THE CHRONICLE

of Historic Cold Spring Village

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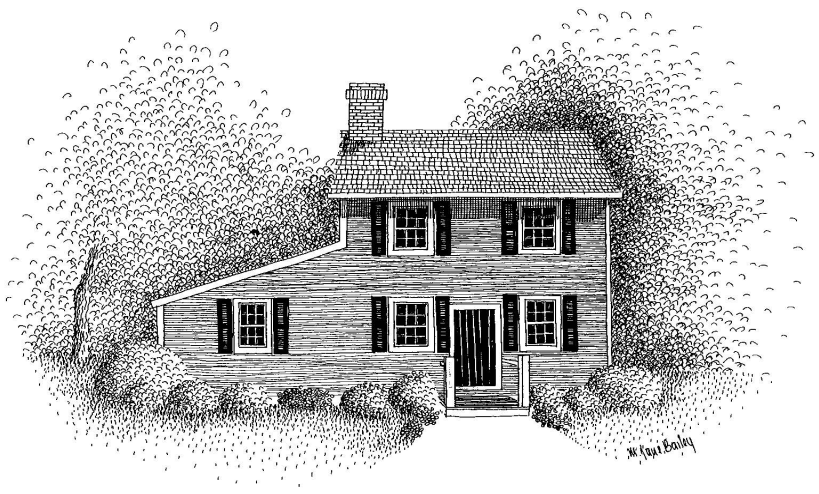
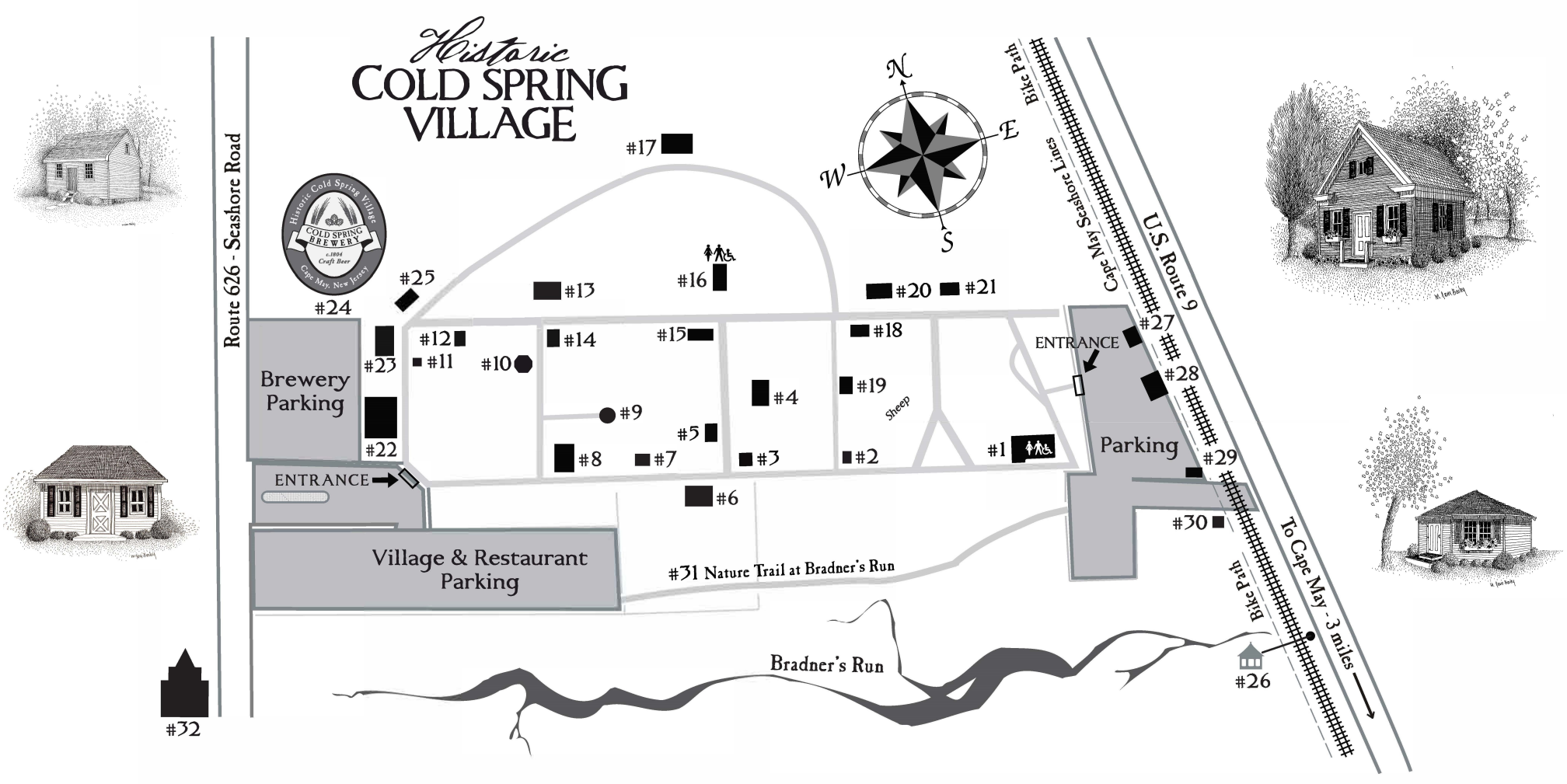
Celebrating Our 40th Anniversary!

