

# History in the Making

GREATE EGG HARBOUR TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



*Dedicated to the discovery, collection, and preservation of any material and stories which may help to document or illustrate the history and progress of Egg Harbor Township.*

*Visit the museum and research library to share your stories and learn more of your ancestors.*

## Not everything at the GEHTHS complex is old!

*We are constantly making improvements to our facilities and grounds, with the hope of interesting YOU to come visit us, or even join as a member!*

**Let's take a quick tour of our complex:**

**The first building you will see is our museum,** which fronts West Jersey Avenue and houses some of our collection of local artifacts.

The displays change regularly, so there is always something new to see. We would love to hear from you about displays that you would like to see highlighted in the museum. We accept



*Enjoy our beautiful sustainable garden featuring native New Jersey plants.*

donations on an “as needed” basis, but ask that you call before bringing us your treasures.

**The middle building is a garage which is currently used for storage.** Our plan is

to renovate this building into a workshop for the trades of antiquity, and a meeting room for classes and presentations. We work with local high school students and are open to liaisons with other organizations to promote the historical significance and forgotten trades of our area.

**The third and final building is our research library.** All of our printed

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## History Notes-

### Railroad Through EHT

#### THEN AND NOW

In 1879 the Pennsylvania Railroad directed the West Jersey Railroad to build a line between Atlantic City and Newfield in Gloucester County. The West Jersey and Atlantic Railroad carried passengers from the Newfield branch through McKee City and Cardiff in Egg Harbor Township into Pleasantville and Atlantic City.

People had to flag down the train to get it to stop so they could board. The line was formally abandoned in 1966.

In 2002 Atlantic County began construction for a bike / walking path along this railroad path, which residents enjoy 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!) We don't generally send a reminder, so hoping you remember...

### 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.



*In addition to providing important services to the community about the history of Egg Harbor Township through the museum, our members have a great time bringing history to life!*

### 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:  
**GEHTHS**  
6647 West Jersey Ave  
Egg Harbor Township,  
NJ 08234

GEHTHS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the limit of the law. Tax ID # 22-2313429

## 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 GEHTHSmuseum@aol.com. Thank You!



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

# Thank You Outstanding Volunteers!



## Hardworking scouts from troop #94 come together for Eagle Scout projects

When Donna Nelson donated the historic Farmington Fire Bell to the GEHTHS, three Egg Harbor Township scouts made sure it had a proper home. Danielle Rodriquez created the Farmington Fire Co. Bell memorial. Oliver Bruno made the sidewalk from the bell to the museum's memorial brick walkway. Aiden Bamberger did the flagpole area and stained the railing of the Betty Steelman Annex. Thank you to the scouts and their support team who helped make this area beautiful! THANK YOU!!!

# Recent Events & Programs

## An Evening of Pure Irish- March 6, 2020

A fun-filled event with entertainment by the Kate OBrien Dancers, The Irish Celli Band, and Nae Breeks Bagpipers



*Thank you for everyone who shared their talents, our enthusiastic audience and our talented volunteers who provided Irish treats for all to enjoy!!!*

## Upcoming Events: Resumption of programs depends on New Jersey re-opening laws



### History & Wonders of the Great Egg Harbor River

Friday, October 2, 2020 • 7pm

Presented by Lynn Maun

*Explore the beauty of the river through photos of a local naturalist*

Meeting Room • EHT Community Center  
5045 English Creek Rd

Adults: \$2 Donation • Members and Students: Free



### Holiday at the GEHTHS Museum

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 • 6:30pm

*Decorate the Tree of Lights • Special visitor and gift for the children*

GEHTHS Museum • 6647 West Jersey Avenue • EHT

FREE Event • Free Holiday Refreshments

### Museum Day

Saturday, September 26, 2020  
10am-1pm

200 Years of American Military History.

*Come see the treasures in the museum.  
Explore the research/library.*

GEHTHS Museum • 6647 West Jersey Avenue • EHT

FREE Event for the Whole Family

### WWII...the Holocaust and the United States

Friday, November 6, 2020 • 7pm

Slideshow, presented by Doug Cervi,  
Stockton Professor

Meeting Room • EHT Community Center  
5045 English Creek Rd

Adults: \$2 Donation • Members and Students: Free



### Virtual Tours of the Museum and Grounds

Every season we will present a virtual tour. New tours will first be sent directly to members via email, and then available via social media.

*Schedule subject to change. Follow us on Social Media for any updates or new programs.*



# Museum Treasures

## 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.

## Board of Trustees

- Tamara Lamb, *Chairperson*
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*During the GEHTHS Museum's holiday display featuring antique toys, one generous member lent her Smith Miller "Smitty Toys" Mack No. 3 SMFD Pressed Steel Fire Truck Vintage 1950's Smith Miller No. 3 Mack Aerial Ladder Fire Truck. Cast aluminum aerial fire extension ladder fire truck, made by Smith Miller-Smitty Toys and is a Mack Truck. Smith-Miller was the producer of arguably the finest toy trucks ever made in the US. The original trucks are highly collectible.*



## Not Everything is Old *(continued from front page)*

material is housed there, and it is open to the public on Sundays from 1:00-3:00PM or by appointment with our knowledgeable librarian/historian. You would be surprised at how much information about EHT is available dating back to 1710, the year EHT was incorporated!

On our 8+ acres, we have the Jeff Wood Memorial Garden, a frog pond, a gazebo and a community garden where you can reserve a raised bed for free. Gardens are on a first come basis and donations are appreciated. There is a lovely path leading past these features, containing memorial bricks which can be purchased and inscribed to your requirements for \$50.



*Community garden space available to grow food, herbs and flowers.*

We are constantly making improvements to our grounds, which are owned by EHT but dedicated to our use for the foreseeable future. We are grateful to the Township for their support of our mission.

## Thank You to Our Generous Supporters

**Jerry Bell**

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Egg Harbor Twp.



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Visit us: **Sundays: 1 to 3 PM**  
or by appointment

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