



The Historic Village at Allaire

The Village Star

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Join us for a tour of the village this season! If you have any pictures of Allaire that you would like to submit for inclusion in *The Village Star*, please contact us at info@allairevillage.org, with the subject line *Star Photos*.

"The natural beauty of Howell Works, the winding brooks with their rustic bridges, the green woods with their tall ancestral trees, the grounds all scrupulously clean and neatly preserved by him with tender care were the delight of Hal Allaire and his many friends, both young and old who were permitted to visit the place."

-Excerpt from *The Howell Iron Works and The Romance of Allaire*,
by Halsted H. Wainwright



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A Note From The Allaire Village Trustees

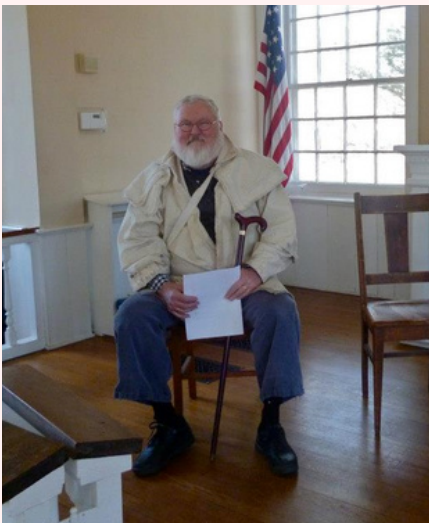
By: Patricia Lundervold, Trustee

The loss of Ray O'Grady, our chairman, is deeply felt by the trustees who have worked closely with him for many years. Ray was involved in so many ways in our Village life. The recent celebration brought friends from the past as well as the present together to honor his contributions. It was a fitting tribute to a dear friend and an amazing citizen.

Russ McIver, vice chairman, has stepped forward to console and lead in this time of grief. He has been present to support staff and volunteers. With his help and that of Hance Sitkus, we will be the village that Ray O'Grady loved.

As we move forward, the Board of Trustees plans to add two public members for the next two years. The Board meets monthly via zoom and quarterly in person. Board members review the programs set by the staff and the maintenance of the Village to insure compliance with our state license and continuing of community viability as well as participating when possible in our programs.

Those interested may wish to contact Board Secretary Tom Laverty (tlaverty@allairevillage.org) prior to August 15th, 2022 to discuss the position in-depth.



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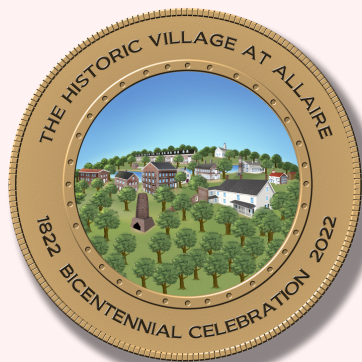


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Letter from the Executive Director: Hance M. Sitkus, CPA

As the busy Spring comes to a close at the Historic Village at Allaire, we look forward to welcoming you to the village this summer. Many of our historic buildings have modified air-conditioning for your comfort. Our summer schedule includes popular historical re-enactments, a new fund-raiser (e.g., Antique and Vintage Market), special seasonal exhibits at our Row House & Village Museum, as well as the re-opening of our Enameling Building Exhibition Hall. Be sure to check out our photography contest that is exhibited there, and learn about the history of Allaire in the 20th century!

To book a special private group tour of the Historic Village at Allaire, please call the village office and speak to Linnea Kuglitsch. We welcome camp groups, school groups, scouts, corporate events, family reunions, and other groups to call and book today! We look forward to hosting your group at Allaire and planning any specialized activity (e.g., luncheon, retreat).



You were here for us during COVID, now we are here for you more than ever. Come out and explore 19th century industrial community life Wednesday to Sunday this summer at Allaire. Our craft shops, homes, exhibit halls, and retail buildings are special for you and your guests. And of course, a big thank you to all our talented volunteers that are the backbone of this village. We also thank our donors, members, and sponsors. We look forward to seeing you this summer season!



To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the purchase of the Howell Iron Works by James P. Allaire we will be open on an expanded schedule this year: Wednesday to Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. When visiting on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, explore the village buildings and grounds free of charge. At 1:30 pm gather in front of the General Store to hop on a 90 minute "Village Life Tour" for a nominal charge. Led by a period dressed tour guide, this is an in-depth tour that allows you to visit all our historic village buildings and immerses you into the history of James P. Allaire's Howell Works. On weekends we expand our offering of historic demonstrations and activities, while also offering special "pop-up tours" that are included in your weekend general admission charge. The "pop-up" tours allow you and a tour guide to explore a specialized historic topic in early 19th century America and Allaire. Meet in front of the General Store at 1:30 pm for all Wednesday to Sunday onsite public tours.

