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FROM THE FRONT PORCH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF MOORESTOWN



View From the Porch

No one knows why medieval men living in the Germanic regions of Europe started giving their wives golden wreaths on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversaries, but evidence suggests that the tradition got its start in this region during the middle ages. Sometime in the 19th century, Britain and the U.S. picked up the idea, and in 1922 Emily Post formally enshrined the Golden Anniversary into public etiquette when she stated in her first bestselling book that “the golden wedding [anniversary] is a sacred event.” Comprehensive, year-to-year lists of traditional wedding gifts became standardized during this period, and these lists can be found easily online today. As most husbands are probably aware, the traditional anniversary gift list contains some oddities. I can’t tell you why aluminum is the appropriate gift after 10 years of wedded bliss, but my wife didn’t seem too excited about the Reynold’s Wrap I put a bow on when we passed that milestone last year. Gold, however, does seem an appropriate symbol for a union that endured fifty years. Among gold’s many unique qualities, three seem quite relevant. First, gold is resistant to most acids which means it is difficult to dissolve. Gold also ranks among the densest metals which accounts for its strength. But, gold’s most relevant characteristic is its malleability. No elemental metal is more malleable than gold, and any human compact that lasted fifty years, certainly learned to bend without breaking. As the Historical Society of Moorestown inches closer to its 50th anniversary this November, the qualities of gold can certainly be applied to our organization.

First, we have not dissolved. This may seem like stating the obvious, but civic organizations in the 21st century have struggled to maintain active memberships and meet their mission objectives. Family dynamics and crunches on spare time have made it difficult for people to participate in organizations that have long been society staples. However, the Historical Society of Moorestown has overcome these challenges and continues to make good on its promise to maintain the town’s historical treasures while also providing educational exhibits and programs.

Much like gold, the historical society also remains strong. That strength is the result of a fantastic board of trustees and a loyal membership base who provide unwavering support year after year. Whether you support HSM through time commitments, material contributions, or monetary donations, you help create the “density” that has enabled HSM to endure for fifty years.

Finally, the Historical Society of Moorestown is as malleable as gold. Each generation of trustees has used their own creativity to keep HSM relevant in an ever-changing community. Sure, the Main Street buildings have largely remained the same over the last 50 years, but the shops, the people, and the community that surrounds them have undergone considerable change. HSM has had to bend and twist in order to remain an organization that Moorestown residents continually want to support. We may emphasize different aspects of our mission today than we did fifty years ago, and we may produce different programming in the 2020s than we did in the 1980s, but we remain an organization that is unquestionably golden.

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House Tours and Gift Shop Hours:

2nd & 4th Sunday 1-3 PM
Tuesdays 1-3 PM

Research Library Hours:

Tuesday 1-4 PM
Second Sunday of
each Month 1-3 PM

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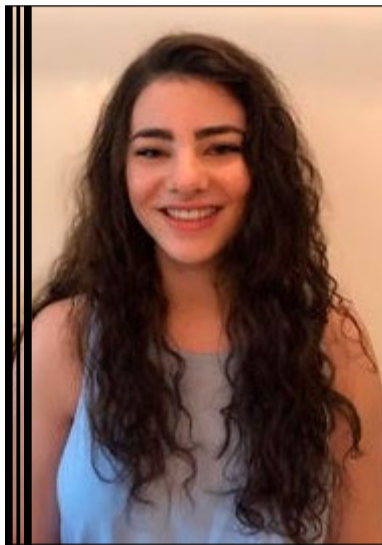
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I can't emphasize enough that our 50 years as an organization could not have been accomplished without the help of a dedicated membership. We hope to continue celebrating with you as we wind down 2019 with an assortment of fun events. The *NJ History Speaks* series resumes in early October, and the Halloween season means ghost tours. Then, the year culminates with our 50th Anniversary birthday party celebration in November and our annual holiday party in December. Please take a look at the following pages for more information on all of these exciting events, and I look forward to seeing you in the community.

Mickey DiCamillo, President
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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MOORESTOWN AWARDED ITS SEVENTH ANNUAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TO GRADUATING Moorestown High School Senior Julia Shenot

This year's recipient of the annual *Sara Franklin Homer Memorial Scholarship* is Julia Shenot.

The scholarship is given each year by the Historical Society of Moorestown in memory of long time trustee and volunteer, **Sara Franklin Homer**. The award goes to the graduating senior

from Moorestown High School, who excelled in the study of history and who plans on continuing the study of history in college.

