



Howell Heritage

The Newsletter of The Howell Historical Society April, 2009

Howell Historical Society

Meeting

April 24, 2009

8:00 pm

Howell Township

Municipal Offices Building

April Meeting Program

In honor of Arbor Day, the Howell Historical Society will have **Zig Panek**, certified tree expert, speak on the significant trees in Howell Township and their value to its future.

All are invited to attend and be informed — refreshments will be served.

For further information please call 732-431-4117.

Looking Ahead To June

In the works for the June meeting is a fine program on a guided tour of many interesting historical spots in Monmouth County. Hear **Randall Gabrielan**, from the Monmouth County Historical Commission take us on a tour in, around, and through our rich history.

TRIVIA TIME —

Q. From where does the name of Bruce Springsteen's back up band, the E Street Band, come?

In the HHS Household:

Our vice president **Doris Howard** has suffered a stroke. Our best wishes for her recovery go out to her and her family.

Pauline Smith is recovering nicely from recent cataract surgery.

Please remember to contact us when members and friends of the Howell Historical Society are ill.

John Poland (1754-1823) Howell Resident and American Revolutionary War Patriot

John Poland, son of Stephen Poland and Barbara Price, was born May 25, 1754 in Monmouth County, New Jersey. John was a Sergeant in the New Jersey Line, Monmouth County during the American Revolution which was fought between 1775 and 1783. He married Sarah Smock Bennett on October 3, 1785 in Monmouth County. From this union, ten children were born in Monmouth County between 1785-1808 (nine boys and one girl). John Poland is listed in the Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey Census Records for the years of 1786, 1789, 1793, and 1796. As noted in the New Jersey Final Pension Payment Voucher records, John Poland died on January 19, 1823. The record is as follows:

Poland, John

Monmouth County, New Jersey, April 4, 1823, Peter C. VanDerhoef, Surrogate, grants administration of estate of John Poland to Sarah Poland. On same date, Peter B. Poland makes oath he well knew John Poland to be a pensioner (former sergeant in Revolution) who resided in Howell Township, and died on January 19, 1823; sworn before William J. Boone J.P.

Trenton, April 5, 1823, Sarah Poland collected \$36.00 arrears due from September 4, 1822 to January 19, 1823; witness William Muirheid; her oath of identity as admix. heard same date by Samuel Evans J.P., of Hunterdon County.

Sarah, the wife of John Poland, died July 1, 1835 in Portland, Indiana.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Church of The Latter-Day Saints Records

Editorially Speaking:

The calendar says that spring has sprung but the recent weather certainly feels more like the previous season. Hang on — soon we'll all be complaining about how hot it is. We're just never satisfied.

Sometimes that's a good thing though — it keeps us striving for what's just out of reach. Let's reach reach reach and grasp the bigger, better, more exciting Howell Historical Society just beyond our fingertips.

Help us find interesting and informative programs for our meetings. Arrive at the meeting night on time. Volunteer to help with school tours. Volunteer to help in the gift shop. Help us arrange creative fund raising projects.

We can do it! With your help!!

New Jersey Final Pension Payment Vouchers

1835 List of New Jersey Pensioners

Roster of the People of Revolutionary Monmouth County, NJ

U.S. and International Marriage Records (1560-1900)

New Jersey Census Records

Tim Clayton

Our Ancestors Didn't Know About This

All this time you've just been using dryer sheets of fabric softener for the laundry

1. Pack a dryer sheet in the picnic basket — it will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It also repels mice.
2. Spread sheets around foundation areas, or in trailers, or cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.
3. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
4. Repel mosquitoes. Tie a dryer sheet through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
5. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer) screen.
6. Since the dryer sheets are designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used dryer sheet to keep dust from resettling.
7. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a dryer sheet.

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8. To freshen the air in your home — Place an individual dryer sheet in a drawer or hang in the closet.
9. Put a dryer sheet in vacuum cleaner.
10. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a dryer sheet before beginning to sew.
11. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual dryer sheet inside empty luggage before storing.
12. To freshen the air in your car — place a dryer sheet under the front seat.
13. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a dryer sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The antistatic agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.
14. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
15. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
16. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
17. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used dryer sheet will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
18. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual dryer sheet at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
19. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a dryer sheet in your shoes or sneakers overnight.
20. Golfers put a dryer sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.
21. Put a dryer sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before folding and storing them. It will keep them smelling fresh.

From the Monmouth County website:

www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?id=1826

Get Ready for a 'Weekend in Old Monmouth'

32 historic sites to be open at the same time

FREEHOLD —“Weekend in Old Monmouth” is back! Historic sites throughout Monmouth County will open their doors – all at the same time – to visitors with an interest in local history from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 3.

