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Explore Cape May County's Past Celebrating 46 Years of History Education and Preservation WELCOME

Historic Cold Spring Village opened to the public in May 1981 with a three-fold mission of historic preservation, history education and heritage tourism. Its primary goal is to inform visitors about how our ancestors lived and worked two centuries ago. Among the many lovingly restored buildings where visitors can learn about the museum from our skilled and friendly interpreters are a one-room school, a tavern-hotel, a blacksmith shop, a basket-making shop, a woodworking shop and a tin-smithing shop. These artisans demonstrate the physically demanding tasks and trades of an age long gone.

One of the most important themes they discuss and demonstrate are the tasks associated with 19th c. home life. Imagine an age without electricity, timesaving household appliances, gas or electric ranges and ovens, washing machines, microwaves, computers or cell phones. All the objects and devices that are taken for granted in the early 21st century were not dreamed of in the Early American era. Many of the tasks today that are performed in minutes with the push of a button were hours-long projects to our ancestors, often requiring the assistance of several members of the family. It is this world you will explore when you visit our domestic arts interpreters.

The Village's primary site for discussions of home life and its associated activities can be found in the Spicer Leaming House. Built in 1817 for wealthy landowner, farmer and businessman Spicer Leaming who was born in 1762, it provides a glimpse into the life of one of early Cape May County's wealthier families. The Leaming family was descended from two of the late 1600s English families to settle the Cape May peninsula, the Spicers and the Leamings. There is a simple explanation for Spicer Leaming's first name. In the 18th and 19th centuries, it was common for parents to give one of their sons his mother's maiden name as his first name. His mother Sarah had been born a member of the Spicer family, hence her son's unusual first name. These early settlers are known as "whaler-yeomen." They engaged in whaling on the Delaware Bay during the winter months and farming during the spring, summer and fall months.

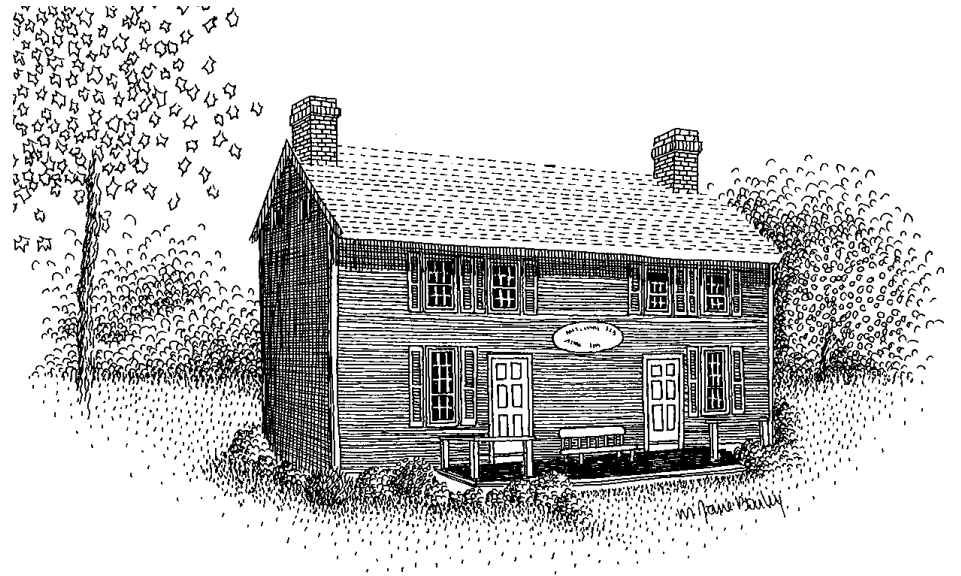
Farming was the most common occupation in the United States until 1920. In 1830, 13 years after the Spicer Leaming House was constructed, approximately 80 percent of Cape May County, as well as the nation, were farmers or were people who worked in agriculture-related trades. In a typical farm family, much of the labor-intensive outdoor work was done by the father and his sons. The mother and her daughters performed the equally labor-intensive household chores. The entire family was expected, and needed, to help. As soon young child could walk, they would be given simple tasks to perform to take a portion of the burden off their brothers and sisters.

