



Cedar Grove Historical Society

Where the Past is Present

Canfield-Morgan House - Home of the Morgan Museum
908 Pompton Avenue P.O. Box 461 Cedar Grove, New Jersey
973-239-5414 - www.cedargrovehistoricalsociety.org

If a meeting is cancelled there will be a recorded message at 973-239-5414

May 2011

May Meeting

Wednesday, May 25

Potluck Dinner

6:30 p.m.

Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Upper Barn at Morgan's
Farm**

Bring a salad, casserole, or dessert to serve 6-8 people. Ham and beverage will be provided. Also bring some memories or memorabilia about Cedar Grove to share.

Call 973-239-5414 to make reservations.

Please call by May 23.



President's Message

It's hard to believe, but we are at the end of our regular meetings until fall. In March we still had to cope with snow on our meeting night, and in April it was 80 degrees.

I just wanted to remind everyone that we have two membership events planned for May. The first is a field trip on May 21, the second our Potluck Dinner on May 25. You need to make reservations so we can accommodate everyone. If you plan to go on the field trip, your check needs to be received by May 16. (See article on page 3.)

I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy summer and invite you to come by the house to see what we are doing.

Barbara

JUST A REMINDER

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be your last newsletter. Don't miss out on what the society has to offer. You can send your dues to the Cedar Grove Historical Society at P.O. Box 461, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009. Dues are \$20 per family and \$15 for individuals.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ren Chandler for receiving her eighth Volunteer Grant Award from the JP Morgan Chase Foundation. The grants are awarded to those employees or retirees who have volunteered a minimum of 100 hours a year for a non-profit organization.

Just a note, a number of business will also provide matching donations. See if your company does and stretch your donation dollars.

Cedar Grove: Then and Now

Herbert Holly Jacobus House



The Herbert Holly Jacobus house was built in 1900 on Cedar Street. Mr. Jacobus was a commercial artist and started his own print shop shortly after moving to Cedar Grove. He lived in the house with his wife Carrie, daughters Ethel and Mildred and son Roy. When his son Roy joined the business they expanded into printing postcards. Many of the Cedar Grove postcards one would find at postcard shows or online were printed in the print shop at the rear of the house and have H.H. Jacobus printed in the lower right-hand corner of the card.



Roy's daughter, Natalie, began Cedar Grove's first newspaper along with five other high school students. The paper, named the Observer, was printed from 1937 to 1948. Above is a picture of the printing press it was printed on. The press is now part of Morgan's Museum and is located on the top floor of the barn.



This ad appeared in the souvenir booklet for the Carnival held in 1910 to raise funds for the construction of a public hall.



When the house was built there were very few houses in the vicinity. At one time there was a tennis court on the west side of the property. There are now houses on both sides. The home was recently renovated but still has the same charm that it did when first built.

Did You Know?

The Cedar Grove Improvement Association, organized c. 1906, was instrumental in obtaining public water, electricity, gas and sidewalks for the town. Additionally they spearheaded a drive for the erection of a community building to be used for entertainment, lectures and meetings. The building, called the Public Hall was completed in January 1912. Some of the funds for the building were raised at a carnival held in 1910 sponsored by the Cedar Grove Public Hall Association.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

An Opportunity to Save Money and Help the Historical Society

Did you know you're allowed to choose the company that supplies your electricity? Due to deregulation PSE&G is no longer allowed to make a profit by sourcing your electric supply. PSE&G still remains your utility, delivers the electricity, maintains the lines, and bills you, the customer.

Viridian is an electrical supplier that offers either 20% or 100% green options. The greater savings is currently the 20% option. The company has a unique fundraising program for not-for-profit organizations to help them raise funds. You save money by switching your energy supplier to Viridian. You help the environment. The historical society will receive two dollars per month for each new customer. There is no fee, no contract, no obligation when you switch, and it only takes a few minutes. Have your electric bill in front of you and log on to: www.viridian.com/CGhistoricalsociety Follow the prompts. Any questions please e-mail Julie Ostering at 2JVO@comcast.com or call 973-857-1968



Future Events

May 21: Field Trip

May 25: Potluck Supper

September 28: The Life and Times of Ernest De Baun

October 8-16: Pumpkin/Apple Sale

December 11: Holiday Open House

Society Field Trip

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21, for a visit to two of our sister historical sites. We will be visiting the historic Grover Cleveland Birthplace, which is brimming with memorabilia about our 22nd president, and the Force Homestead in Livingston, which is a pre-revolutionary farmhouse. It is one of the oldest buildings in Livingston.

We will meet at the Morgan House between 9 and 9:45 a.m. for coffee and cake, then visit the two houses and meet back at the Morgan House no later than 1:30 p.m. for lunch. The cost is \$10 per person and covers the cost of food and donations at both houses. You must make your reservation by May 16 so we know how many to prepare for. Call 973-239-5414 or mail or drop off your check at the Morgan House payable to the Cedar Grove Historical Society. We can accommodate a maximum of 20, so reserve early.



**Force Homestead
Livingston, New Jersey**



**Grover Cleveland Birthplace
Caldwell, New Jersey**

MEET OUR MEMBERS

by Peggy O'Connor



Barbara Young, president of the historical society, was born and raised in Newark where she graduated from Arts High School and Rutgers University, with degrees in nursing and sociology. Some of her earliest memories of Cedar Grove include passing by Bond's on the way to Sunday School picnics on 23 North, visiting cousins on Eaton Place, and later spending a semester in training on the wards of Overbrook.

She moved to Cedar Grove with her husband John when she married. Here Barbara raised her daughter and now welcomes visits from an energetic grandson.

Barbara enjoys a long history of volunteering following the example set by her mother, who is still active. Activities have included serving on church committees, singing in the choir, teaching, volunteering at school, 4-H and of course, 20 years with the Cedar Grove Historical Society. She enjoys reading, sewing, crafts, gardening and playing the piano, all of which helps with planing displays and doing research for the society.

During the course of studying history in general and Cedar Grove history in particular, Barbara has developed an appreciation for simpler times and activities associated with living in a small town. During her 40-plus years in Cedar Grove she has seen the demise of the egg stand opposite Arbor Glenn, the replacement of the Red Baron with condos, the demolition of the Friar Tuck and Courtenay Morgan selling apples from his front porch.

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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