As always, a number of Eagle Scout projects to improve the village landscape are in progress this summer. As we wait for additional kiosks to be built to display the beautiful interpretive paintings that the Manasquan River Group of Artists did for us, the balance of the paintings have been temporarily framed and placed in our historic buildings to aid in our interpretive programming. A number of capital grant projects have been submitted to help with village building and museum collection preservation efforts. Memorial benches have been strategically placed to given not only honor and remembrance, but a respite for people traversing our village. Checkout the new "barrel tables" and stools in front of our Bakery, while enjoying a tasty treat.

***-Hance M. Sitkus, CPA
Executive Director, Allaire Village Inc.***

In Memory of Raymond O'Grady



Raymond T. O'Grady, 70, passed away peacefully at home in Lakewood, NJ on May 8, 2022. Ray was born in Elizabeth, NJ on June 30, 1951 as the youngest of four children to Walter Vincent O'Grady and Lucy Nanstiel O'Grady.

Ray attended St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth, NJ and graduated from Trenton State College. Early in his career, he worked as an HVAC technician for numerous companies and enjoyed spending time as a tinsmith. He loved working with and teaching younger people and spent many years as an educator at Ocean County College, teaching vocational classes in HVAC as well as various other subjects. He was also a dedicated volunteer Fire Fighter in Toms River, NJ.

Ray met the love of his life Amy Jordan, from Point Pleasant, NJ. Ray and Amy were married in St. Peter's Parish and they lived in Point Pleasant until Amy's passing, after which he moved to Leisure Village in Lakewood. They were both very active in the parish and participated as Pre-Cana instructors to couples before marriage. Ray and Amy both loved Walt Disney World and they became Disney Vacation Club members many years ago. They would go multiple times per year and enjoyed all of the parks and activities (including Spring training for baseball, which was a favorite for Amy). After Amy's passing, Ray continued to go to Walt Disney World twice a year (mostly with extended family) and could often be seen spending time with the fire chief on Main Street, U.S.A in the Magic Kingdom. Large family vacations will never feel the same without Ray's presence and knowledge of the history of Disney.

At the time of his passing, he was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at The Historic Village at Allaire, in Farmingdale, NJ. His interest in being a tinsmith led to a long and successful career of volunteering and participation at the village, which ultimately led to his involvement with the Board. The community at the Village at Allaire was truly a second family to Ray.

Ray is predeceased by his wife, Amy Jordan O'Grady; his two brothers, Daniel and Walter (Butch) O'Grady; his sister, Cheryl O'Grady; and his parents, Walter and Lucy O'Grady. He is survived by a large family of first and second cousins. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Historic Village at Allaire.

In Memory of Raymond O'Grady



Events at Allaire

Join us for our Special Event Days!

***Indicates Historic Event**

Saturday, June 18th:

Old-Time Baseball*, 11am-4pm. \$5/person (age 3 and under free!)

**Friday, July 1st-
Monday, July 4th:**

American Flag Celebration*, 11am-4pm.
\$5/person (age 3 and under free!)

Sunday, July 3rd:

Independence Day Celebration 1836*, 11am-4pm.
\$5/person (age 3 and under free!)

Monday, July 4th:

Historic Buildings Open for Fourth of July, 11am-4pm.
\$5/person (age 6 and under free!)

Saturday, July 9th:

Flea Market, 8am-2pm. \$5/person (age 3 and under free!)

Sunday, July 10th:

History Kids Club*, 1:30pm-3:30pm.
\$10/per child, must pre-register!

Saturday, July 16th:

James P. Allaire's Birthday* & Guild Day, 11am-4pm.
Join us for a day of games and celebration!
\$5/person (age 3 and under free!)

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Events at Allaire (cont.)

Saturday, August 6th:

Allaire Music Fest, 11am-4pm.

\$5/person (age 3 and under free!)

Saturday, August 13th:

Flea Market, 8am-2pm.

\$5/person (age 3 and under free!)

Sunday, August 21st:

27th Annual Rolling Iron Antique Auto Show, 9am-2pm.

Show Cars: \$20 pre-registration, \$25 Day of Show.

Visitors: \$5 per car. Rain date: August 28th

NEW This Summer!

Fridays in August

5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

2pm-3:30pm

Join us for a month of History Kids Club every Friday in August! Check out our descriptions on EventBrite to find out the theme of the week, and join our Historic Programming Coordinator Linnea for some hands-on learning!



For tickets and more information, check out our Allaire Village Eventbrite Page!
Scan our QR code to see more!

Mr. Allaire's Portrait Wall of Announcements

A HUGE Thanks to Our Walk Through Spring Sponsorship:

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Memorial Benches: Available at Allaire

The purchase of a memorial bench at The Historic Village at Allaire supports our museum's mission, all while providing a space to honor a loved one.

Interested in purchasing a bench to memorialize your loved one? Please contact us at info@allairevillage.org, (732) 919-3500

Interested in Volunteering?

Do you have a passion for history and a love for education? A desire to help in your local community museum? If so, please join us as a volunteer! We always have volunteer opportunities available. Our volunteers can learn a new trade or skill, teach the public the history of our site and our trades, or help behind the scenes.