What were the arduous household tasks the women of the family needed to perform? Many of them were the very same jobs needed to maintain a current home; only they were done without the advantages of modern technology. One household chore common to both our ancestors and ourselves was washing the family's clothes, a task made easier today thanks to washing machines and dryers. However, washing clothes in Early America was a daunting task. Typically, two large, heavy iron cauldrons had to be set up outside, suspended from iron tripods. The children would take yokes, designed for carrying buckets of water filled from a well or perhaps a fresh-water creek or pond, and carry the buckets back to the cauldrons and fill them. Carrying water with a yoke was extremely arduous; one gallon of water weighs approximately seven pounds. A child would have more than one gallon in each of the two buckets they carried. A fire would be started under one cauldron and harsh lye soap, derived from ashes combined with animal fat, would be added to the water. Of course, the father and his sons would have had to cut and split the firewood in advance. Once the water was boiling, the soiled clothes would be placed in the cauldron. To help remove the dirt, the mother or an older daughter would use a wooden agitator to move the clothes around in the steaming water. This would continue until all the clothes had passed through this process. Oftentimes, lye in the steam could produce a stinging sensation in their eyes.

That is where the second cauldron came in. The washed clothes would be placed in the cold water and pushed with the agitator to remove the soap. And drying the cleaned clothes? Nature would be allowed to do that work. The wet clothes would be taken from the rinse cauldron and either hung on clotheslines or simply draped across tree branches and bushes. This worked well as long as the sun was shining. However, the damp environment of Cape May County could slow the drying and rain would halt it completely. Washing the clothes of a large farm family was often an all-day project requiring the efforts of several family members.

This is just one example of the challenging nature of housework in the world of Early America. Keep this in mind as you visit the Spicer Leaming House and learn about wash day, along with other necessary but strenuous chores such as cooking meals in a fireplace using heavy cast iron cookware; the cramped conditions children slept in each night, often sleeping together in one bed; and the endless struggle to keep a farm home clean when mud and dirt were constantly being tracked into the house. Not only will you learn how your ancestors lived during the "age of homespun," but you are sure to appreciate your home today!

*Welcome to Historic Cold Spring Village!
We hope you enjoy your visit!*



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THE NATURE TRAIL AT BRADNER'S RUN

Explore the free self-guided Nature Trail at Bradner's Run, located along the southern edge of Historic Cold Spring Village. Use all of your senses to learn about native plants, seasonal birds, reclusive wildlife and indigenous flora. Named after Reverend John Bradner, the first minister of "Old Brick" Presbyterian Church, the "run" begins as a freshwater stream draining parts of Cold Spring in Lower Township and continues into the salt marshes. For more information, please request a brochure from the Route 9 or Seashore Road gatehouses. The Nature Trail may be accessed from either end of the Village. Trail markers begin at the Seashore Road entrance.

