



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.

October 2011

General Meeting

October 26, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Cedar Grove Public Library

Remember When?

Presented by Cedar Grove Historical
Society Trustee Phil Jaeger



The PowerPoint program focusses on 20-plus historical events introduced by relevant popular songs. Events are memorable moments primarily in the areas of entertainment, sports, business, transportation and politics. The years covered range from the late 1930s through the end of the century. It is anticipated that the audience will be an integral part of the program.



Pumpkin/Apple Sale

October 8-16

Weekdays: 1 p.m - 5 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m - 5 p.m.

**All size pumpkins will be available!
This year about 50 of the smaller
pumpkins were actually grown on
Morgan's Farm!**

Also Available

Many Varieties of Apples

Corn Stalks

Bales of Hay

Cedar Grove Panther Birdhouses

Firewood

Baked Goods on Weekends

"Cedar Grove" by Phil Jaeger

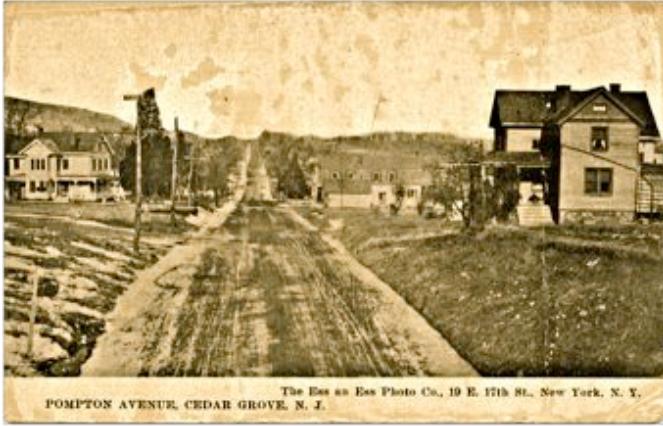
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Take pictures with our
Halloween figures.



Cedar Grove: Then and Now

Views from the Bridge



This c. 1909 postcard was taken from the railroad bridge on Pompton Avenue looking north. At the left is the residence of Allie and Annie Smith, sisters who made mops at home using cotton from the Bowden cotton mill. Opposite the Smith home was the general store and post office. The house on the far right was the residence of Ed and Alberta Miller. In those years, Pompton Avenue was maintained by first spreading limestone on its surface and then oil.



Twelve years later the scene has changed again. The Texaco station and the adjacent building are gone and in their place a bank is under construction. The La-Z-Boy building is still in existence but is presently unoccupied. The price of regular gasoline in 1999 was \$1.03 and is presently \$3.27. In spite of that there is more traffic on Pompton Avenue.



The same spot is shown ninety years later in 1999. The site of the Smith home is occupied by the Texaco station and the building next to the station which houses a liquor store and a pizza restaurant. La-Z-Boy furniture store now occupies the site of the general store. The Ambulance and Rescue Squad building occupies the property near where the Miller residence once existed,

Did You Know?

The first crossword puzzle was created by a Cedar Grove resident. Arthur Wynne, who was originally from Wales, built his home on Upper Cedar Street (opposite Sunset Terrace today.) He was the chief editorial writer for the *New York World*. Once a week, as part of his duties, Wynne constructed a page of puzzles for the Fun section of the Sunday edition. For the edition of December 21, 1913, Wynne constructed a puzzle grid pattern with numbered squares corresponding to numbered clues. Wynne called the puzzle a "word-cross." It was an immediate success. Several weeks later, in preparing for the Sunday edition, a typesetter inadvertently reversed the words in the name of the new puzzle and called it a crossword. It has been known as that ever since.

Looking for an interesting holiday gift to give someone who is interested in Cedar Grove's history? The Cedar Grove Historical Society has just what you need. All proceeds go to help the work of the society.

1. A reproduction of a **1906 Mueller Map** showing Cedar Grove and Verona. The large map must be ordered and prepaid. The cost is \$100.
2. **Cedar Grove** by Cedar Grove Historical Society Trustee Philip Jaeger. The cost is \$20. There is a limited supply available.

