

We want to plan more events that meet your interests. We have created a survey to find out what kinds of events you would be most interested in attending. Here is a link to the survey, it is short and should only take you a few minutes. We would greatly appreciate it if you would complete it!

Click here to take the survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3BY5KX9>

With gratitude,
Denise Warren
President, Freehold Township Heritage Society

Upcoming Events:

July 2022

Tuesday, July 12th - 5:30 pm

Old Time Jam

Thursday, July 14th - 9:00am

Board meeting - all are welcome

August 2022

Tuesday, August 9th - 5:30pm

Old Time Jam

Thursday, August 11th - 9:00am

Board Meeting - all are welcome!

September 2022

Thursday September 8 - 9:00 am

Board meeting - all are welcome

Tuesday September 13 - 5:30

Old Time Jam 5:30

Saturday September 24th -

*Meet the Oakleys-a Center
Players Production at
the Oakley Farm*

Historic Tour de Freehold

by Richard Smith - FTHS Secretary

FTHS has had a display in the Monmouth County Clerk's Office on Mechanic Street that featured the buildings and programs FTHS provides to our members and the community. We carefully chose a few of the artifacts displayed at the Oakley Farm and Museum that were identified by an archeologist. Among the revolutionary war musket balls and antique milking apparatus was a finely crafted bronze comb, about the size a young girl growing up in the 1800's might wear.

I ride my bicycle with my long-time friend, Jan Stuart Radder. I decided to show Jan our display since he lived in the tenant house in the 70's, when it was still a working farm. He came out of the County Clerk's office extremely animated. He was quite familiar with the small comb. Jan had cast it along with a belt buckle as part of a senior art project that completed his bachelor's degree for Southern Illinois University. His young bride had lost it when she wore it in the yard in the mid 1970's!!



Monmouth County Clerk Display

by Denice Warren - FTHS President

During the months of May and June, the Freehold Township Heritage Society was given the opportunity to put up a display in the Monmouth County Clerk's Office on Mechanic Street in downtown Freehold. We really enjoyed picking out artifacts from our collection that we thought would be of interest to passers-by, and that represented the area of West Freehold.

Among the artifacts are musket balls from the Battle of Monmouth, a wearable milking stool, antique ice skates, an antique locket, an embroidery sample from 1843-done by a ten year old girl, a late 18th century thimble, and many historic pictures.



HENDERSON PARK/CINCINNATI HALL SITE

PHASE 1 COMPLETE

Cookie Polverino - Liaison to Freehold Township Historic Preservation Commission

Well it's been a very long journey, but the park is finally getting started. The project started in 2003 when we were granted the 2 acre historic site within the confines of the Freehold Marketplace (Walmart) shopping area. We have been working diligently to make this happen. The problem is that the area is the hole in the doughnut. It is surrounded by parcels and the one parcel that would grant access to parking, etc. is still not developed. We thought we had a win-win with Cracker Barrel but alas, that fell through.

We have had a Preservation Plan prepared and are ready to go forward with a passive park on top of the hill just south of Walmart parking lot and east of Olive Garden.

Last Spring on one of our site tours we were shocked to find that someone had stolen at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the clapboard siding off the barn. The barn was built with timbers from the original circa 1734 home of Dr. Thomas Henderson. This home was one of the first burned by the British when they came into Freehold along the Burlington Path to participate in the Battle of Monmouth. Upon returning home from the battle Dr. Henderson, who was the town doctor as well as a statesman and confidant of General Washington, vowed to rebuild the home on its original foundation. He did so and that gives it status for the National Register. Even though we only have the foundation of the house, the property matches 3 of the 4 criteria needed.

The barn will serve as a visitors center once the park is completed. We will be able to have programs inside and will be displaying some of the 3500 artifacts that were unearthed during the 3 phases of archaeological digs done on the property.

We also plan in the next phases to put in a walking trail as well as defining the footprint of the home to show where the kitchen, etc. would have been. The property originally encompassed 200 acres. The Pine family were longtime residents and also arborists but alas most of the trees have fallen or lost to time. We still have a very nice stand of American Holly and lots of natural cover which will be preserved. We have a long-range prospect of probably another 5-10 years before completion. We are hoping it doesn't take that long but it is a very expensive project. We will be applying for grants to achieve the next 2 phases.

