



President's Message

The nights are cooler, the apples are ripe, it must be fall!

There's a lot going on at the Oakley Farm and Museum this quarter. A concert, jams, festivals, a Civil War tea, and our first Wikoff Cemetery event.

Doing all these things requires a lot of volunteer support. We have a vacancy on our board, and are looking for a treasurer and for Trustees. There is a volunteer opportunity for every person, for every kind of skill, both on-site and off-site. Email us and tell us what you like to do--or even better, stop by and talk to us at any of our events.



Denise Warren

Fall Calendar

Sept 18	Vic and Bethe Concert 4:00
Sept 14	<i>Oakley Farm Jam</i>
Sept 21	<i>Old Time Jam</i>
Sept 26	Civil War Tea
Oct 3	Artisan Festival/Car Show
Oct 5	<i>Old Time Jam</i>
Oct 12	<i>Oakley Farm Jam</i>
Oct 19	<i>Old Time Jam</i>
Oct 23	Wikoff Cemetery Event
Nov 2	<i>Old Time Jam</i>
Nov 9	<i>Oakley Farm Jam</i>
Nov 16	<i>Old Time Jam</i>
Nov 30	<i>Old Time Jam</i>
Dec 11	Christmas at Camp
Dec 14	<i>Oakley Farm Jam</i>

Artisan Festival and Antique Car Show Live Music!

Sunday, October 3, 2021

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Featured in the pavilion

Sawmill Run String Band 11:00-12:00

Synergy - 12:00 – 12:45

Half Brothers – 1:00 – 2:00

Jo Wymer – 2:00 – 3:00

FREE to the public

Bring the whole family!

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

GEORGIA ROAD SCHOOLHOUSE-MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

This year has been very busy for the Historic Preservation Commission. We just completed the roofing project at the Schoolhouse. All 3 buildings on the complex were re-roofed. This was accomplished with a grant from Monmouth County Historic Commission and funds appropriated through the Capital Appreciation Budget for the Commission.

The roofs were all at least 75 years old. The replacement roof has fire retardant component built into it. The bell tower/cupola had not been updated since the building was built in 1820. We are happy to get at least another 100 years out of the building.



This is the 3rd structure on the property to be used for religious and educational purposes, which was the intent on the original land grant dated 1735 and signed by King George. The previous building built in 1808 was destroyed by fire. The original log cabin structure from 1735 was replaced by the 1808 building. The area was originally known as Georgia named after King George. The land was granted to the Quakers who first settled here.

The Freehold Twp. Historic Preservation Commission is planning on putting this building on the National Register for Historic Places very soon. It already has Landmark status for Freehold Township and the State of New Jersey.

Starting in 2022 we will be opening the Schoolhouse for programs throughout the year.



The 4th NJ Volunteer Infantry Regiment is hosting a tea on Sunday, September 26th. Step back in time as you sip tea, eat finger sandwiches and discuss period topics such as the men off at war, how to farm land without farmhands and how dear the cost of materials are.

Call Jerri at 732.920.3039 or email c5470@verizon.net

Music at the Oakley Farm

Every 2nd Tuesday we have a small circle of musicians that share songs and harmonies for a few hours. We often have players from a number of local bands and groups, including Prograsstination, Libby Prison Minstrels, Dunegrass, Sawmill Run Old Time String Band, Singing for Supper, and The Long Hill String Band.

The jam circle welcomes players who are hesitant to join the circle. Every one of us in the circle once nervously joined a jam for their first time, and have learned to play and get great enjoyment from it. Don't let nerves stop you!

The old-time tunes, most of which would have been heard at the Oakley farm in the 1800's, are usually a good way to begin to fit in. The songs are often simple arpeggios that are easy to learn, and many only require three chords to play background. At the Oakley jam, we have notebooks with sheet music for those who read music.

For musicians who learn by listening and playing what we hear, the jam is a perfect place to pick up new songs. This is traditionally how many of the songs we play were passed of from generation to generation...on front porches after a long day in the fields.

Come join us for good time. Bring an acoustic instrument and play quietly in the background and add your voice to the circle and share one of your songs.



Upcoming Jams

Sept 14 Oakley Farm Jam
Sept 21 Old Time Jam
Oct 5 Old Time Jam
Oct 12 Oakley Farm Jam
Oct 19 Old Time Jam
Nov 2 Old Time Jam

Nov 9 Oakley Farm Jam
Nov 16 Old Time Jam
Nov 30 Old Time Jam
Dec 14 Oakley Farm Jam
Dec 28 Old Time Jam



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.