“Thirty-two historic sites will participate in the second Weekend in Old Monmouth event,” said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, liaison to the county’s Historical Commission that is coordinating the

weekend event. “Independent and local historic sites are generally operated independently of one another, but this special tour project synchronizes the hours of operation so that history buffs can walk or drive to many of the county’s richest historic places and enjoy them in the spring.”

“The tour has many options,” said Randall Gabrielan, executive director of the Historical Commission. “The outlined tours (North, Central and South) place what are often widely separated sites in some semblance of order. Visitors may see the places in any order or no order at all. While we propose starting points, it’s really a tour designed to fit different history interests. You can start planning your route by previewing the tour sites on the county’s Web site at www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?id=1826.

A detailed tour book and map will be available at each tour location.”

The tours also represent several historic themes:

- **The Revolutionary War:** The Revolution is visited here, not only the major sites in the Monmouth Battlefield area, but in lesser known places such as the Burrowes Mansion in Matawan, Marpit Hall and the Murray Farm, both in Middletown.
- **Military:** There is Fort Hancock at Sandy Hook, the most heavily fortified installation on the East Coast for much of the 20th century, the National Historic Landmark Monmouth Battlefield in Manalapan and one of the more fascinating, but lesser known museums, the New Jersey National Guard Militia Museum in Sea Girt with museum exhibits and fighter aircraft on the ground and tanks.
- **Preservation:** Marpit Hall in Middletown was the first restored house museum in the region, dating from its 1930s opening.
- **Faith:** Architectural gems of each of the last three centuries, 18th century Christ Church in Shrewsbury, 19th century All Saints Memorial in Middletown and 20th century St. Catharine’s in Spring Lake. In addition, Old Tennent Church in Manalapan is closely tied to the Battle of Monmouth and the Friends Meeting House in Shrewsbury represents one of the oldest worship traditions in Monmouth County.
- **Shore:** While the tour includes sites on the north, (Sandy Hook), central (Ocean Grove) and southern shores, (National Guard Militia Museum) the drive along the shore is one of the best ways to feel and appreciate Monmouth County’s relationship to the shore.

Other elements on the tour also include lighthouses, Victorian homes, agriculture, industry, education and science. All of the sites contributed to the importance of preservation and history throughout Monmouth County. The county supports the preservation movement annually by awarding preservation grants to historic sites. Many of the tour locations have received grants in the past.

A site list and map are available on the county's website at www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?Id=1826.

A Pied Piper Was Needed

April 26, 1785 — birthday of John James Audubon, who was most noted for his accurate depictions of birds, often sketched and colored in the field, rather than in the studio, as was customary at that time. Zell's 1871 *Popular Encyclopedia* reported that the treasury of illustrations for which he is famous were only a part of his actual output: "Audubon was doomed to lose the precious results of these fifteen years of adventurous toil. Having gone to Philadelphia with two hundred designs representing one thousand different birds, he deposited them in the house of a relative, and left the city for some weeks. He returned to find his drawings destroyed by rats."

Trivial Pursuits

Do you have a mind that is captivated by useless but interesting details, worthless tidbits of information, totally picayune pieces of wisdom? Are you just dying to share these bits and pieces with everyone in the known world? Well, step right up — we have the perfect job for you!

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Oops

April 27, 1749 — George Frideric Handel debuted in London's Green Park one of his most popular and enduring pieces of music, *The Music for the Royal Fireworks*. This event celebrated the signing of a peace treaty by the music's financial sponsor, King George II, a few month earlier, ending the War of the Austrian Succession. According to the king's wishes, the music was to be synchronized with displays of pyrotechnics, including an unexpected pause, in which the orchestra was to have appeared momentarily dazed by the brilliance of a particular explosion. However, London's

weather did not fully cooperate; despite a spirited performance, the fireworks fizzled — but only after setting fire to a platform.

July Fun for Kids

A program of fun and hands-on education for a small group kids will be offered at the MacKenzie House this July. It will be a week of exploring some old fashioned crafts and techniques with new twists. Young people in 3rd through 5th grade will create art designs and make craft projects using methods employed by our ancestors. If you know of young people who would be interested and benefit from this type of experience, have them contact WordPeople@AOL.com.

PatientInform

Don't Become History Too Soon

PatientINFORM is a free online service that provides patients and their caregivers access to some of the most up-to-date, reliable and important research available about the diagnosis and treatment of specific diseases."

Check it out at <http://www.patientinform.com/>

Round and About Howell Township

What's Going On At The Southard Grange

The Grange has announced they are holding a food cooperative on Saturday mornings. The cost is \$25 a month. You will also have the opportunity to learn how to can or freeze baked bread, pies, cookies and more. For further information, please call 732-901-8777 or you can stop by the Grange, located at 4860 Highway 9, Howell.