A HISTORY OF COLD SPRING, NEW JERSEY

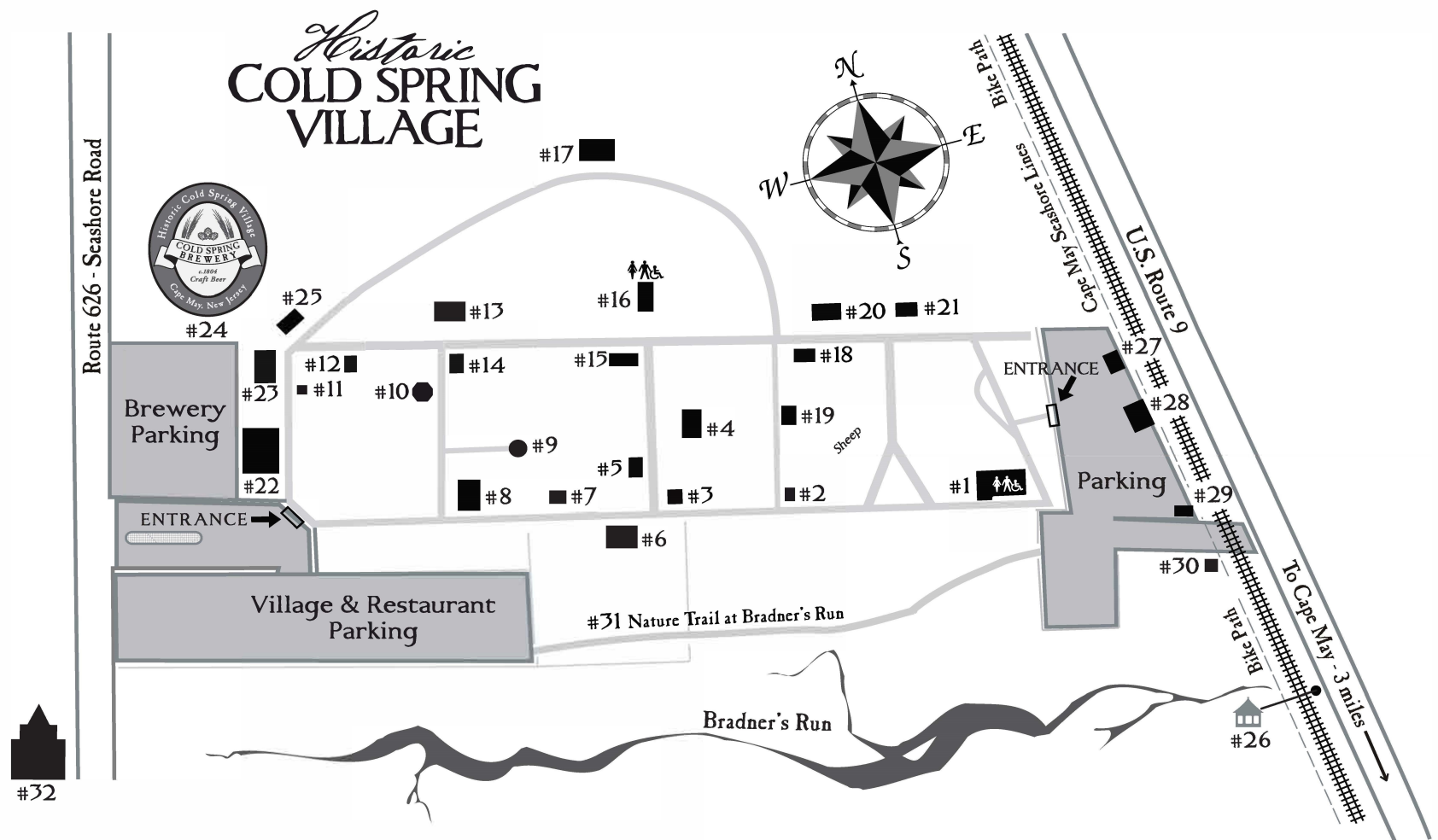
Cold Spring, New Jersey was a thriving town during the early to mid-1800s. A brief carriage ride from Cape Island (Cape May) brought tourists to a small shed where they could lower a bottle into the well to collect fresh water. By 1850, Cold Spring had two churches, stores, homes and a tavern. There was regular commerce between Philadelphia and the towns of southern Cape May County. Commodities such as molasses, lard, deer-skins, cedar rails and shingles, tar, fish, furs, beeswax, wheat, rye and even woolen mittens were bought and sold daily.

The Past and Future of HCSV

In 1973 Dr. Joseph Salvatore and Patricia Anne acquired Cold Spring Grange #132, thus beginning Historic Cold Spring Village. Over the next eight years, the Salvatores assembled a collection of 18th and 19th century buildings on twenty-two acres of wooded land between Routes 9 and 626. The Salvatores and their children, Rick and Kate, collected furnishings, fixtures, tools and implements for the buildings. Their objective was to provide visitors with a sense of stepping back in time to a South Jersey rural community of the 1800s. In 1981, after eight years of development, the Village was opened to the public. In December 1984, the buildings and land were donated to the citizens of Cape May County. The County operated the Village for seven years until it was returned to the Salvatores in 1993. The family immediately donated it to the newly formed private non-profit corporation, HCSV Foundation.