Ms. Shenot will be attending Duke University in the fall, where she will be majoring in history, with an emphasis on Early American History.

The Historical Society of Moorestown

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TICKETS: \$15 for adults; \$12 for Historical Society members and senior citizens; \$10 for students; children age 6 and under are free.

Tickets are purchased at the door; checks or cash only (no advanced or online sales).

Arrive 15 minutes early to purchase tickets and enjoy apple cider & popcorn on the back patio. The walking tours begin and end at the Smith-Cadbury Mansion, 12 High Street in Moorestown.

OCTOBER GHOST TOURS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS IN OCTOBER:

11, 12

18, 19

25, 26

AT 7:30



Quaker Wedding Certificate Restoration

The Wedding Certificate

The framed and restored 1790 Quaker wedding certificate, documenting the union of Henry Warrington and Rebekah Dudley, now hangs on display in the Smith Cadbury dining room. The certificate was

donated to the Historical Society five years ago by a descendant of the family. While the content was of specific significance to our town, the document had been stored folded for decades, maybe centuries. The certificate

had fractured along its creases into three separate pieces. The brown ink containing iron gall, had started to corrode the paper, creating holes in the lettering where heavily applied.

In 2018, the Indian Springs Questers were awarded a grant and presented a check to HSM for the conservation and framing of the wedding certificate.

Who were Henry Warrington and Rebekah Dudley?

Henry Warrington was the son of Thomas Warrington and Mary Roberts. His grandfather, Henry Warrington, arrived in Philadelphia from England "in about 1700 and shortly afterwards settled on a farm located on the north branch of the Pennsauken Creek a little above Fork Landing" according to George DeCou in *Moorestown and her Neighbors*. The Warringtons were a large Quaker farming family belonging to the Chester/

Moorestown Monthly Meeting. In 1849, according to the Bradley, Otley and Whitford map of Burlington County, our groom Henry owned a house and land on the north side of Riverton Road near the Pompeston Creek and the village of Westfield in Chester Township (now Cinnaminson).

Rebekah Dudley was the daughter of Thomas Dudley and Martha Evans. According to "*Ancestry of the Haines, Sharp, Collins, Wills, Gardiner, Prickitt, Eves, Evans, Moore, Troth, Borton and Engle families*", her grandparents were Rachel Wilkins and Francis Dudley who came from Staffordshire, England about 1730. They settled in Evesham Township. The Dudleys were a large Quaker farming family who lived in the vicinity of Mount Laurel in Evesham Township. They were members of the Evesham Monthly Meeting.

The name of Henry Warrington is found on the circa 1840 Moorestown Friendship Quilt in the possession of the Historical Society of Moorestown.

Guests present at the Warrington-Dudley wedding signed the certificate as witnesses to the union. While many members of the Warrington and Dudley families were present, the guest signatures listed also included many familiar early Moorestown surnames – Haines, Hollinshead, Roberts, Matlack, Collins, French, and Lippincott.

Restoration Craftsmen

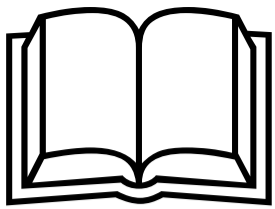
The restoration work was conducted by Julia A. Ream, Conservator of Art and Historic Artifacts on Paper. The certificate was cleaned, mended, reconditioned and now "floats" in a sealed package behind UV filtered acrylic. It was then framed (by the Garth Davidson Gallery) in a period frame.

The Historical Society is grateful to the Indian Springs Questers for their continued support.

— Nancy Chumney



Earlier this year, the Indian Springs Questers met and toured the Smith Cadbury House. Debbie Celhar (left), President of the Indian Springs chapter and Susan Gross both of Moorestown, stand in front of a restored 1818 sampler, previously funded by the Questers.



LIBRARY NEWS

THE STORY CONTINUES...

Who were the Cadburys in the Smith- Cadbury Mansion?

In our last issue we examined the lives of the Smith family members who owned and resided in the Mansion at 12 High Street. It's only fitting that we should next learn about the last family to live there before the house was sold to the Historical Society in 1969.

