Six Decades Preserving Cape May County’s Past

2020 begins our sixth decade of preservation work! In 1973 Dr. Joseph and Patricia Anne Salvatore 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, 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.

A HISTORY OF CAPE MAY COUNTY’S TOWNSHIPS

Cape May County was formally established in 1692. By 1720 there were three distinct and separate religious communities within the County. The Quakers lived in the north, the Baptists in the center, and the Presbyterians in the south. A County meeting in 1723 formalized this division into Upper, Middle and Lower "precincts." Each had their own unique economic and demographic focus, but also worked together to enforce laws, build roads and other common efforts. The precincts were changed to the modern Townships with the adoption of the NJ Township Act of 1798. Dennis Township was created from parts of Upper Township in 1827. Development of the barrier island towns did not begin until the mid to late 1880s. Prior to that, those areas had been used primarily for grazing livestock.

Pave Your Way Into History!

This year, Historic Cold Spring Village is installing 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.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Lenni Lenape name for New Jersey was Scheyichibi. The Delaware River was named the Lena’ewis’pu (LAY-na’pay-see-poo). These places are now called by their English names but there are many places in NJ that retain their original name or are named for the First People. Tuckahoe, Manahawkin and Wenonah are good examples.

There were three main dialects spoken among the Lenapes of Scheyichibi. Munsey (or Missis) was spoken in the hills to the north. Along the coast, they spoke Unala’htko and to the south and into Delaware the dialect was Una’mi. Here are a few common words in Una’mi Lenape (phonetic pronunciation in parenthesis):

Canoë – Mu’ Xul (moo’hol)
Moccasin - Lenhok’sin (len-hok’sin)
Ghost – Chi’pai (chee’pie)
Dog - M’wa’kana (m’wa ka-na)
Whale – m’bi’Axk (m’bi’ahk)
Cedar – popho’kus (pop-ho-kus)

A TASTE OF THE PAST: Kitchen Pepper

The flavorings used in the early 1800s reflect the influences of England, the Caribbean, and Africa. Below is a recommended spice blend from Maria Eliza Rundell's cookbook: A New System of Domestic Cookery: Formed Upon Principles of Economy and Adapted to the Use of Private Families. - 1806

Mix in the finest powder one ounce of ginger. Of cinnamon, black pepper, nutmeg and Jamaica pepper (allspice) half an ounce each. Ten cloves and six ounces of salt. Keep it in a bottle. It is an agreeable addition to any brown sauces or soups.

NEW BRADNER’S RUN NATURE TRAIL SIGNS

Come see the new trail signs along the free self-guided Nature Trail at Bradner’s Run, located along the southern edge of Historic Cold Spring Village! 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. The new signs will help engage your senses and increase your knowledge about native plants, seasonal birds, reclusive wildlife and indigenous flora. The Nature Trail may be accessed from either end of the Village; sign numbers begin at the Seashore Road entrance.
Welcome Center, Retail Shops & Eateries

Country Store (#8) 11-5:00 pm
Welcome Center (#1) 11-5:00 pm
Bakery (#15) 11-4:00 pm
Ice Cream Parlor (#16) 11-4:00 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

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
11:00am-5:00pm
Unless Otherwise Noted!

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

1691 – Coxe Hall built
1692 – Cape May County Established
1693 – College of William and Mary founded in Williamsburg
1718 – Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Founded
1722 – Hathorn House built (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 Learning House built
1800 – Nation’s Capital is moved from Philadelphia to Washington, DC
1804 – Stillwell and Elizabeth Corson Barn (Cold Spring Brewery) built
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) built
1830 – Oregon Trail comes into use by settlers moving west
1836 – Dennisville Inn built
1837 – Corson Hand House
1848 – Seneca Falls Convention on Women's Rights and Suffrage
1850 – Marshallville School built
1861-1865 – American Civil War
1863 – First railroad begins service in Cape May County
1865 – Willis Barn built
1870 - 15th Amendment gives voting rights to African American men
1875 – Heislerville Store (Tin Shop) built
1876 – Centennial of American Independence
1880 – Corson Gandy Barn built
1883 – Philadelphia Phillies begin play in the new National League
1886 – Smithson Shop built
1886 – Statue of Liberty dedicated

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Open Monday through Sunday from June 29th through September 6th and the weekends of June 20-21 and 27-28 & September 12-13 and 19-20
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 Horton House (c. 1850) Village Bakery: This home from Dias Creek houses the Village bakery. Freshly baked cook-ies, 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): 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.

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

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

29. Railroad Watchman’s Shanty (Reproduction) 

30. Cold Spring Presbyterian Church (“Old Brick”) & Cemetery (c. 1823): The earliest grave in the cemetery is that of Sarah Hand Eldredge Spencer, dated 1742, a direct descendant of the Mayflower settlers. Guided tours offered during summer by church members. Call 609-844-4065 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

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
Visitor Guidelines

- 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 Teleconference (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

School Programs are offered free of charge to all New Jersey elementary and middle school students. For further information, please contact the Museum at (609) 898-2300 ext. 10.

Summer 2020 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
- Craft activities offered for adults & children
- 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. HCSV membership required. (609) 898-2300, ext. 10.

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First Annual Ghoul Spring Village: (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.

3rd Annual Ghoulish Village Weekend: (7 pm-10 pm) Family friendly haunted walk through the Village grounds. Admission fee required. Please see hcsv.org for more information and dates.