The first 46 years of Historic Cold Spring Village have been exciting and innovative. However, the future promises to be challenging amidst proposed budget cuts to arts, history, cultural and tourism-related organizations. HCSV Foundation invites you to become involved in the 2019 season. The Board of Trustees, Friends of the Village, and the Administrative Staff fervently believe that without a past, the future has little meaning. Their pledge is to continue to expand upon the Mission Statement of Historic Cold Spring Village through the preservation of its buildings, history education and heritage tourism, thus improving our understanding of the past.

Contributions are most welcome. Please consider a tax-deductible gift to the HCSV Endowment Fund either through a direct donation or planned giving. For more information, please call (609) 898-2300, ext. 10.



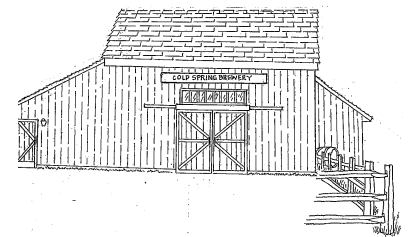
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| 1. Welcome Center | 9. Gazebo | 17. Corson Gandy Barn | 25. Friends Pavillion |
| 2. Marshallville School | 10. Taylor Octagon Poultry House | 18. Pottery | 26. The Cold Spring |
| 3. Coxe Hall Cottage | 11. Tin Shop | 19. Willis Barn | 27. Rail Freight Building |
| 4. Spicer-Leaming House | 12. Book Binding | 20. Village Woodworker | 28. Rio Grande Station |
| 5. Corson-Hand House | 13. J. Finley Blacksmith Shop | 21. Print Shop | 29. Woodbine Junction RR Tower |
| 6. Dennisville Inn | 14. D. Taylor Shop | 22. Cold Spring Grange Restaurant | 30. Guard Shack |
| 7. Cape May Point Jail | 15. Bakery | 23. Village Eatery | 31. Bradner's Run Nature Trail |
| 8. Country Store | 16. Ice Cream Parlor | 24. Cold Spring Brewery | 32. "Old Brick" Presbyterian Church |

Welcome Center, Retail Shops & Eateries

Country Store (#21)	10-4:30 pm
Welcome Center (#1)	10-4:30 pm
Bakery (#11)	10-4:00 pm
Ice Cream Parlor (#12)	11-4:00 pm
Cold Spring Grange Restaurant (#22)	Call (609) 884-0114 for information.

Cold Spring Brewery (#28) Open year-round

May - June and Sept - Oct Open Tues - Sat 12-8, Sun 12-6
 July - August Open 7 days a week Mon - Sat 12-8, Sun 12-6
 Please see coldspringbrewery.org for more information



A Brief Timeline of Events from HCSV's Era 1789-1865

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| 1789 | George Washington inaugurated as 1st US President |
| 1794 | Whiskey Rebellion |
| 1798-1799 | Quasi-War with France |
| 1799 | George Washington dies |
| 1801-1815 | Barbary Wars with North African pirates |
| 1804 | Steam locomotive invented in UK |
| 1807 | First commercially successful steamboat |
| 1809 | Abraham Lincoln born |
| 1812-1815 | War of 1812 |
| 1820 | Missouri Compromise |
| 1829 | Work begins on 1st American railroad (Baltimore & Ohio) |
| 1832-1833 | South Carolina Nullification Crisis |
| 1836 | 1st migrant wagon train travels the Oregon Trail |
| 1839 | 1st commercial photographic camera produced in France |
| 1844 | 1st long distance telegraph message sent from DC to Baltimore |
| 1846 | 1848-Mexican War |
| 1849 | California Gold Rush begins |
| 1850 | Compromise of 1850 |
| 1857 | US Supreme Court Dred Scott Decision |
| 1858 | 1st transatlantic telegraph cable across the Atlantic |
| 1860 | Abraham Lincoln elected 16th US President |
| 1861-1865 | American Civil War |
| 1865 | Abraham Lincoln assassinated |

Admission Prices and Hours of Operation

Daily Admission Fees

Adults	\$14.00
Children 3-12.....	\$12.00
Under 3	Free

Members... Free

(please see page 3 for membership information)

A free, 30-minute Village Retail Pass is available for the Country Store, Ice Cream parlor and Bakery; please ask at either Gatehouse.

For information on group rates, please call (609) 898-2300, ext. 10.