Pictures below are from May 2021 through April 2022. Stay tuned for more updates. This project is under the auspices of the Freehold Township Historic Preservation Commission with the Freehold Twp. Heritage Society as our backup. All monies being spent on this as of now will be coming in the form of grants to the Commission. Once we are up and running we will rely more heavily on the Heritage Society for funds.

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GARDEN PARTY TEA AT OAKLEY FARM - A HUGE SUCCESS

Cookie Polverino - Liaison to Freehold Township Historic Preservation

On Sunday, May 15, 2022 we had a very successful outdoor Garden Tea Party. We sold 30 tickets and had a huge response from members for our basket raffle. In addition, many businesses in the West Freehold area supplied us with gift certificates. As a result of all this, we were able to garner a profit of \$1,360.00. This money is earmarked for partial restoration of the woodshed on the property. More to come on that front.

The day was absolutely perfect weather-wise. Many thanks to our volunteers who made sandwiches, desserts, scones and donated items for gift baskets. They included Cookie, Denise Warren, Richard Smith, Pat Eisemann, Maryann Apostle, Sue Lamson,



Deb Muschock, Janette Clayton Lowe, Maureen O'Connor Leach, and Mary Caruso Albert. Businesses such as Livoti's, Baco's, Around The Corner Art Center, Bubbakoo's Burritos, Battlevue Orchards, Wemrock Orchards, Especially For You Florist, and Tre donated prizes. We are especially grateful to Janette Clayton Lowe for getting \$100 gift certificates from 618 and American Hotel—awesome!!!

We also had a hat judging contest in several categories. Winners were:

- § Most Appropriate to Theme was won by Carmela Apostle for her handmade hat with a tea party on top

- § Most Fantastical which was won by:

- Δ Sue Lamson, who decorated her hat with real flowers

- Δ Melissa Dill, whose hat was made with homemade silk flowers

We hope to continue with this every year as we had done in the past until Covid 19 reared its ugly head.

There is another tea coming up on September 25, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. It will be hosted by the 4th NJ Civil War volunteer reenactors at the Oakley Farm. Anyone interested please mail a check for \$30 per person made out to the 4th NJ and mail to Jerri Chadwick, 351 Church Rd., Brick, NJ 08723.



The program will be learning how to talk with a hankie (as was done in Civil War Era) and there will be a great gift auction as well. If you're interested don't hesitate—they fill up fast.

Thank you again to all who participated. Keep an eye out for upcoming events like these. Now that we are getting back into a sense of normalcy we will be having more. Please consider joining us as a member so you can be in on these fun events.

OUR RAIN GARDEN, MONARCH WAYSTATION, AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITATS

Pat Eisemann - Vice President FTHS

There are many types of gardens that people create, and each one has a purpose.

We have several types of gardens on the Oakley Farm Museum property:

- § Rain Garden
- § Certified Monarch Waystation
- § National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat
- § Perennial Garden
- § Herb Garden
- § Memorial Gardens
- § Community Garden
- § Perimeter Gardens for interest and habitat around the farmhouse and Pavillon

NOTE: Our Rain Garden is certified as a Monarch Waystation and a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Rain Gardens

Rain gardens address stormwater management issues. They are shallow, constructed depressions that are planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses. They are strategically located to capture runoff from hard surfaces such as a driveway, roof, parking area, sidewalk or streets. Rain gardens fill with a few inches of water after a storm and then that water filters into the surrounding soil, rather than running off to the street and eventually to storm drains or culverts causing non-point source pollution.

Rain gardens allow storm water to seep into the ground allowing it to enter the aquifer, which is where our drinking water is stored. Along the way, the deep-rooted native plants and grasses in the rain gardens filter out pollutants.

Rain gardens are a beautiful and colorful way for homeowners, schools, businesses and municipalities to help ease storm water issues.