2021 is th 40th anniversary of Historic Cold Spring Village's opening to the public! The story of the Village begins in 1973 when Dr. Joseph and Patricia Anne Salvatore acquired Cold Spring Grange #132, 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. After eight years of development, the Village was opened to the public. on May 23 1981. In January 1985, 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 December of 1992. The family immediately donated it the museum to the newly-formed, private non-profit corporation, HCSV Foundation, 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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Be a part of Historic Cold Spring Village's 40th Anniversary 52381 Gala Fundraiser on **November 13, 2021 from 6-9 pm!** Enjoy supper provided by the Cold Spring Grange Restaurant then walk the Village grounds on a candlelight tour. Deserts and beverages will be served in several of the Village buildings. Help celebrate our first 40 years and the many more years to come. Visit www.hcsv.org or contact 609-898-2300 ext 10 for more information and/or to purchase tickets! Special thanks to Sturdy Savings Bank for sponsoring this event.



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30. Railroad Watchman Shanty
31. Bradner's Run Nature Trail
32. "Old Brick" Presbyterian Church and Cemetery

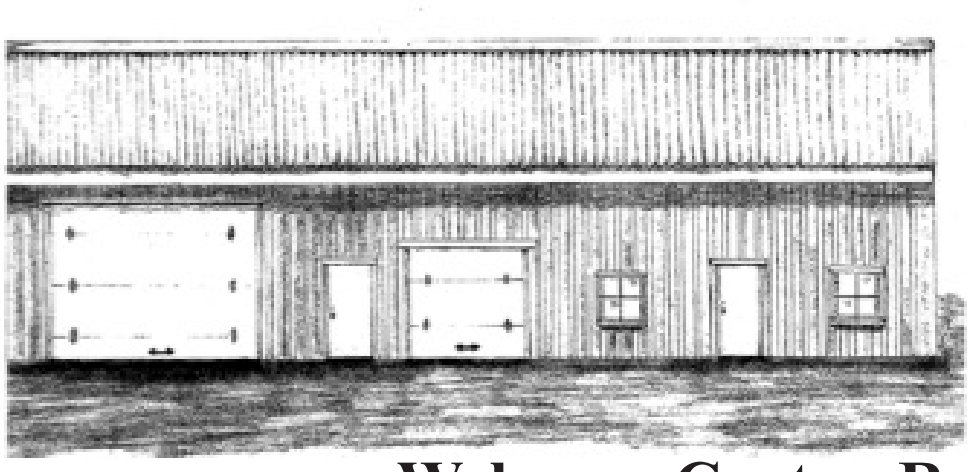
It Takes a Village to Raise a Barn!

Imagine you are living in a rural American village in the 1800s. Every day you perform the tasks necessary to keep your family fed, clothed, warm in winter and comfortable in summer. You know your neighbors and with their support, most of your needs are met. Now, imagine one day you learn that a neighbor's dilapidated barn, which houses supplies and shelters workers, is in such decrepit condition that it must be replaced. What do you do?