In 1924 the house at 12 High Street was purchased by John W. and Rachel Reeve Cadbury. John Warder Cadbury (1880 – 1948) was a member of the venerable old English Quaker Cadbury family and distantly related to the Cadbury chocolatiers. His father was Joel Cadbury, Jr., an officer in the Esterbrook Pen company in his early career and later a manufacturer of steam fitting and plumbing supplies. John grew up with his 5 brothers and sisters in their large house across the street from what is now Lutheran Crossings on East Main Street. His brothers and sisters all grew up to become influential members of the Quaker faith.

John was employed as a trust officer at the Philadelphia insurance firm of Provident Life and Trust Company and was the assistant treasurer of the American Friends Service Committee. His wife Rachel was a writer who penned the book *The Choice Before Us*, a collection of essays on living a good life, and other inspirational and spiritual writings for Quaker publications. She helped found the Moorestown Family Service and the Moorestown Council of Churches in 1913. In the 1930s and 1940s she served as the executive director of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends and on the Moorestown Board of Education. She was also a president of the Moorestown Women's Club.

Their son John W. Cadbury III was an avid birder and had a varied career starting out as an entomologist working



as a curator at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, then during and after WWII working for the American Friends Service Committee (which was established by his brother Henry Joel Cadbury). He spent several years in the nursery business growing American Holly and ended his working days at the Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research, running the greenhouses that grew tumor-prone plants for experiments. His brother Thomas Lloyd Cadbury worked as a Conscientious Objector with the US Soil Conservation Service and the US Forest Service during WWII. After the war he became the director of data processing operations for the Los Angeles Junior College district.

The Historical Society, incorporated on November 19, 1969, purchased the Mansion from Rachel Cadbury's estate on March 1, 1970. The first open house was held on April 26, 1970 with over 300 people in attendance. There wasn't much in the way of exhibits or artifacts and the first president, William C. Coles, Jr. said in an April 29, 1970 Courier-Post interview,

"Our aim was to show what we do not have... Our hope is that we will acquire some items we should have to develop our institution to a truly representative shrine of Moorestown history."

— Stephanie Herz

BUSINESS CORNER

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

Local businesses play an important role when they support the preservation of Moorestown's history. We welcome and thank our business members!

BENEFACTOR

Powers Kirn, LLC
Counselors at Law

FRIENDS

Passariello's Pizzeria
& Italian Kitchen

D P Lawn Care

Lewis Funeral Home

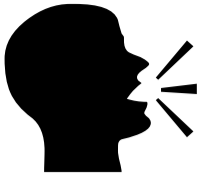
The Recycled Designer

Your generous support helps to sustain the Society's commitment to preserving Moorestown's heritage for generations to come.

Again, thank you!

New Business memberships are always welcome; for details, visit us at <http://moorestownhistory.org/membership/become-a-business-partner/>

NEW JERSEY HISTORY SPEAKS SERIES



Wednesday, October 2nd @ 7:00 PM | Moorestown Public Library

Dominick Mazzagetti on the Jersey Shore

The New Jersey History Speaks Lecture Series returns for Season 5! Dominick Mazzagetti kicks off the new season and tells of the history, culture, and landscapes of the Jersey Shore from the 1600s to the present. What did the beach look like to Native Americans and early explorers? What industries thrived along the coastline before amusement rides and carnival games? What factors propelled the region into a national tourist destination in the eighteenth century? And, what does the future hold for this fragile but critically important ecological and economic treasure? Mr. Mazzagetti brings a scholar's depth along with a local's enthusiasm to the place of eternal summer.

Wednesday, November 6th @ 7:00 PM | Moorestown Public Library

Aaron Sullivan on Surviving the American Revolution

Today, we remember the American Revolution as a glorious cause that gave birth to a new form of freedom, but how did people in New Jersey, Philadelphia, and the surrounding region feel about a war that erupted in their own backyard in 1778? Historian Aaron Sullivan explores the British occupation of Philadelphia during the War for Independence, chronicling the experiences of a group of people who were pursued, pressured, and at times persecuted, not because they chose the wrong side of the Revolution but because they tried not to choose a side at all. For these people, the war was neither a glorious cause to be won nor an unnatural rebellion to be suppressed, but a dangerous and costly calamity to be navigated with care.

All lectures are free and open to the public

To register, go to the HSM web site <https://moorestownhistory.org/events/calendar/> or the Moorestown Library web site <http://www.moorestownlibrary.org/events/>

All Events are sponsored by the Elizabeth Tuttle Foundation



Lenny Wagner, Bill Archer, and Lynne Brill in the Moorestown Day Historical Society booth on Main Street

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

HSM is Seeking Business Sponsors!

