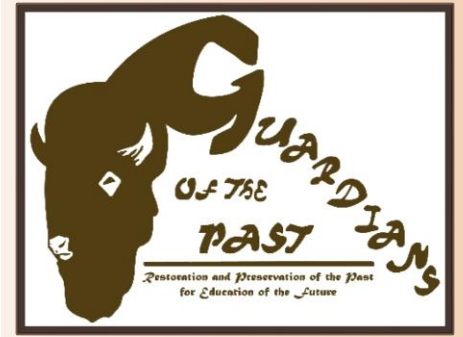


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Important Announcements

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 quarterly newsletter was 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

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. Its easy, FREE, and a great way to get the word out!

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Fall/Winter Candle Sale!

Our popular candle fundraiser is back! In conjunction with “Our Own Candle Company” we are featuring 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! Candles will be available in three different sizes and you may place your order at one of the events at the Olde Stone House Village. By messaging us, on Facebook, Email or call! The end date is December 1st so get your gifts today!

OUR LOCAL PRESENCE

Olde Stone House Village’s Harvest Festival/Civil War Event

On September 14th 2019 we assisted the Washington Twp Historic Preservation Commission with their Annual Harvest Festival and Civil War Event. Our volunteers set up our traveling Olde Times Game interactive exhibit. We were allocated a great space next to the Blackwood RR Station for our booth and games. Families and children learned how to play games popular in the 1700s through early 1900s. Such games included marbles, jacks, 9 pin, quoits, bottle knock downs, bimini rings, game of graces and more! Our volunteers were on hand to teach the history of the games, demonstrate how to play it, and hand out prizes for everyone.

The Gloucester County Round Table

On Thursday September 19th our Chairman co-hosted the GC Roundtable meeting the Washington Twp Historic Preservation Commission. The meeting was held at the Olde Stone House Village. Nicholas spoke to other historic groups in Gloucester County on many topics related to non-profits, historic groups, grants, volunteerism, fund raising and more. The group was given some tips and tricks of what has worked for the WTHPC over Nicholas’ last 12 years volunteering with them and last 9 as the Chairman.



VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUTS!

A Huge Thank You To All Our Volunteers!

Without our volunteers, we would not be able to accomplish anything we set out to do! Whether our volunteers are assisting other groups at events, tabling booths for our organization, brainstorming new ideas, or helping find new ways to fundraise, they are all an intrigal part of our family. From interns and office support to fundraising and candle sellers, together we strive to accomplish the same goals. Hats off to everyone!

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

October 19

Olde Stone House Village
Halloween Adventures

November 20

Buena Historical Society Meeting

December 14

Olde Stone House Village
Magic of Christmas

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"

-make sure you check out the photo album of the recent sighting-
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?...