Society Activities

Farming Returns to the Farm

The farming experiment spearheaded by Bill and Linda Dye this spring and summer was a big success. The pumpkin patch yielded about 50 small pumpkins that will be sold at the Pumpkin/Apple Sale. Tomatoes and zucchini were also grown on the lower fields. In the picture below Trustee Dean Kovatis, who worked diligently with the Dyes on the gardens, holds one of the zucchinis grown on the farm. Many thanks are also due to John Ostering for all of his help.



A Special Thank You

Thanks to Ted Cox, owner of the Cedar Grove Garden Center, for his help in renovating the Morgan Farm gardens. For the the past three years, Ted has been available to answer questions about gardening and also to supply suggestions for cost saving techniques. This year he generously gave the Master Gardeners of the Cedar Grove Historical Society access to his “plant hospital.” The plant hospital is where he puts plants that are bedraggled and will not survive without special care. Plants from the hospital were carefully planted in the flower and vegetable beds, fertilized and sprayed for bugs. Today they look as they were meant to be. When there was a problem with deer getting into the experimental pumpkin patch Ted directed the gardeners to where they could find used deer netting. The netting was reclaimed and with the help of John Ostering was used to form something that looks like a tennis court around the pumpkin crop. Ted is a valuable resource for the Cedar Grove Historical Society and to the community at large. If you need information about gardening, shrubs or landscaping we hope you will consider his services.

Election of Officers

Election of officers and trustees for the calendar year 2012 will be held at the General Meeting on October 26. The slate to be presented by the nominating committee follows. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Officers

President: Chris Wernndly 1-year unexpired term

Vice President: Jean Jaeger 2-year term

Treasurer: Ren Chandler 2-year term

Trustees

Ed Husni 3-year term

Julie Ostering 3-year term

Dean Kovatis 3-year term

Rose Marie Partington 1-year unexpired term

Peter Nilan 2-year unexpired term

Upcoming Events

October 8-16: Pumpkin/Apple Sale

**October 26: Remember When?
Election of Officers and
Trustees**

December 11: Holiday Open House

February 22: TBA

March 28: Cedar Grove Then and Now

April 25: Dining with History

May: Spring Field Trip (Specific date yet to be determined)

MEET OUR MEMBERS

By Peggy O'Connor



Numismatist, philatelist, antiques collector, photographer, artist, Master Gardener...Historical Society Trustee **Ed Husni** is a man of many and diverse interests. With the seasonal closing of the Cedar Grove pool, where Ed swam laps daily, more hours are now available for the pursuit of Ed's other "hobbies."

Besides gardening with his wife, Meta, Ed answers a Help Line for gardeners every week. He's done this since attaining his master gardener status in 1998, logging in over 1000 hours. For the Historical Society, Ed is always willing to do research on the internet. He became comfortable using the computer when he was still a pharmacist, using it on the job and continuing to utilize it in his private life.

A World War II infantryman with three battle stars from his service in the European Theatre, Ed has been active in the VFW and American Legion since the 1960s.

Ed and Meta moved to Cedar Grove from Hudson County in 1963. They had met years earlier when Ed was an interning pharmacist in West New York and Meta would stop in to pick up her aunt's medications. (Eventually Ed got Meta's phone number from her uncle and called her for a date.) Their love of traveling together began with their honeymoon trip to Lingenfield, Germany, Meta's hometown. On their visits to Germany and other countries, Ed honed his photography skills and added to his foreign coin and stamp collections.

Ed's fond memories of his early years in Cedar Grove include skating on Bowden Pond, sleigh riding with his two daughters on Johnson's Golf Range (current site of the Tzu Chi Foundation), and marching with the Veterans in the Memorial Day Parade. He recalls the huge holiday star lit every year by Henry Shilling on top of Second Mountain. He can still picture the fruit and vegetable stand across from what is now Arbor Glen, and other businesses that are no more - Bond's, Weidners A&P, Shop Rite, Towers Bowling Alley.

Ed and Meta have three grandchildren who can surely learn a lot from their grandfather!

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, January, 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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