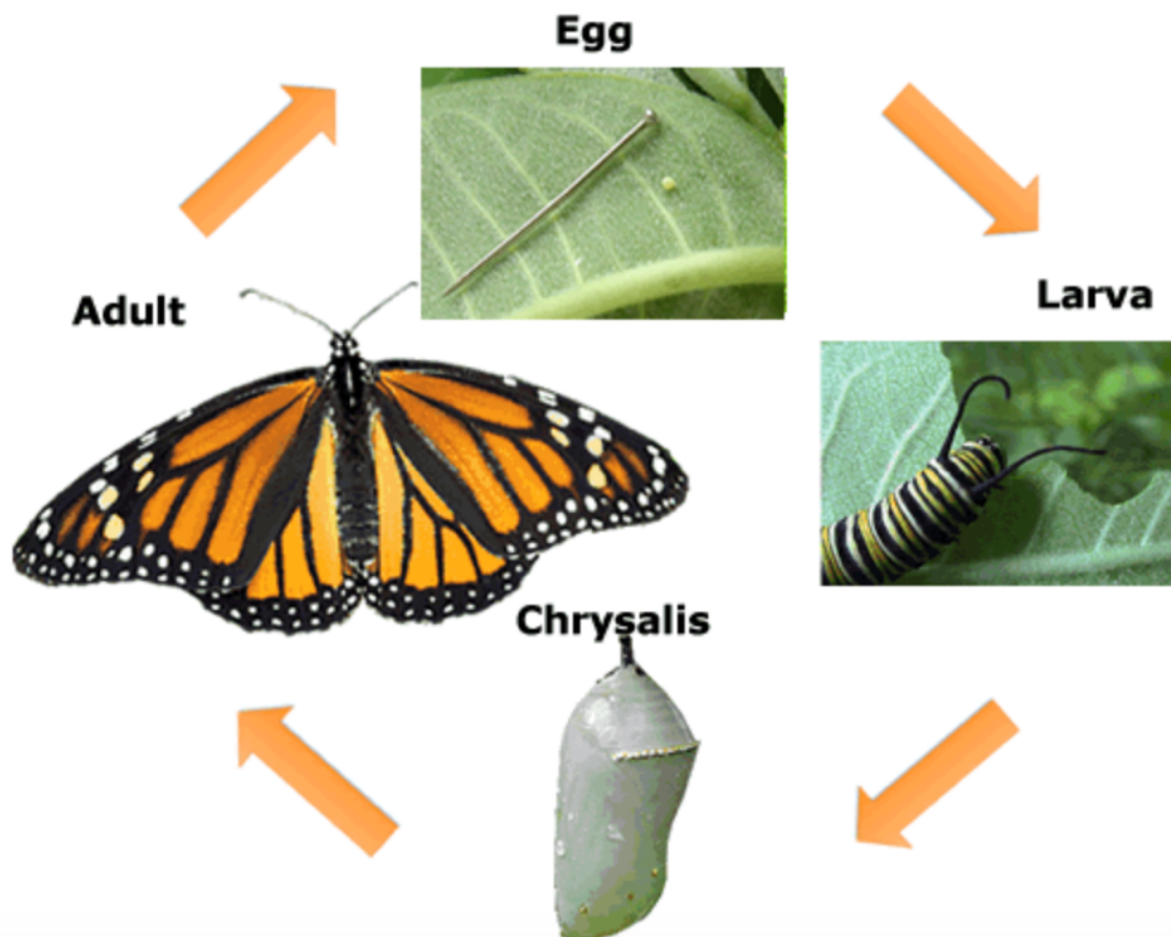
Home Rain Garden Example

Certified Monarch Waystation

Monarch butterflies require different plants for different stages of their lives. Monarch Way stations address this issue by having people plant the ONE plant that Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on and the caterpillars eat - milkweed. In addition, you need to plant some plants that serve as nectar resources for adult butterflies.

This image of the Monarch butterfly life cycle is from the website Journey North.

Journey North engages students and citizen scientists around the globe in tracking wildlife migration and seasonal change. Participants share field observations across the northern hemisphere, exploring the interrelated aspects of seasonal change. ANYONE can join. Visit their site, become a citizen scientist, and make a difference. <https://journeynorth.org/>



Certified Wildlife Habitat

Rapid and large-scale changes to our lands and waters mean wildlife are losing the habitats they once knew. Every habitat garden is a step toward replenishing resources for wildlife such as bees, butterflies, birds, and amphibians—both locally and along migratory corridors.

