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History in the Making

GREATE EGG HARBOUR TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

GEHTHS Museum is Open Again!

Starting November 1, 2020 the Greate Egg Harbour Township Historic Society Museum opened to the public again!

Visit us Sundays from 1-3pm, or by appointment.

The GEHTHS is pleased to announce that we will be sharing our many treasures and resources in person again after being closed for 8 months due to Covid- 19.

While officially closed, a lot happened around the museum.

Many socially responsible initiatives and projects that took place in 2020 include: community vegetable garden; virtual tours of our collections on social media; sprucing up our grounds; collecting

Covid 19 stories; and partnering with local Eagle Scout projects. *(Details of these projects included on pages 2-4)*

To make visits safe for all, we will be following these recommendations...

Masks must be worn while inside the museum with nose and mouth covered.

Maintain social distance of at least six feet while inside & on the grounds of the museum.

Separate entrance and exit. Please enter through the front door and exit the back.

Bathroom is closed to the public.

Hand-sanitizer is located at the entrance.

Limited number of visitors allowed in the building at one time.

Appointments are encouraged. Guests with appointments take precedence over walk-ins.

Regular cleaning protocol will be followed.

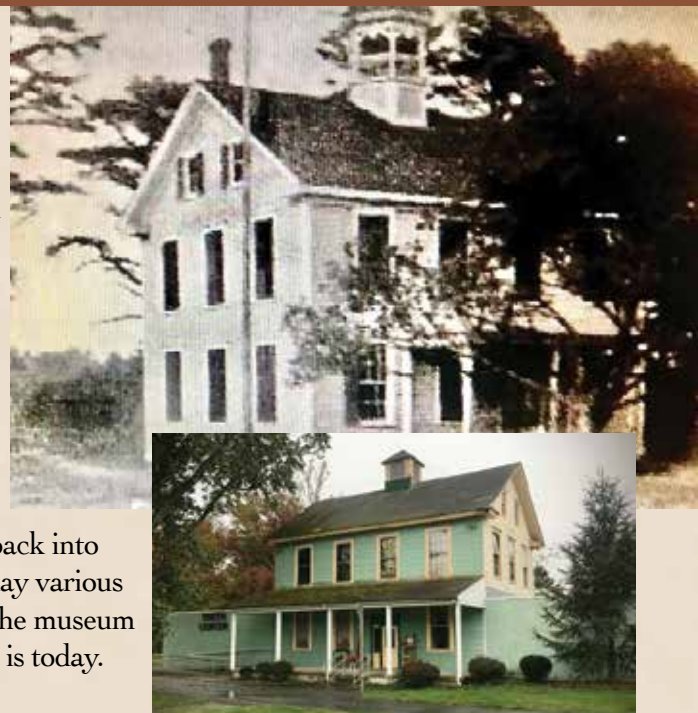
Welcome back! We are looking forward to seeing you again to share our treasures.

History Notes-

Scullyville School Completes Full Circle for Students.

THEN AND NOW

This wooden Scullyville School, once located on Somers Point Mays Landing Road, was built in 1860 for local children of varying ages. By the 1940s, it taught local students who were in grades 7 and 8. The building was also used as a church hall for the Palestine Church down the road. Later, the building was made into apartments. In the mid 1960s, Richard Collins acquired the building and had it moved a short way back into "Uncle Dick's Museum" and used it to display various items. When Green Tree Church acquired the museum land, it became a Youth Center which it still is today.



Calling all Members

Members and Volunteers are the Foundation of the GEHTHS

As a member, you have the benefit of attending our events and speaker series at no cost.

Hats off to all our members who religiously pay their dues every year (they are due again in January of every year in case you forgot!) Let us know if you need a membership form by emailing GEHTSMuseum@aol.com

How You Can Help Preserve EHT's History by Becoming an Active Member and Volunteer

- Bring refreshments to events
- Be a door attendant at an event
- Help with museum and yard cleanup in the spring and fall
- Maintain the various gardens by weeding, watering, etc)
- Light cleaning of our buildings,
- For those who have strong backs, occasional moving, filing and storing artifacts.



Once we can start sponsoring larger events and programs inside safely, our volunteers will be able join the fun of bringing history to life! Many of our programs are free for members who have paid their dues.

Prefer office work?

- You can learn how to record (accession) incoming donations and help our librarian file and organize

Membership Levels

You may join at anytime of the year, with renewals due annually in January:

- Individual: \$10
- Family: \$20
- Student: \$8
- Associate: \$40
- Provider: \$50
- Patron: \$100

Join Us Today!

Mail your donation to:
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Share Your Life in the Times of Covid-19 for History!

The GEHTHS is collecting stories of what life is like in Egg Harbor Township as we quarantine and social distance during the Covid-19 epidemic. Please submit your stories to GEHTHS • 6647 West Jersey Avenue • Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234 or via email to GEHTSMuseum@aol.com. Thank You!



