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The Magnolia
Historical Society meets
the first Monday of
every month at the
Magnolia Borough Hall
on Albertson Ave at
7:30 pm

FROM THE TICKET WINDOW

by Mert Gardner

I would like to say we are a little late with this issue but with good reason. This has been one of the busiest summer's and fall's we have had in many years. From replacing the 4 main pillars on the pavilion, to researching the oldest homes in Magnolia, to taking a trolley ride from Camden to Clementon, to updating our computer system, to scanning in over 650 pictures in the computer, to selling out our train show, starting our OWN WEBSITE. Plus our Flea Mart, our Hoagie Sale, and braking in Riches' Kitchen. Are you tired yet! Well that's what we've been up to. For those of you that have put in the time and hard work, THANK YOU! To those of you that have missed the opportunity, come on down. It's a 'WE', 'NOT A ME' at the train station.

From the top, in May we found out through our maintenance program that three of the pillars under the roof of the pavilion were starting to show signs of rot. After getting in touch with Jim Hannold, whom has been a great help to me, we decided to send out for bids. A local contractor Mr. Joe Lomas of J.L. Builders received the contract to replace all four of the pillars. To save money Jim Konsler and I sanded, primed, and painted the pillars.

If you remember the last newsletter seven projects were suggested. Dennis Harkins chose "The fifteen oldest homes in Magnolia". Helen, Elaine, Joe, Carol, and Stash rounded out the team. They spent part of their summer up in Camden's City Hall going through property records. On October 3rd Dennis Harkins put on a PowerPoint Presentation of the 15 oldest homes of Magnolia.



On November 7th Mert Gardner put on a PowerPoint Presentation of "Camden to Clementon by Trolley". With the help of Jim Konsler and Jason Sawyer they spent part of their summer locating old photo's, and computer information of the Clementon Park Trolley. This group will research the Clementon Branch of the old PRSL. The title will be "Then and Now".

Become a Member Today!

Be sure to join the Magnolia Historical Society today for only \$10. Membership dues help pay for programs, promote our Magnolia community, and to recognize and preserve key historical items and sites. Membership includes a subscription to 'The Station Master Newsletter' that provides notice of upcoming events, meetings, and fascinating facts about Magnolia.

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FROM THE TICKET WINDOW CONTINUED...

In August of this year under the direction of Jason Sawyer the C&TC committee made a presentation to the Board of Directors for upgrading our ten year old computer system and to put the historical society on the internet. The board agreed and the system was purchased and installed. If you care to give our website a look we are at:

www.magnoliatrainstation.com

For those of you that live a distance, or in town we are now as close as your computer. Jason's article in this newsletter will have more information about these new upgrades and the website.

Our Fall Flea Mart and Hoagie Sale were a great success. We picked a new supplier for this years' Hoagie Sale, Larry's Cold Cuts of Glendora, NJ, and they were great. We sold out! Our Fall Flea Mart was also a great success under the direction of Ms. Elaine Furniss. She brought a great day of weather. We also tried something new under the direction of Rich Albright, our Buildings and Grounds Chairperson; we opened up Riches' Kitchen under the pavilion. It was a great; with a different menu and styles of food. It was an instance hit.

Last but not least was "The Magnolia Station's 4th Annual Train Show". We sold out all 50 tables to vendors, plus our 5 free tables to railroad organizations, plus we had The South Jersey S-Scalers newly constructed modular layout, and The Southern New Jersey N-Trak modular layout on display. We setup on Friday night from 7:00pm until 11:00pm for vendors and our food court. We opened at 7:00am Saturday morning for vendors and kitchen crew. New this year was Riches' Kitchen, a great success from our Fall Flea Market. We also tried with great success Kim Cartwright's Luscious Confections making a table full of baked goods and pies. She donated her profits to the historical society. This was the best year in the four years for the train show. I would like to say THANK YOU to the members who worked so hard to make this one of the best years ever!

Well off to plan the Founders Day Luncheon to be held the last Sunday in January at the Adelphia in Deptford. SANTA has again agreed to visit the "Borough's Christmas with Santa" at the train station on December 9th and 10th and again on December 16th and 17th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Don't miss this one, or you might get coal in your stocking. We are working on opening the train station the last Saturday of the month from 10:00am until 2:00pm. With computer classes for members who sign up, and later for Magnolia residents will be offered. A collection of railroad memorabilia will be on display.

Don't forget January is renew your membership month. Get a friend to join it's a lot of FUN! Try it you may be surprised.

Thank You

President Mert Gardner

**P.S. Don't forget your ticket.

TRAIN SHOW MEMORIES:



TECH REPORT:

JASON SAWYER

Hello everyone, as Mert said in his article it has been a busy few months for all of us. Over the summer I made a presentation to the board of directors to upgrade the computer system and visual aids for the society's train station. We installed a new computer with a 32" monitor that we can use to show slide shows or give presentations in our station. The first of which will be the last Saturday in January. (January 28th). We are looking for a small group of members who have computer questions to join us at 10:00am. If you are interested please call Mert (856) 784-8251. Last but not least, we have our own website! Jeffrey Brownlow and I maintain the website to keep the membership informed with the latest in society activities and events.

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