2019/2020

- Friends (\$100)**
Your company's name on our website and in our quarterly newsletter.
- Business Partner (\$250)**
Your company's name on our website and in our quarterly newsletter. And a box of six *Historical Society 50 Years 1969-2019* commemorative pens.
- Event Sponsor (\$500)**
Your company's logo on our website (with link to your website!) in our quarterly newsletter (1/8th of a page) and on our *50th Birthday Celebration Sponsor Poster*.
- Benefactor (\$1000)**
Your company's logo on our website (with link to your website!) in our quarterly newsletter (1/4 of a page) and on our *50th Birthday Celebration Sponsor Poster*.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello Members!

A few more membership renewals have trickled in over the summer (thank-you!) but not to worry, if you haven't sent yours in yet simply use the form below. If you're not sure, look at the date next to your name on the front of this newsletter. If it says 04/20 you're good; if it says 04/19 or even 04/18 we would greatly appreciate your continued support!

A warm welcome to our newest members: • **Alexandra & Richard Calabrese** • **The Carleton Family** • And a thank you to **Jeannie & Wayne Becker** for donating in honor of **Rev. Ralph Shockey**, a friend and founder of the Historical Society.

It really is wonderful that so many of you make the generous decision each year to continue to support us in our work preserving Smith-Cadbury Mansion and its contents which include a very busy library and many archival collections—believe it or not we get “new” things all the time! Volunteers care for the many historical artifacts and documents that tell the stories of our town. This Fall we look forward to celebrating with you 50 years of collecting, preserving and sharing Moorestown's history!

Are you a local business owner? Local businesses play an important financial role in supporting our ongoing work! New this year: we are pleased to offer promotional opportunities that spread the word of your charitable support to our membership, visitors and community. We'll feature your company's name or logo on our website with a link to your website, and in our newsletter which is also published online. Say Happy 50th to the Historical Society with a business sponsorship!

Visit our website for details at:

<https://moorestownhistory.org/membership/become-a-business-partner/>
call us: 856-235-0353 or send us an email: moorestownhistory@comcast.net
or use the Business Sponsor Form on page 5.

Looking forward to sharing history with you soon!

Jill Weiss, Membership Chair moorestownhistory@comcast.net

Are you good at fundraising? If so, we need your help!

We are seeking individuals with energy and ideas to help us in our fundraising efforts.



Jobs — big and small — that we need help with:

Activities/Events: Helps plan, organize and hold Society events.

Docents: Museum and special exhibit guides.

Exhibits: Helps create interesting displays.

Fund Raising: Helps plan and hold income-generating events.

Museum: Helps with maintaining collection.

Oral History: Collects oral histories and oversees written work.

Photography: Attends events and take digital photos for our archives and publicity.

Programs: Helps select programs and speakers, coordinates meetings.

Publicity/News/Web: Helps get Society information to the members and public.

If you can help out, call the Society at 856-235-0353



MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019-2020

BASIC MEMBERSHIP:

- Student (\$10) Individual/Family (\$35)

DONOR LEVELS:

- Say "Happy 50th" to the Historical Society! (\$50)
 Pathway to History (\$100)
 Library Sponsor (\$250)
 Patron (\$500) Benefactor (\$1000)

RENEWAL

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Visit our website,
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2019

ONGOING EXHIBIT: *Moorestown and the Great War*

- 8 *Smith-Cadbury* tours, gift shop, research library, 1-3
- 10 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 11 **An Evening with Gil Gaul** at the *Moorestown Library*, 7:00 PM
- 17 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 22 *Smith-Cadbury* tours & gift shop, 1-3
- 24 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4

OCTOBER 2019

- 1 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 2 **General Meeting and NJ History Speaks Lecture** at *Moorestown Library*, 7:00 PM
- 8 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 11 **GHOST TOUR** starts at *Smith-Cadbury*, 7:30 PM
- 12 **Autumn in Moorestown**, *Smith-Cadbury* house & gift shop open 10-2
- 12 **GHOST TOUR** starts at *Smith-Cadbury*, 7:30 PM
- 13 *Smith-Cadbury* tours & gift shop, 1-3
- 15 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
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- 25 **GHOST TOUR** starts at *Smith-Cadbury*, 7:30 PM
- 26 **GHOST TOUR** starts at *Smith-Cadbury*, 7:30 PM
- 27 *Smith-Cadbury* tours & gift shop, 1-3