Adelphia Fire Company

The Junior Firefighters are collecting aluminum recyclables. All proceeds will be donated to the St. Barnabas Burn Center ACBC Program (Aluminum Cans For Burned Children). All donations to be dropped off at the Adelphia Fire Company Firehouse, Rt. 524, at the designated drop-off area. If you have any questions, please call 732-577-1781.

"Fiction to Fact" Space Toys & Memorabilia Collection

Dec.-Aug.09; the collection features toys, games, posters, and books, as well as memorabilia from Russia's and America's space mission; it is on loan from Kaller's America Gallery; Monmouth Museum on Brookdale Community College Campus, 765

Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft; 732-747-2266;
www.monmouthmuseum.org

Freehold Soil Offers Conservation Guide

Mon. Co. - A guide to conservation landscaping practices that provide positive contributions to the environment and to water quality is available FREE from Freehold Soil Conservation District. The Landscaping Education for Homeowners packet contains fact sheets on native plants, benefits of trees, nontoxic garden remedies, protecting water quality and still having a beautiful lawn, soil testing, mulches, etc., and encourages residents to be positive stewards in their own backyards. The packet contains contact information for several natural resource agencies and native plant sources. Contact Karen Rowe at krowe@freeholdscd.org or by calling the Freehold District at 732-683-8500 to order the packet. Quantities are limited.

New 4-H Puppet Club for 1st-3rd grade students

Saturdays, May 16, June 13; children will have the opportunity to make various types of puppets, create puppet characters and originate puppet skits. NO CHARGE FOR THE PROGRAM; they will meet at the Mon. Co. 4-H Office located at 4000 Kozloski Rd., Freehold; for more information contact Ellen Williams, 4-H agent, at 732-431-7266, Williams@rcrc.rutgers.edu, or 4-H club leader Rita Kole at 732-462-8607

Youth Police Academy

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1

July 20-July 31; the Freehold Police Department is accepting applications for its second annual Youth Police Academy. The FREE police academy is an eight-day summer program for children ages 12 to 16. Speakers will include members of the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the New Jersey State Police. Participants also will have a chance to practice what they learn through hands-on exercises. Applications can be obtained at the department's Web site, www.fbpd.net, or at headquarters, 36 Jackson St. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED

Howell Middle School South - 1st Annual Open Miniature Golf Outing

April 28, 5:00pm-8:30pm; \$15 adults, \$10 for ages 15 and under; for sponsorship opportunities, ticket sales or more information, please contact Dr. Hal Ornstein, 732-685-3600 or halo@footdoctorsnj.com, or Sara Andreyev, 732-363-9292 or sara@howellglass.com

Monmouth County Park System

Nature Programs

April 28, 10:30am-11:30am; Turtles Tales for ages 4

to 5 with adult, \$4.50 per person; meet several kinds of live turtles while learning about these fascinating reptiles through stories and finger plays.

May 5, 10:30am-11:30am; Silly Snake Stories for ages 4 to 5 with adult, \$5.50 per person. Meet a teacher who brings her pet snake to school to help her students with their lessons.

May 6-27, 9:30am-10:30am and 4:00pm-5:00pm; Coastal Kids for ages 4 to 6 with adult, \$40 per child. Lets put on our nature hats and explore a different topic each week. Through stories, crafts and experiments, learn about rainbows, waves, migration and insects.

These programs are held at the Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Third Avenue, Manasquan; for more information or to register for any of these programs, visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call the park system at 732-842-4000

Stately Homes By-the-Sea Designer Show House

April 28-May 31, 10:00am-4:00pm, Tues.-Sun.; this features the work of more than 60 interior and landscape designers in an H.T. Lindeberg-designed architectural treasure; Sheep's Run, 99 Rumson Rd., Rumson; \$30 adult, \$25 senior; 732-224-6791; www.statelyhomes-by-the-sea.com

Southard Fire Department 70s Dance Party

May 1; In addition to a live DJ playing your favorite hits from the 70s, the evening will also include appetizers, cash bar and a silent auction. Their goal for the evening is for you to feel as if you've stepped into a time machine which has landed back in the 70s; with this in mind, there will be a prize for the best dressed that will be announced that evening. To attend this event, you must be 18 years of age or older, and tickets can be purchased for \$40. All proceeds will be given to the Howell Township Education Foundation and Southard Fire Department. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Anna Ornstein at 732-961-0370 or e-mail Sara Andreyev at sara@howellglass.com. Tickets can also be purchased at Young's Appliance located at 4658 Rt. 9 North in Howell and Ramtown Liquors located at 151 Newtons Corner Rd. in Howell. The event will take place at Southard Fire House, located at 4611 Rt. 9 North in Howell.