Your story will help future generations understand early 2020 in EHT.



Unique Holiday Recognition:

Remember or Honor your Family & Friends with a Special Tribute

We have 2 very special ways that you can contribute to the GEHTHS and honor or remember family and friends

1. **Tree of Life Decoration:** For a \$10 donation, we will hang a personalized "ornament" on our Tree of Life which is on display at the museum during the month of December. We will also feature photos of the tree on our Facebook page.
2. **A Personalized Commemorative Brick:** Recognize yourself, family and friends in the GEHTHS brickway for history. Bricks are available for a \$50 donation each.

For more information, stop by the museum, or contact us GEHTSMuseum@aol.com. Forms also available through our Facebook page.



Staying Dedicated During a Pandemic!

Virtual Tours of the Museum Share Old & New Acquisitions

Lynn Wood, Historian of the GEHTHS created 3 virtual tours to allow the public to enjoy our grounds, collections and EHT history from their own homes through social media while quarantining.

From March through October 2020, three virtual tour videos were created and shared on the GEHTHS's Facebook page. Subjects varied from

the Community Teaching Garden on the Museum grounds, photos of early businesses in EHT, and a premiere showing of the items from the Shore

Mall Time Capsule. To enjoy these virtual tours go to our YouTube Channel @ GEHTHSmuseum.

Shore Mall Exhibit

Virtual Tour #1 – Many remember the popular Shore Mall, once called Searstown Mall in the 1960s, and the many family oriented activities and events it offered to the community throughout the next several years into the early 1990s. We hope you'll stop in the GEHTHS museum to see the large collection of memorabilia from the Shore Mall era.



Early EHT Businesses

Virtual Tour #3 – The GEHTHS has collected hundreds of old photos which bring back memories for many residents and share a bit about the earlier days of the Greater Egg Harbor Township area. We have produced a book, "Journey Through Time in Egg Harbor Township, NJ" which shows what presently occupies the area where these early businesses once stood. The book is available for a \$30 donation.



Community Teaching Garden & Community Vegetable Garden

Virtual Tour #2 – The Community Teaching Garden was created by the "Catawba Project" under the direction of teacher John Jones with a service learning grant sponsored by State Farm. Students in this organization from the Alder Middle School put the garden together in 2012, with help from Mr. McClain and some students from the Miller School, and through the years it has grown to include eagle scout projects such as a gazebo, a memorial brick walkway, the Farmington fire bell and several raised beds. Some of the produce raised was donated to the local Food Bank to help others in need during the past months when Covid19 hit. Various EHT scouts have helped build the raised beds.

Early each spring we invite local gardeners to "farm" a plot to raise food for themselves or to share with those in need. We also encourage schools and youth organizations to become involved in teaching the students the importance of farming, our environment and social responsibility. Donations encouraged



St. Katharine Drexel's NeXt Level youth group plant herbs in two raised beds to share with the public & local Food Bank. "Plant to Grow...Grow to Give" theme.



EHT School Superintendent Dr. Scott McCarthy & John Jones dedicate the Community Teaching Garden in 2012. Students continue to work & learn here.



Students from the EHT Alder Middle School volunteer on a Saturday to help maintain and build the Community Teaching Garden. A grant from State Farm helped build the garden.



St. Katharine Drexel's NeXt Level youth show their commitment to social responsibility by being safe and giving back during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Meet our Community!

GEHThS Mission

The mission of the society is to collect and preserve historical materials exemplifying the events, places and lifestyles of the people of Egg Harbor Township, to encourage the study of history and genealogy, and to provide historical and genealogical information to our membership and the general public.

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Partnership with Boy Scout Troop 94 Continues!



We are so grateful to Boy Scout Troop 94, from the Jersey Shore Council, Sea Pines district! Our local scouts who are working toward their Eagle Scout designation have completed several projects over the past few years. Their efforts have vastly improved our buildings and grounds.

The most recent projects in 2020 include completing the brick walkway past the gazebo and to the community garden gate. Thomas Van der Molen completed this beautiful pathway in August.

Scott Roscoe built wall to wall bookshelves in the Betty Steelman Annex, which houses our library and archival offices. This has made it so much easier to organize and catalog our vast amount of materials. His brother Jack has submitted his plan to expand the community garden by adding more raised beds. These beds offer protection from our resident ground



hog, and make gardening much easier on your back! Garden plots are available to anyone for a donation.



We know these scouts could not complete their projects without the support and assistance of their leaders, parents, and fellow scouts. **Thank you all so much!**

In Memory

When the GEHThS decided to add a community garden as a way to bring local gardeners together and enhance our teaching garden area, Larry Hughes was one of our original gardeners. He was a avid gardener who loved sharing his Jersey tomatoes with lucky friends and neighbors. We will miss seeing him at his raised bed and listening to his stories. Thank you for believing in our mission, Larry.



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