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History in the Making

GREATE EGG HARBOUR TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Adventure Village & Storybook Land Brings Back Childhood Memories for South Jersey Residents

Over 150 people enjoyed an old-fashioned slide projector presentation by the Warner and Fricano families, local visionaries of childhood amusement parks.

On April 8, 2022, the Greate Egg Harbour Township Historical Society presented a slide show to a packed crowd on the history of Storybook Land in Cardiff and Adventure Village which was located in McKee City.



Storybook Land continues to grow every year thanks to the Fricano family. John Fricano Sr. and his wife Esther started the park in 1955. It is one of EHT's treasures, attracting families from near and far. The park offers several rides and attractions inspired by familiar Mother Goose nursery rhymes, & an incredible Christmas light's display.

Adventure Village, an old time amusement park, opened each summer from 1959 to 1969. Along with its rides and attractions, it offered free skits in the center of town and old time movies in the Hippodrome Theater.



Adventure Village owner, builder, and visionary Fred Warner sold the rides after 10 years and turned the buildings into village style apartments. In 1979, he sold the property to the owner of the Rock & Shell Shop, who had been located on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Today, Auto Lenders & Matt Blatt Kia sit on the property.

During the slide show, the famous Adventure Village Slippery Sam even made a surprise appearance, being chased by a keystone cop!

History Notes - Then & Now

Scull's Store in Scullville

This historic building along Somers Point Mays Landing Road in the Scullville section of the township was built in the mid 1800's by former judge, postmaster and county freeholder Joseph Scull. The building was once a post office, general store and antiques shop in addition to being a private residence. Today, it stands vacant.



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 a non or reduced cost. You may join us as a member at any time with the normal renewal time of January of each year. Let us know if you need a membership form by emailing GEHTHSmuseum@aol.com

Want to become more active?

We are a 100% volunteer organization, so we always welcome volunteers who may want to help at our events, work around the museum

and the grounds, organize and help set up displays in the museum, and help with office work including accessioning historic items acquired and doing research.

Invite your friends and family to join us!

- Individual: \$15
- Family: \$25
- Student: \$8
- Associate: \$40
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Learning from Oral History

Guest Column Featuring South Jersey Stories

SUBMITTED BY DAN LAWLESS

When I first started teaching in EHT in Jan. 1972, I was somewhat surprised that several of my students had an out-house. Also, later on in the fall I was wondering why I had a high absentee rate of 8th grade boys for several days. A veteran teacher told me it was because of hunting season and when deer season comes around you will even see less of the boys and girls too.

One more thing, I was put in charge of 8th grade graduation since I was the new guy. I ran graduation up to about 1981. It was not uncommon when I first started, to see a few folks riding horses along the tree line behind the spectators at Slaybaugh. Then one year, a girl who was riding her horse one evening was hit by a car on Ocean Heights Ave. The girl was injured, and the horse was killed. Not too many riders came after that. Also, in some cases, the student graduating was the first in their family graduating 8th grade and going on to high school, no joke. It was a big deal for some.

I keep having these flash backs. One more thing, When I took kids on a field trip to Philadelphia to visit some of the historical places, Franklin's grave, Independence Hall, the Mint, etc, some were never out of NJ and were amazed at how big the bridge was crossing the Delaware River.

I enjoyed teaching and seeing the expression on the students faces but I also loved counseling because I could involve many outside agencies to help the high school students reach their dream.



Dan Lawless is an active member of the GEHTHS. He has a passion for making history come alive. He is a retired Egg Harbor Township Teacher and Guidance Counselor. His wife Betty was a school nurse in EHT. During retirement, they enjoy traveling to new places.

Everyone Has a Story and We Would Like to Hear Yours! Whether your family has a strong heritage in Egg Harbor Township or you have wonderful memories of an earlier EHT, we would love to hear your story. We take both oral and written stories. We also love photographs with captions. Stop by the museum on Sundays from 1-3pm or contact us: 609-813-2002 • GEHTHSMuseum@aol.com.