Please contact Laura Clark at lclark@allairevillage.org, (732) 919-3500 ex. 14, to schedule a volunteer orientation!

Join as a Member!

Join us as a member of Allaire Village to help preserve our site, and receive some exclusive perks to match! These include:

- Complimentary admission to the Village on General Admission days
- A 10% discount at all Village retail shops, including the online general store
- Free admission to our Flea Markets
- Invitations to exclusive members-only events

Interested? Reach out to us at info@allairevillage.org, (732) 919-3500, to learn more!



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News From the Allaire Village Auxiliary

By: Ellie Eith, Allaire Auxiliary President

The Allaire Village got off to an early start in January when the Bog Iron Quilters began working on this year's quilt. They chose the Allaire Family Tree as this year's feature surrounded by traditional blocks. The Allaire Village quilt is hand quilted. Raffle tickets are available from Auxiliary members, in the Bakery and in the General Store. The quilt will be on display at up-coming events and we hope you will stop by and see this one of a kind piece of art.

Shortly after the quilt group began their work, the crafters began working on projects for this year's Stocking Stuffer Sale the first week-end in November. The group meets every Wednesday in the Community Hall and anyone who enjoys crafting and might be interested in becoming an Auxiliary member is encouraged to stop by on a Wednesday between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM.

In addition to craft items that are sold at the Stocking Stuffer Sale, our crafters make items that are sold in the General Store. Need some stress relief?

Stop by the General store and take home one of the "darn-it" dolls guaranteed to make you feel better. Also available are handmade muslin dolls, Pioneer dolls, quilt kits, and Jeanie dolls. Check out the many items we offer.

Our members can be found in the Chapel as hosts and hostesses at wedding rehearsals, weddings, christenings, memorial services and a variety of other services.

You will also find our members assisting with admissions to Village events such as the monthly Flea Markets, craft shows and the wide variety of other Special Village events.

As you can see, we're an active group and we would like to invite you to consider joining us and sharing your unique skills with us. If you would like more information concerning our Auxiliary, please contact our Membership Chairman Linda Cafone at l.cafone53@gmail.com or me, Ellie Eith, Auxiliary President at erebears@aol.com.



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News From Allaire's Education Department

By: Laura Clark, Manager of Volunteers & Historic Programming



On April 20th the Education Department introduced a new event aimed at meeting the needs of homeschooler families within the community! We used the educational content from our traditional school tour, which aligns with the NJ Social Studies curriculum, but rather than the traditional guide-led tour we allowed the families to visit each building and activity in the order they preferred. Because homeschool families aren't restricted by the same time constraints that traditional school tours have, we felt that allowing them to create their own schedule would allow them to go at their own pace and enjoy the day in a way that worked best for their families.

The blacksmith had the forge going all day, Sue O'Brien discussed the uses of the herb garden at the Foreman's Cottage, Gene Gray held his "School Days" program in the Chapel, introducing children to the Lancastrian System of organizing and operating a one-room schoolhouse. In the Manager's House a member of the Foodways Guild cooked a spring-appropriate lentil soup in the Manager's House while children assisted in churning butter, with a discussion on the seasonality of food during the 19th century, a concept new to some of our modern visitors! Carpenter Dan Chan showed children how to make patterns for use in the casting room and explained why this special skill made the pattern-makers the highest paid laborers in the Village. Special tours were available of the Allaire residence, there were 19th century games on the Village Green led by Lauren Kelly.

Joan Diamond had the Enameling Building exhibition hall running beautifully, teaching the history of the site from 1846 to present. With great thanks to Bonnie and Sharon, the General Store and Bakery were abuzz all day and visitors loved having the option to traverse the Village at their own pace. Several families made a full day of it, including hiking the trails, picnicking on our grounds, and visiting each building to hear what our craftspeople and villagers had to teach! The day was greatly received by the community. About 300 visitors came and had a delightful time! All said they would be telling their friends to look out for our next Homeschool Day, which will be at the end of summer!

Volunteer Updates:

With the start of the 2022 season and a return to something more like a pre-pandemic normal, it's so nice to see the village yet again humming with activity! Volunteers are out again, bringing our village to life through the trade shops, the homes, and filling out the atmosphere throughout the village! We have welcomed 6 new volunteers since the start of the season, and are so glad to have them with us!

Please welcome:

Tim Davies

Patty Collins

Abigail McLaughlin

Natalia Jennsen

Sarah Dwight

Jesse Hammerstone

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Throwbacks at Allaire

Share your Allaire memories with us at info@allairevillage.org!



Future Executive Director Hance M. Sitkus hard at work in the General Store in 1995!



Museum Collections Coordinator Felicity Bennett (r) volunteers with her sister in 2005



Collections Intern Heather volunteers in 2019!



Manager of Volunteers & Historical Programming Laura Clark reads at Maria Allaire's Wedding in 2002



Check out Parks' Linda Sitkus working a General Store herbs display when she managed Retail in the 90s!



Events and Media Coordinator Leah Wilderotter running the bakery in 2015!



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