Hours of Operation

10:00am-4:30pm - unless otherwise noted
 Open Tuesday through Sunday from June 25th through September 1st and the weekends of June 15-16 and 22-23 & September 7-8 and 14-15

Ice Cream Parlor open 11-4:00

Historic Cold Spring Village

1. Welcome Center (1894): Originally a Junior Order of United American Mechanics Hall and later the Lower Township Municipal Hall, the Welcome Center features a history exhibit and orientation program. Village offices are located on the second floor.

2. Marshallville School (c. 1850): The Marshallville School is a good example of the use of local materials in the architecture of the region. Our resident schoolmaster or schoolmistress will test your knowledge.

3. Coxe Hall Cottage (c. 1691): The Village's 2nd most recent addition is believed to be the oldest existing building in Cape May County! Experience the living quarters of a typical family living in an early rural community.

4. Spicer Leaming House (c. 1817)/Domestic Arts: Watch the woman of the house cook and carry out her daily chores in the restored kitchen of one of the first buildings moved to the Village.

5. Corson-Hand House (c. 1837)/Fiber Arts: Originally the home of a ship carpenter, and later a shoemaker, this house features an interpreter demonstrating wool carding, spinning and weaving.

6. Dennisville Inn (c. 1836): This former stagecoach stop features a restored tavern and dining room. Stop by and try your hand at one of the tavern games and chat with our innkeeper.

7. Cape May Point Jail (c. 1900)/Children's Games & Crafts: Participate in hands-on children's activities including games and crafts. Open 11-3.

8. James Hathorn House, (c. 1722/1780)/Country Store: The store (originally a house built in two parts) sells The Village's artisans' wares, plus books, candy, heritage food, toys, housewares, and much more.

9. Village Gazebo: The Gazebo is the main stage for Village events, musical performances and live entertainment.

10. Taylor Octagonal Poultry House (c. 1880): This charming octagonal-shaped structure was built as a brooding house for hens.

11. Heislerville Store (c.1876)/ Tinsmithing: The Village Tinker demonstrates tinsmithing techniques in an Antique Cumberland County Shop.

12. Tuckahoe Shop (c. 1855)/ Bookbinding: This commercial building, originally from Tuckahoe (about 25 miles north), houses the Village Bookbinding Shop. Observe the bookbinder demonstrate the tasks involved in historic bookbinding.

13. John Finley Blacksmith Shop (c. 1886): Originally located in Goshen, one of Cape May County's shipbuilding towns, observe our working blacksmith.

14. David Taylor Shop (c. 1830)/Basket Making: An original cobbler's shop from Dennisville houses the Village basket-makers. Watch them demonstrate and discuss this practical art.

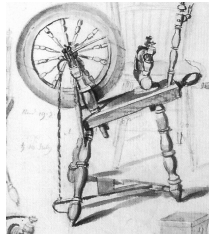
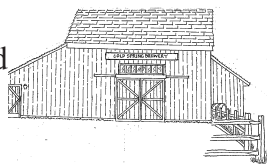
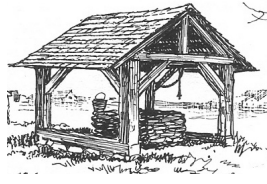
15. Ezra Norton House (c. 1850)/Village Bakery: This home from Dias Creek houses the Village bakery. Freshly baked cookies, confections and refreshments are available daily. Open 10 - 4.

16. Ewing-Douglass House (c. 1850)/Ice Cream Parlor: Enjoy hand-dipped ice cream, sodas and cold drinks at a vintage Cold Spring farm house. Open 11 - 4pm.

17. Lewis Corson Gandy Barn (c. 1880)/Farming: Visit the 19th century farm complex. See the tools a farmer would use to tend heritage crops and livestock.

18. Pottery Shop (Reproduction): The resident potter demonstrates and handcrafts pottery using 1800s techniques.

19. Willis Barn (c. 1865) Broommaking: The broommaker turns his crop of broom corn, a variety of sorghum, into practical household items. The barn is also the home of the Village sheep, hens and rooster(s).



20. Douglass Carriage House (c. 1895)/Woodworking Shop: Housed in a restored carriage barn from Cape May, the Village woodworker undertakes a variety of projects.

