



Cedar Grove Historical Society

Where the Past is Present

Canfield-Morgan House - Home of the Morgan Museum
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If a meeting is cancelled there will be a recorded message at 973-239-5414

Summer 2011 Edition

Thank You

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone in the community who has supported us this year and in the past. You were most generous with your donations during our fundraising campaign. Thank you to all of you who renewed your memberships. Your involvement in the society is very important to us. It is only through the support of the community that we can continue to preserve the history of Cedar Grove.

The society will be looking for volunteers to help us continue our work. The Board will be meeting this summer to define our goals and create committees to help us reach those goals. When we finalize the committees, it is our hope that our members will find a committee of interest to volunteer for.

Future Events

**Wednesdays from 2 p.m. - 7p.m.
Farmer's Market**

**The museum will be open from 2:00
to 4:00 on market day.**

July 30: Essex County Master Gardeners

**September 28: The Life and Times of
Ernest De Baun**

October 8-16: Pumpkin/Apple Sale

October 26: Remember When?

December 11: Holiday Open House

Leslie Jacobus Scholarship Winner



Zachary Specht

Zachary Specht, son of Diane and Ed Specht, was this year's recipient of the Leslie Jacobus Scholarship. Zachary has been very involved in community service including working with the youth group from his church in helping to build homes with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans. In his application, Zachary recalled the reaction of one of the new owners of a home he had worked on. He said of the experience, "Seeing the look on her face made me see that what I was doing was changing peoples lives and that felt incredible. Because of that experience, I hope to use my degree in engineering to help improve the lives of those that have been destroyed by travesties." He was also a member of the Student Council at Cedar Grove High School, volunteered at the pre-school summer program for the Montclair Schools, helped with the canned food drives to raise food for the troops through the Irish Club and many other volunteer activities.

We wish Zachary the best of luck as he enters the University of Delaware to study civil engineering.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Spring Field Trip

The spring field trip to the Grover Cleveland Memorial Birthplace in Caldwell and the Force Homestead in Livingston was held on May 2, 2011. The trip began at the Morgan house where the participants were treated to coffee and cake. After visiting the museums the group returned to the Morgan House. A good time was had by all.

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Farming Returns to Morgan's Farm



Master Gardeners Bill and Linda Dye stand on either side of John and Julie Ostering admiring the tiller that the Osterings donated to the Historical Society to be used by the Dyes to help improve the gardens around the museum. The Dyes have also planted a pumpkin patch with the hopes of being able to sell some of the pumpkins at the historical society's annual pumpkin and apple sale. They have also planted squash and gourds. All of the produce in the garden is being grown organically. Mr. Ostering also donated and installed hosing so that the Dyes would not have to carry containers of water to the pumpkin patch in order to keep the vegetable garden irrigated. Many thanks are due to the Osterings and the Dyes for their contributions to the Cedar Grove Historical Society.



SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Master Gardeners of Essex County Tour

July 30

Morgan Farm

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Master Gardeners of Essex County have included the Morgan Farm and Museum on their summer garden tour. The tour includes two private residences, a school and the Morgan Farm. The Morgan Farm gardens will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 for the Master Gardeners and any other people in our community who would like to see the gardens and museum. On display will be the flower gardens surrounding the house and the pumpkin and vegetable garden. This will be the first year in many decades that the Morgan Farm will be able to grow some of the produce sold at the annual fall pumpkin sale. A generous gift from the John Ostering family made it possible to buy a garden tiller which has been used to expand both the vegetable and flower gardens. Visitors will be able to see how the apple trees can be netted to protect maturing apples from squirrels and birds as well as composting and organic gardening procedures. The Morgan Museum will be open to show what life was like during the 1930s. There are many displays depicting the early history of Cedar Grove and the Morgan family. The tour is free.



Farmer's Market at Morgan's Farm



The Farmers' Market officially opened on Wednesday, June 22. Patrick Mullen (center), seen above with Mayor Robert O'Toole and Councilman Romeo Longo, is cutting the ribbon to open the market. Mr. Mullen, a member of the Municipal Alliance, has been the guiding force behind the creation of the market. Eight vendors with varying types of wares were present at the market. Fruits and vegetables, pickles, frozen entrées, desserts, nuts and even back massages were available at the market. The market will be open every Wednesday during the summer from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The last day of operation will be September 28.

While at the market stop in and tour the Morgan Museum. The house and barns will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday that the market is open.



A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AT THE SOCIETY

Due to the resignation of four members of the Board of Directors there has been a change of leadership in the Cedar Grove Historical Society. The Board regretfully accepted the resignations of Barbara Young, Peggy O'Connor, Cheryl Woomeer and John Young.

Barbara Young served the society as president and vice president. She was responsible for most of the excellent displays in the museum and the barn. Barbara gave much to the society in time, energy and talent. She was a genuine asset to the society. The members of the Board are sorry that she cannot serve at this time, but it our hope that she will be able to remain an active member of the society.

Peggy O'Connor served as vice president. She did a fine job of planning programs for the general meetings. Peggy also has given many hours helping accession artifacts that are part of the society's collection. The members of the Board will miss her expertise and are hopeful that she will continue to be an active part of the society.

Cheryt Woomeer and John Young both served as trustees. The Board is thankful for their service and hope that they will continue to be active members of the society.

In order to have continuity in the running of the society, Chris Werndley was appointed by the Board to serve as president and Jean Jaeger was appointed as vice president, Rose Marie Partington and Dean Kovatis will fill the trustees positions. They will hold these positions until the end of December. Elections will be held at the October general meeting to fill the positions. Anyone wishing to serve should call the society at 973-239-5414 or email jeanjaeger@optonline.net,

Volunteer Opportunities

Linda and Bill Dye are master gardeners who are working diligently to re-create the gardens around the museum and help with the up-keep of the grounds. They could use some help in this endeavor. If you think you can help contact Linda at 973-433-4147 or at dyelinda@optonline.net.

If you like to do research, Peggy O'Connor is working on a project to trace the history of the Morgan family. If you think you can be of some help, contact Peggy at 973-220-1026 or at peggy52@aol.com.

Each year many of the artifacts that are stored at the museum must be checked to determine their condition. All fabric objects must be checked for damage and then refolded. At the present time Janet Spong and Julie Ostering are working on this project. If you think you can be of some help, please contact Julie at 973-857-1968 or at 2JVO@comcast.net.

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Open Each Wednesday from 10-12 a.m. or by reservation.
Call 973-239-5414 or email jeanjaeger@optonline.net to
arrange a tour for your group.

General Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except for November, December, June, July and August. The meetings are held at the Cedar Grove Library on Pompton Avenue and begin at 7:30 p.m.

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