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Keeping History Alive



GEHTHS representatives, Lynn Wood, Pam Tyson, Janice Cambron, and Lisa Press presented the student version of a Covid-19 book that the GEHTHS & Museum has been working on for 2 years. At the April 6, 2022 EHT committee meeting, they shared copies of the book with the mayor and committee who praised the book and all that the Society does for EHT. Inspired by teachers Kylene Wood, Kelly Hunt and Kim Pettit approximately 150 young EHT students submitted their thoughts and challenges during the 2020 pandemic quarantine. The book is available at the GEHTHS Museum and to view at the EHT and school libraries. Donations appreciated.



EHT Deputy Mayor Laura Pfrommer and Mayor Paul Hodson join Mrs. Claus, Janice Cambron, with Owen & Paisley Landgraf for our holiday open house.



GEHTHS volunteer Dee Landgraf using her love of natural materials and decorating to enhance the museum's holiday open house.



Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey
The Challenge of Covid-19
Resident Submissions 2020-2021

Coming Soon



Jack Roscoe choose the GEHTHS & Museum as his project toward gaining his Eagle Scout Award. Jack built 3 raised beds for our Community Garden. Shown above is Lynn Wood, Garden Coordinator and Jack. Besides being attractive, the raised beds make gardening easier.

Community Garden

Thank you Eagle Academy for improving our garden pathways.

Each year volunteers help us make the community garden more gardener friendly. This spring, our wonderful students from Eagle Academy placed a weed barrier and spread wood chips along the garden pathways throughout the garden! The wood chips were donated by Hell Fighters Tree Services, and the barrier fabric was donated by Eagle. Many thanks to Bud Smith, principal at Eagle, and the students who participated in this project.



Students from the EHT Eagle Academy in Bargaintown donated their time laying weed preventative fabric and wood chips between the raised beds at the Egg Harbor Township Community Garden. Pictured from left are: Director Mr. Smith, Matt, Aiden and Ashton.

Garden beds still available!

For a donation of your choice, you may have one or two garden plots. Your donation includes a one year membership to the Historical Society. Water is on site, and the garden is fenced to discourage local wildlife from eating our vegetables. Contact Lynn Wood at 609-335-3313.

Introducing GEHTHS's Newest Board Members

Welcome Carol Jo Martin and Jade Egelhoff

Carol Jo has a passion for history and joins us after her involvement in other historic groups in the area. She would like to be active with Membership/Volunteers, Fundraising & the Research Library. Jade, new to South Jersey, has a degree in Archaeology and has extensively worked in other museums. She is an active member of our accessioning team, making sure each item is documented.



Jade Egelhoff helps record donated items.

Remembering Marilyn & Sue

We honor the memory of Marilyn Gallagher & Sue Heinz for Their Contributions to the EHT Historical Society.

Marilyn Gallagher was an active member of the GEHTHS since its inception in 1979. In 2010, she was the dedicated, hardworking coordinator of the EHT 300th Celebrations. She built a dynamic committee of new and old volunteers. Her passion for EHT was non stop.



Sue Heinz was a founding member of the GEHTHS. Her amazing talents as an artist are well known.

One of Sue's contributions for which the GEHTHS will be forever grateful is designing the logo which the society proudly displays.



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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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Getting to Know Your Community!

The History Behind the Egg Harbor Township Flag

When Leo Schoffer of Schoffer Enterprises set up his business in Egg Harbor Township, he installed a flag pole. He went to Township Hall to inquire about an EHT flag to fly in front of his building. At the time, the Township did not have a flag. Schoffer contacted Robert Reinheimer, from the EHT Historical Society, who gave him the EHT seal and colors. Susan Heinz, an EHT artist, helped Schoffer by designing and creating the mock up in cardboard shown in this photo.

Schoffer had the flag made and he presented it to then Mayor Art Foster during volunteers day in 1986.

Today you can find the flag proudly displayed at Township Hall.



The History and Design Elements of the EHT Police Badge

The patch shown was designed in the 1980's by Police Officer George Rochelle, Badge #1523.

He requested permission from the Chief of Police to design a new patch in order to eliminate the "cookie cutter" patch that they were wearing at the time. • The center of the EHTPD patch displays the official seal of the Township of Egg Harbor • The five gold stars signify the five patrol areas in EHT • The background color on the patch matches the color of EHTPD uniforms • The gold wording "Egg Harbor Township" and "Police" matches the stripe on the uniform pants • EHTPD members wear the EHTPD patch on the left shoulder only.