21. The Rev. David Gandy House (c. 1830)/Print Shop: This building from Upper Township houses the Village Print Shop. Observe the printer demonstrating the tasks involved in historic printing.

22. Cold Spring Grange #132 (c. 1912)/Village Restaurant: The farm to table restaurant (open to the public) is the only building in the Village on its original location, and is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The Grange, a fraternal organization, was founded in 1867 and is officially known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. Call (609) 884-0114 for more information.

23. The Village Eatery (reproduction): Light fare and snacks. Please see gates for information.

24. Stillwell and Elizabeth Corson Barn (c. 1804)/Cold Spring Brewery: This heavy timber frame three-bay English barn was once used for threshing and storing grain and is now home to the **Cold Spring Brewery**. Open Tuesday-Sunday noon to 8 pm. Open 7 days July-August.

25. Friend's Pavilion (Reproduction): Reproduction construction provides covered dining and meeting space.

26. Original Cold Spring: Please see description on page 2.

27. Freight Station (Reproduction)

28. Rio Grande Railroad Station (c. 1894): Originally from Rio Grande, about 3 miles north, the building has served as a train station for the Cape May Seashore Line.

29. Woodbine Junction Tower (c. 1894)(Restoration/Reproduction) A portion of this building once served as a railroad signal tower in Woodbine.

30. Rail Guard Shack (Reproduction)

31. Bradner's Run: Please see description on page 1.

32. Cold Spring Presbyterian Church ("Old Brick") & Cemetery (c. 1823): The earliest grave in the cemetery is that of Sarah Hand Eldredge Spicer, dated 1742, a direct descendant of the Mayflower settlers. Guided tours offered during summer by church members. Call 609-884-4065 for information.

Ask at the gates about converting your ticket into a Village Membership.

SUPPORT THE VILLAGE AND BECOME A MEMBER OF HCSV

Benefits Include:

- Free, unlimited admission
- Discounts in the Country Store
- Complimentary subscription to The Villager Newsletter
- Exclusive members-only special events
- Discounts on special programs and classes
- Application opportunities for Junior Apprentice Programs
- Membership in the Friends of HCSV

Membership fees:

Individual	\$35
Joint (2 adults)	\$60
Family (2 adults and up to 6 children or grandchildren, age 17 and under)	\$90
Benefactor/ Business (Family Membership plus 10 One-Time Visit Passes)	\$200

Special Memberships available for Active Duty Military.