NOVEMBER 2019

- 1 **Candlelight Night**, *Smith-Cadbury* house & gift shop open 6-9
- 5 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 6 **NJ History Speaks Lecture** at the *Moorestown Library*, 7:00 PM
- 10 *Smith-Cadbury* tours & gift shop, 1-3
- 12 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 16 **HSM 50th Birthday Celebration/Fundraiser**, *Laurel Creek Country Club*, 7:00 PM
- 19 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 24 *Smith-Cadbury* tours & gift shop, 1-3
- 26 *Smith-Cadbury* library, gift shop & tours, 1-4

**OCTOBER
GHOST
TOURS**

TICKETS AT THE DOOR (see p. 2 for more info)
12 High Street, *Smith-Cadbury* Mansion,
Moorestown, NJ

Tours leave at 7:30; RAIN or SHINE

Wednesday,
October 2nd
7:00 PM

Join us at
our General
Meeting



The Historical Society turns 50 this year! What was happening way back in 1969 when the HSM was formed?

- The world population was estimated at 4.4 billion (the estimate for 2019 is 7.7 billion).
- Richard M. Nixon was inaugurated the 37th President of the United States and 250,000 people marched on Washington to protest the Vietnam War.
- The United States, the USSR, and about 100 other countries signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT).
- The Stonewall Riots in New York City served as a catalyst for the gay rights movement.
- On July 20th, Apollo 11 astronauts walked on the Moon.
- The price of a 1st class stamp was 6 cents.
- The New York Jets defeated the Baltimore Colts in the Super Bowl. At Wimbledon, Ann Jones defeated Billie Jean King and Rod Laver defeated John Newcombe in the Singles finals.
- The average cost of a new house was \$15,550; average income per year was \$8,550; gas was 35 cents a gallon; the year-end close for the Dow Jones Industrial average was 800.
- In August, thousands gathered for the Woodstock Music & Art Fair in Bethel, NY (the Atlantic City Pop Festival took place two weeks earlier at the Atlantic City Race Course and featured many of the same performers; a 3-day ticket cost \$15.00).
- Some of the popular movies were: *Funny Girl*, *The Love Bug*, *Midnight Cowboy*, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *The Wild Bunch*, *Easy Rider*, *Anne of the Thousand Days*. "Sesame Street" made its debut on PBS.
- Record of the Year was Simon and Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson". Album of the Year was Glen Campbell's "By the Time I Get to Phoenix". Song of the Year was Bobby Russell's "Little Green Apples". The Beatles recorded "Abbey Road" their final album together.
- The first *in vitro* fertilization of a human egg was performed in Cambridge, England.
- The seeds for today's internet were sown when ARPA (Advanced Research Projects Agency) sent their first communications through the ARPANET. The first automatic teller machine (ATM) was installed in the US.
- The use of DDT was banned in residential areas.

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SEPTEMBER 2019



The front steps
and gardens of
Smith-Cadbury in
the year 1972



Save the Date! We Celebrate 50!

This November, the Historical Society turns 50! To celebrate, we're throwing a 50th birthday celebration/fund-raiser on **November 16th at the Laurel Creek Country Club from 6:00 to 10:00 PM**. There will be a cocktail hour, dinner, auctions, and very special guest speaker, Robert Wittman – a best-selling author and “the most famous art detective in the world,” according to *The London Times*.

During his 20 year career with the FBI, he recovered more than \$300 million worth of stolen art and cultural property resulting in the prosecution and conviction of numerous individuals. In 2005, he was instrumental in the creation of the FBI's rapid deployment Art Crime Team (ACT). He was named the ACT's Senior Investigator and was tasked with instructing the team's founding members in cultural property investigation techniques. He has represented the United States around the world conducting investigations and instructing international police and museums in investigation, recovery and security techniques.

Mr. Wittman is the author of 2 best-selling books, *Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures* and *The Devil's Diary: Alfred Rosenberg and the Stolen Secrets of the Third Reich*. His presentation will be followed by a book signing.

Members, keep an eye out for invitations and stay tuned to moorestownhistory.org and the Historical Society Facebook page for further information.