"Raising" a barn was an endeavor that required assistance from the entire village. You, along with all your neighbors, had some part in helping the person in need build and secure the barn in place quickly. It was a community effort that benefited everyone, for you knew that when the need was yours, friends would respond in kind.

Historic Cold Spring Village is a neighbor in need, and you are our village. The Buildings and Grounds complex is the heart of the Village for it is here that collections and exhibits are stored and cared for, portions of buildings and their artifacts repaired, tools and tractors are refurbished and animals fed. The museum's storage facility, which also provides a a work and break area for the Buildings and Grounds staff, is desperately in need of replacement. The cost of the proposed reproduction Amish pole barn, which has been chosen to replace the trailer, is approximately 30% higher than the original proposal due to Covid-19 shortages. This has created a greater need for neighborly support than previously anticipated. The "seed money" for the barn will be funds from the Jerome S. Goldman Legacy Fund, started in honor of our revered blacksmith who was a part of the Village family for twenty years.

Historic Cold Spring Village is an integral part of Cape May County's historic preservation, history-oriented educational programs and heritage tourism. Please consider donating to this worthy cause and be a partner in helping us create and celebrate a barn raising at Historic Cold Spring Village!



For donations of $150 or more, donor will receive a set of boxed HCSV note cards. Donations may be made through our website (hcsv.org) or by mail to Historic Cold Spring Village, 720 Route 9, Cape May NJ 08204. Please indicate that your donation is for the pole barn.

We Thank You!

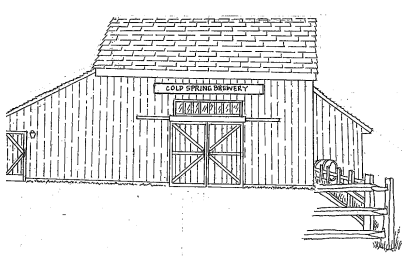
Welcome Center, Retail Shops & Eateries

Country Store (#8)	**11-4:00**	**pm**
Welcome Center (#1)	**11-4:00**	**pm**
Cold Spring Bakery (#15)	**11-4:00**	**pm**
Cold Spring Eatery (#23)	**11-4:00**	**pm**
Cold Spring Ice Cream (#16)	**12-4:00**	**pm**

Cold Spring Grange Restaurant (#22) Call (609) 884-0114 for information.

Cold Spring Brewery (#24) 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



Timeline of Events in America
When Many of HCSV's Buildings Were Originally Built

1691 – Coxe Hall Cottage
1692 – Cape May County Established
1693 – College of William and Mary founded in Williamsburg
1718 – Cold Spring Presbyterian Church founded
1722 – Hathorn House (Country Store)
1729 – Benjamin Franklin begins publishing *The Pennsylvania Gazette*
1775 – 1783 American Revolution
1776 - Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet in modern day Wildwood Crest
1800 - Spicer Leaming House
1800 – Nation's Capital is moved from Philadelphia to Washington, DC
1804 – Stillwell and Elizabeth Corson Barn (Cold Spring Brewery)
1804 - New Jersey abolishes slavery
1807 - Women and African Americans lose the right to vote in New Jersey
1816 – Original Congress Hall built in Cape May
1830 – David Gandy House (Print Shop)
1830 – Oregon Trail comes into use by settlers moving west
1836 – Dennisville Inn
1837 – Corson Hand House
1848 - Seneca Falls Convention on Women's Rights and Suffrage
1850 – Marshallville School
1861-1865 – American Civil War
1863 – Cape May & Millville Railroad begins service in Cape May County
1865 – Willis Barn
1870 - 15th Amendment gives voting rights to African American men
1876 – Heislerville Store (Tin Shop)
1876 – Centennial of American Independence
1880 – Corson Gandy Barn
1883 – Philadelphia Phillies begin play in the new National League
1886 – John Finley Blacksmith Shop
1886 – Statue of Liberty dedicated

Admission Prices and Hours of Operation

Daily Admission Fees

Adults $12.00
Children 3-12..... $10.00
Under 3 ..... Free

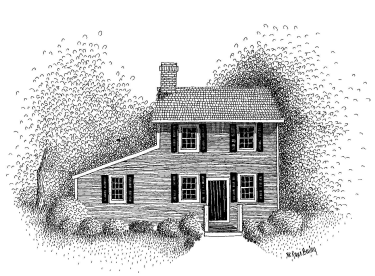
Members... Free
(please see page 3 for membership information)

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
11:00am-4:00pm
Unless Otherwise Noted!