New Jersey Marathon Weekend

May 1-3; an exciting 2-loop course through the diverse neighborhoods and business districts of the Host City, Long Branch, and neighboring Monmouth Beach; this great family weekend, includes not only a full, USAT&F-certified 26.2-mile marathon, but the

popular Long Branch Half Marathon (LBH), the NJM 4-or-3-Person Marathon Relay, fun events on Saturday for all ages and abilities, as well as a health and fitness expo and a great post-race Victory Party; 732-578-1771; www.njmarathon.org

Spring Flea Market

May 2, rain date May 3, 8:00am-3:00pm; Historic Allaire Village within Allaire State Park, Rt. 524/4265 Atlantic Ave., Wall; 732-919-3500; www.allairevillage.org

Boy Scout Troop 515 - Pancake Breakfast

May 3, 8:00am-11:30am; breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and orange juice; Howell Elks Lodge 2515, 84 Ramtown Greenville Rd., Howell; donation is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and children under 3 are free;

Sleeping Beauty

May 3, 1:00pm and 3:30pm; an afternoon of enchanting marionettes performed by the Paper Moon Puppet Theatre; Center Playhouse, 35 South St., Freehold; for further information call 732-462-9093; www.centerplayers.org

New Jersey State Medals

May 7, 11:00am; on this date the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will be awarding a number of New Jersey State Medals at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Ceremony; for further information on the medal program, the website is www.state.nj.us/military/

Annual Spring Crafters Market

May 9-rain date May 16, 10:00am-4:00pm; exhibits by over 100 crafts people and artisans include demonstrations and feature everything from museum quality pieces to "country crafts" handi crafts; food and beverages will be available; the general store/museum gift shop and bakery will be open for shopping and refreshments; Historic Allaire Village within Allaire State Park, Rt. 524/4265 Atlantic Ave., Wall; \$2 adult, free for under 12; 732-919-3500; www.allairevillage.org

Private Lives

May 12-31; Noel Coward's classic wit is given a sultry, sexy South American twist, as new Latin light is shed on one of the greatest plays about love, marriage, love, divorce and of course...love; Two River Theatre Company, 21 Bridge Ave., Red Bank; for tickets call 732-345-1400; www.trtc.org

"Coast the Coast" MS Bike Tour

May 16-17; the 18th annual tour is one of the premier cycling events in the area; starts at Monmouth Univ., West Long Branch; for further

information call 732-660-1005, ext. 21; email: marybeth.maclearie@nmss

Outdoor Adventure Expo

May 17, 11:00am-5:00pm; activities include rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, fishing derby and other outdoors-related hands-on demonstrations; discover local and regional outdoor adventure and sportsmen's clubs; Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold; 732-842-4000, ext 4240;

www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Memorial Day Ceremony

May 25, 11:00am; NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, GSP exit 116, PNC Bank, 1 Memorial Ln., Holmdel; for further information call 732-335-0033

Howell Parks and Recreation

Pony Grooming and Horsemanship Camp

REGISTER EARLY -LIMITED SPACE IS AVAILABLE

June 29-July 3 and August 10-14; This is a Petite Equestrian Program for children 3 to 6 years of age and a Pony Grooming and Riding Program for children 7 to 11 years. These programs are perfect for the returning or slightly experienced participant and for those who learn at a slightly faster pace. Safety, anatomy, English and Western riding, along with grooming and body language are a few of the topics covered during this event. These camps will be held at the Echo Lake Park. This program will develop your child's self-confidence and team spirit, while creating a genuine appreciation and respect for these animals. For further information call 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

Howell Recreation Bus Trips

South Street Seaport

July 18 but RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 12; fee is \$26 for transportation only; located on lower Manhattan's waterfront and offering shops, cafes, restaurants and more; bus departs town hall at 9:00am and returns approximately 7:00pm

Baltimore Inner Harbor

August 15 but RESERVATIONS BY JULY 10; this is one of the top destinations in the city of Baltimore; there is a wide array of things to do at the harbor such as shopping, restaurants, Baltimore Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Fort McHenry; fee is \$43 for transportation only; bus departs town hall at 8:00am and returns approximately 8:00pm; for more information call 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

HOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I would like to enroll/renew (circle one) as a member in the category checked:

\$10 Individual \$15 Family \$30 Sponsor \$50 Patron

Name: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (night) _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Return this form with your check to: Lynne Gillette, PO Box 694, Farmingdale NJ 07727

The success of our museum, schoolhouse, library, and grounds depends upon the help of many willing hands. We need YOUR help. Please check the list below and indicate how you might us:

Officer Herb Gardens Gift shop help Photography Publicity

Library Calligraphy Newsletter Computer skills Accessioning gifts

Crafts Housekeeping Genealogy work Carpentry & signs

Other Interests (please specify) _____

Membership is on an annual basis and may be tax deductible