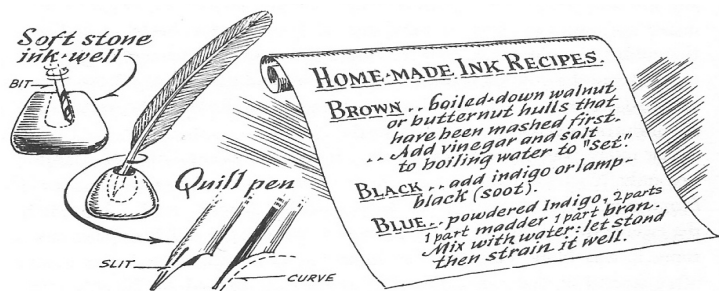
2019 Themed Weekends & Village Events

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| <p>June 15-16 Military Timeline Weekend Experience field camps, displays and exhibits depicting military life throughout history.
Sponsored by Clark's Moving and Storage</p> <p>June 22-23 Quilt & Fiber Arts Show Displays of beautiful, locally made quilts! Demonstrations of knitting, crocheting, quilting, wool production and much more.
Sponsored by Chris Clemans Sotheby's Realty</p> <p>June 29-30 Hands-On History Enjoy family activities, games and crafts relating to the various trades and tasks found in the Village.
Sponsored by PNC Bank</p> <p>July 6-7 Independence Day Celebration Celebrate Independence Day the traditional way with patriotic programs and activities. The John Walter Cape Community Band will perform Sunday at 2 pm.
Presented by the Friends of Historic Cold Spring Village</p> <p>July 13-14 15th Annual Celtic Festival Enjoy traditional music, a pipe and drum band, demonstrations, a pub pavilion, family activities and more!</p> <p>July 20-21 Railroad Days Enjoy working model trains, presentations and more!
Sponsored by Mitchell Iron Works</p> <p>July 27-28 Heritage Weekend Celebrate the heritage and people of Cape May County from the colonial era through the Civil War.
Sponsored by Priester Foundation</p> <p>August 3-4 Classic Car Show Antique and classic cars and trucks line the Village's shaded paths. (Cars depart at 3 pm both days)
Sponsored by Kindle Auto Plaza</p> <p>August 10-11 Down on the Farm Experience farm life! Visit barnyard animals and enjoy horse-drawn farming demonstrations, antique and modern farming equipment exhibits and more!</p> | <p>August 17-18 Heritage Weekend Celebrate the heritage and people of Cape May County from the late 19th century through today!
Sponsored by Burke Motor Group</p> <p>August 24-25 Seafarers' Weekend Come aboard for exciting pirate performances. Enjoy special exhibits and demonstrations, plus sea chanties and sing-alongs!
Sponsored by The Ocean Club Hotel</p> <p>Aug. 31- Sept. 1 Hands-on History Enjoy family activities, games and crafts relating to the various trades and tasks found around the Village
Sponsored by PNC Bank</p> <p>September 7-8 Revolutionary War Encampment The American Revolution comes to life with reenactors and encampments from Continental, Loyalist and Hessian troops and civilians. Camp life presentations, artillery demonstrations and more.
Private Event Sponsor</p> <p>September 14-15 Civil War Weekend The Blue and the Gray take the field at one of the Village's longest-running and most popular events! Union and Confederate troops camp throughout the Village and demonstrate camp life, weaponry and more. Battle reenactments both days at 2 pm. Sponsored by Ocean First and Hotel Alcott</p> <p>October 19 28th Annual Lower Twp. Rotary Club Pumpkin Festival (Free admission) Craft show, music, games, food vendors, pumpkin painting and Lower Twp. Recreation Commission Halloween Parade. Donations of canned goods or non-perishable goods requested. Held on Village grounds only, historic buildings closed.</p> <p>October 25-26 2nd Annual Ghoulish Spring Village (7 pm-10 pm) Hear true stories of some of New Jersey's infamous legends while guided by lantern light through Village. Admission fee required. Please see hcsv.org.</p> <p>December 7 Wassail Day (11 am-3 pm, free admission) Celebrate the start of the Village's holiday season with hands-on crafts, live music and a holiday treat</p> |
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Ghost Walks: June, July & August Thursdays at 8 pm.... Admission Fee required. Please see hcsv.org for more information and dates

Visitor Guidelines

- Wheelchair-accessible restrooms are available at the Welcome Center (#1) and Ice Cream Parlor (#12).
- Smoking or the use of vaporizers and e-cigarettes in Village buildings or on Village grounds is prohibited.
- Picnicking is not permitted. However, food is available for purchase.
- Pets are welcome on Village grounds but must be kept on a leash. Please clean up after your pet. HCSV assumes no liability for incidents involving pets. Service dogs only are allowed to enter the buildings.
- Personal photography and videography for private, non-commercial use is permitted (and encouraged!) in the Village. Organized commercial photo and video shoots require prior approval by the Administrative Office. Call (609) 898-2300, ext. 10 for more information.
- HCSV may photograph or videotape visitors for educational and promotional purposes. Attendance on Village property is implied consent for the use of visitors' likenesses for these purposes.



School Programs

- Distance Learning via Internet Protocol (IP) Teleconference or Skype (Oct.-April)
- Visits to the Past, Field Trips (Late May-Early June)
- Visits from the Past, classroom visits with Museum Educators
- Marshallville One-Room Schoolhouse Experience
- Traveling Trunk Program

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Summer 2018 Family Activities

Visit our craft area for a variety of fun activities for kids and adults! #7 on the map.

- Game of Graces (Flying Hoops)
- Rolling Hoops
- Skittles
- Ring Toss
- A different craft activity offered each day for adult & child
- And much more family fun!



- Junior Apprentice Program for 11-14 year olds, select Tuesdays and Wednesdays in July and August. For application information, please call. Membership required.

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