In addition to the benefits mentioned above, in this time of quarantine, virtual jigsaw puzzles can help to pass the time.

There are three 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 20 or 24 pieces. You can change that if you want to in Play As. You can also change the shape of the pieces.
- **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.

Give it a try! Enjoy!

§ Broom Making Machine

tinyurl.com/2t5x8hsf

§ Field Corn Sheller

tinyurl.com/jv3pthyp

§ Wood Cook Stove

<https://tinyurl.com/vzwyfmb5>



OAKLEY RAIN GARDEN

Our rain garden is located along the Horse Barn which runs parallel to Wemrock Road. It was created as an Eagle Scout project several years ago. The 70 foot barn does not have any gutters. Before the creation of the rain garden, all stormwater ran off of the barn roof, down the small hill and coursed into a storm drain.

Stormwater runoff that goes into storm drains can cause a number of environmental problems. Our area has lost forests, farmlands, and other green spaces to highways, housing developments, shopping centers, and other impervious surfaces. All of this “progress” paves over the ground’s ability to absorb rainwater and snowmelt.

Every time it rains, water runs off impermeable surfaces, such as roofs or driveways, collecting pollutants such as particles of dirt, fertilizer, chemicals, oil, garbage, and bacteria along the way. The pollutant-laden water enters storm drains untreated and flows directly to nearby creeks, streams, ponds and reservoirs. The US EPA estimates that pollutants carried by rainwater runoff account for 70% of all water pollution.

As stormwater travels from storm drains, it erodes stream banks, damaging hundreds of miles of aquatic habitat. It's important to keep trash, pet waste, motor oil, pesticides, and other chemicals from entering the storm drain – everything that goes in comes out in our waterways. Polluted water is harmful to fish, wildlife, and humans.

In many communities, sewage and storm water systems are still connected underground. It takes as little as a tenth of an inch of rainfall to overload them, causing sewage to overflow into streams, yards, and rivers.

Creating a rain garden at your home is a way that you can contribute to stormwater management.

A rain garden is a shallow depression area with a berm around the perimeter or partial perimeter that is designed to temporarily hold and soak in stormwater runoff from roofs, gutters, driveways, patios, lawns, parking lots, etc. The water soaks in and does not stay around long enough to attract mosquitoes.

Rain gardens are effective in removing up to 90% of nutrients and chemicals and up to 80% of sediments from the rainwater runoff. They collect stormwater runoff, allowing the water to be filtered by vegetation and percolate into the soil which recharges groundwater aquifers, where our drinking water is stored. These processes filter out pollutants.

CERTIFIED HABITATS - Our Oakley rain garden has both.

You can provide these on your property to create habitats to help pollinators and other creatures whose habitats are being destroyed.

§ Monarch Waystation Program <https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

§ National Wildlife Federation’s Certified Wildlife Habitat Program <https://www.nwf.org/certify>

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE REFERENCES

More Information on Rain Gardens and Stormwater Runoff

§ Native Plant Society of New Jersey's Rain Garden Manual

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

§ Groundwater Foundation

<https://www.groundwater.org/action/home/raingardens.html>

§ RainGardenAlliance

<http://raingardenalliance.org/what>

§ U.S. Department of Energy and Environment - Why is Stormwater a Problem?

doee.dc.gov/service/why-stormwater-problem

§ American Rivers - How Stormwater Affects Your Rivers

<https://www.americanrivers.org/threats-solutions/clean-water/stormwater-runoff/>

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Community Garden

Our garden has been a challenge this year, but we made it work! Right now we are at the peak of Tomato, Basil, peppers, and eggplant season. We had a very successful Zucchini and Squash season as well.

Right now we have an Boy Scout doing an Eagle Scout project. Along with some of his friends, he has weeded, weeded, and weeded some more. The area they focused on was the fence surrounding the garden, inside and outside. Some of the grass and weeds were quite a challenge, but, they got the job done. They have one more day to finish up with that. The last thing they will be doing is mulching inside and outside of the area they cleaned.

We really appreciate their hard work, especially in the sweltering heat.

The scout will also be building a Kiosk for the Community Garden, so information can be posted for the gardeners throughout the season.

If you get a chance to come to the garden, check it out. If I happen to be there, I would love to give you a tour.

See you at Oakley and at the Community Garden.

Ronnie Liebowitz, Community Garden Chair

To get an application for 2022 email:
ftcommunitygardenatoakley@gmail.com



BECOME A MEMBER

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

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2022 membership - starts immediately and goes through December 2022

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Address_____

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Please complete and return it along with your donation to the address above.

Make all checks payable to: Freehold Township Heritage Society