Open the weekends of June 19-20 and 26-27
then Thursday through Sunday from July 1st
through September 12th



The Buildings of 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.

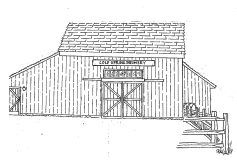
2. Marshallville School (c. 1850): The Marshallville School is a good example of the use of local materials in the architecture of the region. Our resident schoolmaster or schoolmistress will test your knowledge.

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. 1800) 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.

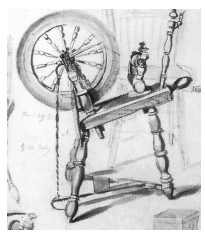
5. Corson-Hand House (c. 1837) Fiber Arts: Originally the home of a ship carpenter, and later a shoemaker, this house features an interpreter demonstrating wool carding, spinning and weaving.

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 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. Walter Taylor Octagon Poultry House (c. 1880): This charming octagon 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) Cold Spring 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) Cold Spring Ice Cream: 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): 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) The barn is the home of the Village sheep, hens, and rooster.

Ask at the Admission Gates about converting today's ticket into a Village Membership!

All events subject to change. Please visit www.hcsv.org or call 609-898-2300 ext 10 for current information

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 Admission 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-Saturday noon to 8 pm. Sundays noon to 6 pm. Open 7 days July-August.

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

26. Original Cold Spring: A freshwater spring (now brackish) that would draw visitors from around the region

27. Rail Freight Building (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. Railroad Watchman's Shanty (Reproduction)

31. Bradner's Run Nature Trail: Explore local flora and fauna on the free, self-guided nature trail. Named after Rev. John Bradner, the first minister of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church.

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.

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 $40

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

2021 Themed Weekends & Village Events

June 19-20 — **Military Timeline Weekend:** Experience field camps, displays and exhibits depicting military life throughout history. **Sponsored by Clark's Moving and Storage, VFW Peterson-Little Post #386 &Victorian Abstract Agency**

June 26-27 — **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 International Realty**

July 3-4 — **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. **Sponsored by J. Byrne Agency, Inc. & Princeton Strategic Communications**

July 10-11 — **Cold Spring Brewery 5th Anniversary:** Help celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Cold Spring Brewery's opening with live music **Sponsored by BSG Craft Brewing and Atlantic Custom Solutions**

July 17-18 — **Automobiles, Trains & Planes Weekend:** Antique and classic cars and trucks line the Village's shaded paths. Model Railroads will be on display. **Reduced admission to NASW Aviation Museum! Sponsored by Kindle Auto Plaza**

July 24-25 — **Hands on History:** Enjoy family activities, games and crafts relating to the various trades and tasks found in the Village. **Sponsored by PNC Bank**

July 31- August 1 — **Down on the Farm Weekend:** Experience farm life! Visit barnyard animals and enjoy horse-drawn farming demonstrations, antique and modern farming equipment exhibits and more! **Sponsored by Smeltzer and Sons Feed and Pet Supply**

August 14-15 — **Mid-Summer Heritage Music Fest:** Enjoy the sounds of local bands playing a variety of musical genres, styles and time periods. **Sponsored by NJ State Council on the Arts Regrant**

August 28-29 — **Seafarers' Weekend:** Come aboard for exciting pirate performances. Enjoy special exhibits and demonstrations, and music! **Sponsored by Capri in Cape May, Ocean Club Hotel, Coastline Realty and Barry, Corrado & Grassi, P.C**

September 4-5 — **Hands on History:** Enjoy family activities, games and crafts relating to the various trades and tasks found in the Village. **Sponsored by PNC Bank**

September 11-12 — **Revolutionary and Civil War Encampment:**The American Revolution and Civil War comes to life with encampments of soldiers from both conflicts. Experience demonstrates of camp life, weaponry and more. **Sponsored by: Crest Savings Bank and Crest Wealth Management**

October 22 — **29th Annual Lower Twp. Rotary Club Pumpkin Festival (**Free admission) Craft show, music, games, food vendors, pumpkin painting and Halloween Parade. Donations of canned goods or non-perishable goods requested. Held on Village grounds only, historic buildings closed.

