



THE POINT PLEASANT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Welcome to the November 2026 Newsletter of the Point
Pleasant Historical Society!**

Dear Members and Friends,

Each month, our newsletters are organized around a theme that highlights a significant aspect of our history.

This month's term paper is especially meaningful as we celebrate our organization's 50th anniversary. For half a century, this dedicated all-volunteer group has lovingly worked to preserve, collect, and share the rich history of the Greater Point Pleasant Area.

We invited longtime member and museum curator Kathy Ferris Heim to share her treasured memories of these years. We are truly grateful for the care and dedication she has given over the decades, and we thank her once again for capturing her reflections as we warmly look back on our first 50 years.

Thank you Kathy!

"History Term Paper"



***The Point Pleasant Historical
Society and Museum turns 50!***

(please click on the image below to read)

Point Pleasant Historical Society

History Term Paper

Box 1273, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

November 2024

The regularly scheduled **November 2024 public meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, November 4, 2024, starting at 7:00 PM**. Our presentation will be Britta Forsberg, Executive Director of Save Barnegat Bay. Save Barnegat Bay is the only independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit exclusively dedicated to the protection and preservation of Barnegat Bay and its watershed. Britta's presentation will focus on the role of Save Barnegat Bay, its history and the ongoing efforts to preserve and protect Barnegat Bay.

2024 - Point Pleasant Historical Society 50th Year Anniversary
Written by - Kathy Heim

This year the Point Pleasant Historical Society celebrates its fifty-year Anniversary. Founded in 1976 as the Shore Harbor Historical Society, a created name to show that the Society would be covering more than just Point Pleasant. It was long time local resident, Margaret "Peg" Busse who planted the seed of a need for a historical society to properly preserve the history, artifacts and memories of days gone by. Peg and the founding members were interested in preserving the histories of Point Pleasant, Point Pleasant Beach, Bay Head, and Mantoloking since there were no other local groups doing this. Founding members included Peg Busse, Victoria Hassett, Carolyn Martin, Emory Wheeler, Nancy Skinner, Anne Abendschoon. Doris Baker designed the society's "Seasamund" ship logo, which we continue to use.

Peg worked tirelessly to sign up new members and offered her home and yard for meetings. She worked to advance Historic Society's goals, kept our records, and made the Shore Harbor Historical Society famous for Beach Plum Jam. Donated items were stored in the garages and basements of the Society officers. Early meetings were held in the Nellie Bennett School in Point Pleasant sitting on those small child chairs. Using the school also explains the pattern of our public meetings that followed the school schedule.

The Shore Harbor Historical Society was famous for its fundraisers, especially the annual Beach Plum festival. This featured beach plum syrup from founder Peg Busse's historic bushes in Point Pleasant mixed with vanilla ice cream by ice cream wizard Bob Hoffman. There was also a well-regarded Strawberry Festival. The Historical Society marched and had floats in the annual summer Big Sea Day parade.

I joined in 1986 so I can't give first-person history of those early years. Peg Busse caught me by the shopping carts at Foodtown and coaxed me into joining.

As the Society was becoming more established, there was discussion of changing the name to something that represented a town or area that really existed. There were several interesting suggestions and members voted to accept "Point Pleasant Historical Society". We also rented a post office box in Point Pleasant Beach, so mail didn't bounce between the addresses of former officers. We still have that post office box number, historic 1273. *(over)*

COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE BENNETT CABIN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

Cookies are needed for the annual Bennett Cabin Christmas Celebration. This year Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Cabin from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on December 12 and 13 to visit with children, pose for pictures and spread holiday cheer. We are asking for volunteers to provide cookies for treats for the children (and adults!). Please call Sharon Morris at 732-692-8827 before December 1st if you can bake or purchase cookies for the event. Leave your name and phone number and Sharon will return your call as well as give you a reminder call the week before the event. Thanks to all who have helped in the past, and to those able to help this year. Remember: Please, no nuts in the treats, as so many have allergies! Thank you!




COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE BENNETT CABIN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

a personal note from Sharon and Rich Morris





Dear Friends and Supporters,

Excitement abounds as preparations for the **BENNETT CABIN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**, scheduled for December 12th and 13th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, are well underway.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus are getting ready to welcome the children, hear their requests, and offer an opportunity for photographs.

And.....The craving for Christmas cookies is quickly growing!

Previously, we were fortunate to have a dedicated group of people supplying treats for both children (and adults) to enjoy as they waited to meet Santa. But our success now exceeds our regular donations.

This year, Rich and I are personally reaching out to invite you to participate in our Christmas celebration by contributing your favorite cookies. Your

involvement will help ensure this event is memorable for every child.

If you can provide home baked or purchased cookies please RSVP below or call me, Sharon Morris, at 732-892-8827 by December 1. Leave your name and phone number; I will return your call and give a reminder the week before the event.

Our goal is to make sure everyone gets lots of treats!

A very special thank you to everyone who has contributed cookies in previous years, and a warm welcome to those joining us to help share Christmas cheer by bringing treats!

Please do not include nuts or peanut butter, as so many people have allergies.

Thanks again, and Happy Holidays to all!

Sharon and Rich Morris

Will you be able to provide cookies for the Bennett Cabin Christmas?

LOCATION

The Bennett Cabin, Riverfront Park, Point Pleasant Borough

DATE AND TIME

12/13/26 2:00pm - 12/13/26 5:00pm US/Eastern

This year Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Cabin from 2 pm to 5 pm on December 12 & 13 to visit with the children and pose for pictures!

Yes I will be able to provide some cookies!

Yes, I will be able to provide cookies, and I would also like to help, please call me.

Nov 4th 2026 PUBLIC MEETING



Our Name is our Mission Save Barnegat Bay

November 2026 Public Meeting

The Point Pleasant Historical Society will hold its regularly scheduled public meeting on **Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM.**

Featured Speaker

Britta Forsberg, Executive Director of Save Barnegat Bay, will discuss the organization's history, its role in the community, and its ongoing efforts to protect and preserve Barnegat Bay.

About Save Barnegat Bay

Save Barnegat Bay is the only independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted exclusively to protecting and preserving Barnegat Bay and its watershed.

Meeting Location

Point Pleasant Borough Municipal Building
2233 Bridge Ave.
Point Pleasant Borough

Please don't forget that our Museum is open weekly, every Thursday, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm; please feel free to come in and browse.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR OLD PHOTOS AND MEMORIES!
We can scan and return your originals if requested.

If you have any photos, historical documents, memories or other artifacts that you would like to submit for publication or preservation by the PPHS, please email a copy or contact us at the email address below:

PPBHISTORICALSOCIETY@GMAIL.COM

If you need a membership application, or if you know someone who wishes to join, please click the link below for a printable application form.

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We thank you in advance!



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