Turn your yard, balcony container garden, schoolyard, work landscape, or roadside greenspace into a Certified Wildlife Habitat. It's fun, easy, and can make a lasting difference for wildlife.

RESOURCES

RAIN GARDENS

Native Plant Society of New Jersey's Rain Garden Manual
Part 1

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/syhart/rgmp1.pdf>

Part 2

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/syhart/rgmp2.pdf>

JERSEY FRIENDLY YARDS

<https://www.jerseyyards.org/>

If you're a resident, school, or municipality located in the Barnegat Bay watershed, you're eligible to enroll in one of our Jersey-Friendly Yards Certification Programs.

The certifications below can be received by homeowners as well as schools and organizations.



CERTIFIED MONARCH WAYSTATIONS - Sign

<https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

CERTIFIED NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION HABITAT - Sign

<https://www.nwf.org/CERTIFY>



ANOTHER HABITAT CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

Homegrown National Park <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/get-started>

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Freehold Township Community Garden

Welcome to the Garden, The Freehold Township Community Garden. This is our 7th year of gardening. This year we are completely full. That means 46 garden beds have been sold and we have a waiting list as well.

The garden is already thriving, lots of things are growing, including flowers. We have done a lot of preparation work to get the garden in good shape for this season. We laid down a fresh layer of wood chips in all of the pathways. We also put down mulch around the outside of the garden fence with plans to grow herbs this year.

We had an Eagle Scout build a Kiosk for us to use to post information during the season for the gardeners. We invite people to stop by and take a look. If anyone is in the garden, they will be happy to tell you about the garden.

We sell the beds, 4'x10' for \$20 and 4'x20' for \$35. There is also a \$30 security deposit.

The garden is a learning and growing experience for everyone.

Ronnie Leibowitz - Chair Person

Rich Jarocki - Co- Chair





PUZZLE CORNER

Jigsaw puzzles were invented in 1767 as an enjoyable pastime. Playing these puzzles has a variety of benefits.

In child development, jigsaw puzzles help develop fine motor ability, eye-hand coordination, problem-solving skills, spatial awareness. and concentration.

In adults, benefits include improved memory, improved visual-spatial reasoning, increased attention to detail, lower stress levels, and improved mood.

Below are some puzzles for you to solve. The links for them are found below. If clicking on the link doesn't work for you, type it or copy and paste the address in your browser.

A window will open with puzzle pieces. Pieces are moved with your mouse. You can change some things if you want as listed below:

- **Play As** drop down menu at the top right. Each picture included here is set for pieces. Here you can change the number of pieces if you want to make it easier or more difficult. You can also change the shape of the pieces here.
- **Share** drop down menu next to Play As. You can send the puzzle in an email or other ways.
- **Maximize** button in the bottom right corner will make the puzzle fill your screen.
- **Several Buttons** in the bottom left corner give you choices including Restart. You can also choose to put up a Ghost Image, which shows a faded copy of the picture you are working to solve.
- **Timer** is in the bottom center.
- **Home, My Puzzles, Saved Games, Explore, and Create** at the top left allow you options.
- **Create** is where you can create a jigsaw puzzle from your own photos.
- Once you solve a puzzle, a Restart circle appears in the bottom left corner if you want to do it again.

LINKS to Photos from Our Tea Party

§ ***Behind the Scenes*** <https://tinyurl.com/23tbspe2>

§ ***Overview*** <https://tinyurl.com/39jj2sf5>

§ ***Punch Server*** <https://tinyurl.com/38xsxek6>

Give it a try...Enjoy!

Pat Eisemann

FTHS Vice President



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2022 Membership form

Name

Address

Phone

Email

_____This donation is made in the name or memory of _____

Please fill out the top portion of this form and return it along with your check to the address above. Make all checks payable to: Freehold Township Heritage Society

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2022 membership made to Freehold Township Heritage Society in the amount of \$
on

(date)

Suggested donation:

\$20 per year per person or \$25 per year per family
\$50 per year Business/Organization

Supporter Levels:

\$100 Patron
\$250 Gold Member
\$500 Platinum Member