October 22-23 — **4th Annual Ghoul Spring Village:** (5:30 pm-8 pm) Family friendly haunted walk through the Village grounds. Admission fee required. Please see hcsv.org.

November 13 — **Historic Cold Spring Village 52381 Gala:** 40th Anniversary Candlelight Celebration: Call 609-898-2300 ext. 10 for more information: Sponsored by: Sturdy Savings Bank

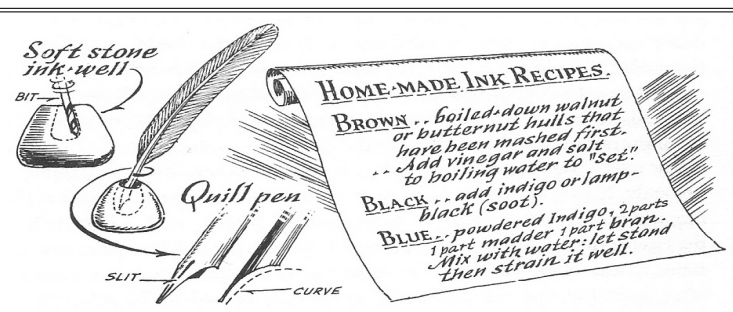
December 4 — **Wassail Day:** (11 am-3 pm, free admission) Celebrate the start of the Village's holiday season with hands-on crafts, live music and a holiday treat. **Sponsored by: The Hoffman Agency**

Ghost Walks: Fridays and Saturdays June - Oct Admission fee required, Reservations recommended Please Visit hcsv.org for call (609) 898-2300 ext 10 or information, dates and to book tickets for Spring and Fall Walking Tours

Visitor Guidelines

Help us preserve Cape May County history by respecting the Buildings and Grounds of Historic Cold Spring Village

- To ensure visitor and staff safety Historic Cold Spring Village continues to follow the latest State of New Jersey guidelines for COVID mitigation. Visit www.hcsv.org and the admission gate for the latest requirements
- Wheelchair-accessible restrooms are available at the Welcome Center (#1) and Ice Cream Parlor (#16).
- 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 Teleconfrence (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**
- **Visit the Virtual Village at hcsv.org for videos and other educational content**

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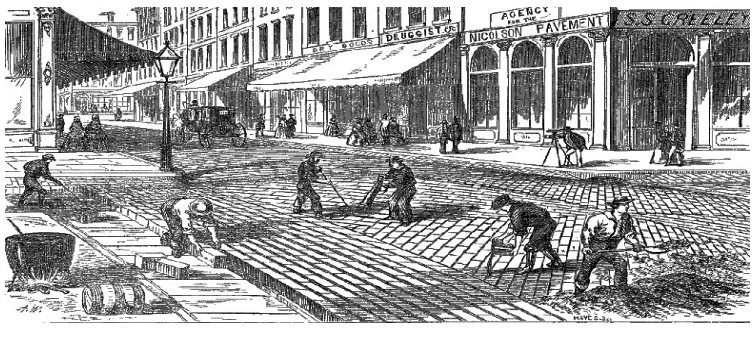
Pave Your Way Into History!

Historic Cold Spring Village has installed a brick pathway between the Cold Spring Grange Restaurant and Cold Spring Brewery. It is a fundraising project for the museum. You can be part of the Village's legacy by purchasing a customizable brick. Bricks may be engraved with your name, business, name of a friend, family member or other loved one. A personalized brick can be yours for a donation of $150 per brick. A special symbol can be added for an additional $25. Forms are available on our website, at the Admission Gates and Cold Spring Brewery. For more information, please call (609) 898-2300, ext. 10.



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