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Important Announcements

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a few hours to spare? Would you like to be part of a fun group of people who have a love for history and host some fun events? We need your help! We need help in the following areas: Fundraising, gardening, event planning, building maintenance, tour guides, tabling at events and/or community outreach, clerical and records. Contact us today if you would like to learn more!

A message from the Founder:

Our first two test quarterly newsletters were very well received! We had a lot of exciting things to catch you up on, and some great things on the way. We launched the website, and are continuing to branch out our Historic Network. We need to share the social media pages and continue to gain likes for the pages. This helps us in so many ways, because it is part of our network, advertising, announcements and more. The best part about them; they are FREE! So click the links to the right, like the pages, and share them for others to see! Together we can continue to grow our network of great organizations.

~ Nicholas Appice -Chairman

IMPORTANT NEWS

Submit Your Organizations Information For Our Historic Network

Our groups mission is one of networking. Our goal is to help bring smaller groups together and give them the recognition and publicity they deserve. Below you will find a link to the PDF fillable Contact Form which can also be found on our website. Simply save the form to your computer or electronic device, fill in the form, and mail/email it back to us. We will add the information into our network and create a link to your organization on our webpage. It's easy, FREE, and a great way to get the word out!

<https://guardiansofthepast.wixsite.com/mysite/copy-of-volunteers-friends-sponsors>

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Fall/Winter Candle Sale!

Our popular candle fundraiser was a huge success! In conjunction with “Our Own Candle Company” we are featured Fall and Winter scents, such as Baked Apple Pie, Snickerdoodle, Banana Nut Bread. Aroma Therapy 3packs, candle wax melts, and so many more. These candles are affordable, make great gifts and smell great!

Look for another one in the spring/summer!

OUR LOCAL PRESENCE

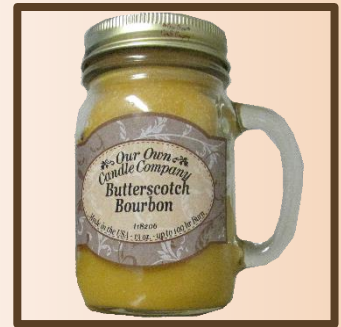
Olde Stone House Village's Magic of Christmas

On December 14th 2019 we once again assisted the Washington Twp Historic Preservation Commission with their Magic of Christmas Event at the Olde Stone House Village. A few nights before the event, a few of our volunteers made window swags out of greenery picked from the property. The ladies made over 16 window swags using pine branches, raffia and some handmade bows! We then attached them to the outside of the buildings.

Our group also decorated the Blackwood Railroad Station for the 2nd straight year! The building came out beautiful with lights, live greenery, and all kinds of Christmas decor! The WTHPC themes this building around the Polar Express, so we were able to donate Polar Express sticker tickets, bells and some other giveaways to all the children!

Bradford White Water Heaters also came in with a great donation of hot chocolate and supplies which allowed us to raise some money to go back to the village!

We also had 10 volunteers from Kohl's come out to help and have some fun! A special thanks to all who helped make this event a success for the WTHPC! It was wonderfully to hear all families say they had a great time!



VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUTS!

A Huge Thank You To All Our Volunteers!

Our Volunteers logged over 500 volunteer hours this year! We more than doubled last year's hours! Without our volunteers, we would not be able to accomplish what we have done for so many other groups!

A special thank you to all of the Kohl's Volunteers. This branch of our volunteers has grown over the last year and a half and they have proven to be a tremendous asset! Also, Bradford White Water Heaters, though not at events with volunteers, has graciously helped us throughout the year with donations!

Another group, day in and day out, has been by our side since our group was just an idea. NJROPE Paranormal has always provided assistance of any type for us! It truly is an honor to work with this amazing group of volunteers!

Once again, thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way, from donating in the beginning, buying candles and flowers during fundraisers, sharing our social media, or helping at events!

If you are interested in volunteer, please see our website or email us!

<https://guardiansofthepast.wixsite.com/mysite/volunteer>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Send Us Your Event Information!

Don't forget to utilize our FREE Calendar of Events! Whether you want information on local events, or want to advertise your event, we are here for YOU! Our calendar has all the details needed to plan your visits to great events. If you wish to submit an event, please do so via email or click the link below; don't forget any flyers or forms people may need.

<https://guardiansofthepast.wixsite.com/mysite/gallery>

Upcoming Local Events

*please note we are not responsible for changes or cancelations to other groups events.

Our calendar of events is located on our webpage as well as clicking here:

Calendar of Events

January 16

Washington Twp Historic Commission Meeting 7pm

February 19

Buena Historical Society Meeting

April 25

WT Historic Commission 12th Annual Classic Car Show Olde Stone House Village

Social Media is Key!

Our Facebook and Instagram is slowly growing after every event we participate in. Social media is the key to our success because it helps us reach a broad range of people, keeps us connected and is free! As a Non-Profit, we must keep all costs at a minimum to ensure we can better assist the groups who need help. Please help us by liking and sharing our pages which are found at the top of the newsletter.

STORIES FROM THE LOCALS.....THEN AND NOW

March 2012 from the Olde Stone House Village:

I was doing some work at the village a few days ago. I noticed this large seemingly unending hole several feet away from the Old Stone House. The hole, large enough to sink the brick walkway into it, had bird feathers scattered all around its entrance. I did not think much into this, just assuming some animal dug a new hole and was living there. While working in the train station I came across a yearbook from an event at the village from 1983. Flipping through the book I came across the following story. If you count the years, starting with 1982, 2012 falls in the 5 year pattern.....could it be that he has returned?

"The Legend of the Old Stone House Snake"
Story told to C. Kaizar by Franklin Atkinson-1983

Most old house have ghosts stories that are chilling to the bone. I am happy to say that our house, so I've been told, has contended ghosts that live inside its four walls eager and willing to help at all times. I don't know which I like better, having ghosts or having a giant snake. In our case we have both.

Many years ago, while Anna Atkinson was walking through the meadow across from the old house, she spotted an unusually large snake slithering through the grass. Frightened beyond belief, she ran home to tell everyone what she had seen. The snake wasn't seen again for about 5 years until Franklin Jr's wife, Edna, was out in the meadow picking violets, again the snake appeared. It was about 6 inches in diameter, probably 25 feet long. Edna screamed and ran as fast as she could back to the house.

Five or six more years passed and again the snake was seen by the Martin family who live on Grenloch-Hurffville road. Several other people said they saw it as well. Time passed on and the snake stories died down but none of the people who saw the snake could forget it.

A few years ago, Bruce Atkinson was riding his dirt bike through the meadow when suddenly he hit what he thought was a large tree stump. Looking back he saw the snake, brownish in color, about 5 or 6 inches in diameter. It swiftly slithered away not to be seen again, at least until now. The legend says that just about every 5 years the snake shows itself somewhere near the Olde Stone House. Last year, a large hole about 10 inches wide appeared in back of the house. A hole of endless darkness that stirs the imagination beyond reality. Which of us will be next to tell the legend of the Olde Stone House snake?...



SPONSORS NEEDED!

We will be once again be assisting the Washington Twp Historic Preservation Commission with their Annual Classic Car Show. This year marks their 12th year & is expected to be bigger than ever! Last year over 130 classic cars arrived for a great family day.

Last year, we were able to donate the 1st ever commemorative shirt! This year we would like to donate them again. Sponsors (individual groups, or businesses) can make a donation towards the costs of the shirts and have their names printed on the back. They will be given out to the first 100 participants and extra available for sale. Our donation goal is \$650 to cover the cost of 150 shirts. Below is last years shirt:

