



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF STILLWATER TOWNSHIP

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President's Letter

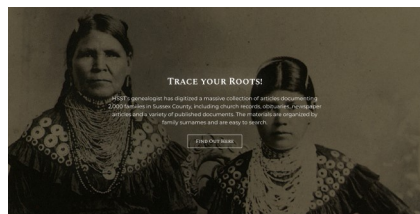
We live in interesting times! Whether a blessing or a curse, those words have proven true over the past three years that I have served as President of HSST. I am happy to report that 2021 was not only interesting but also productive and fun for our organization.

You can see some of the highlights in the photo recap presented here.

I hope to see you at a monthly meeting or other event in 2022.

Deborah Drumm
HSST President

New HSST Website Launched



VOICES OF STILLWATER

PAST EVENTS

HSST has a new website packed with information and resources about the Society and about the Stillwater area. Updated frequently, you can find it at historicstillwater.org



2021 RECAP

THE YEAR IN PICTURES

Top: HSST President Deborah Drumm honors Stillwater Mayor Lisa Chamings; Middle: Volunteer Mike Chaves donates his handcrafted cabinetry to the Museum and HSST Sycamore at Veterans Day; Lower: Fall Festival Aerial View, and Stillwater School 2nd Graders Tour the Museum



The Importance of the Paulinskill in Stillwater History

Water is necessary for life and also instrumental in navigation and power. The Lenape who lived in our area would have used the rivers and lakes for drinking and cooking, fishing, and other household tasks. The Europeans used the Paulinskill to settle here, after having first navigated the Delaware River from Philadelphia. How the Paulinskill got its name remains unclear. Kill is the Dutch word for "stream" but the derivation of the

Paulins prefix is unclear. The Lenape word Pahaqualong translates roughly to "end of two mountains with stream between." An early settler was named Maria Paulina. Whatever the derivation, the Paulinskill has played a major role in Stillwater history. It has supplied power for the Gristmill as well as recreation for many after the construction of a large dam resulted in the creation of the Paulinskill Lake in 1939.

Nutting Stone



HSST has a large and varied collection of Lenape artifacts including the "nutting stone" pictured here. This object was used to crack nuts by placing them an indentation and hitting them with a smaller stone.

HSST RECEIVES GRANT FROM KEN WOODCOCK

Mr Woodcock, who visited Stillwater as a youth, offered HSST a three-year donation aimed at what he calls "capacity building." His financial support always comes with mentorship and professional guidance, so he suggested that the historical society use the funds to improve its communications and outreach, update its website, expand membership and get everyone in the community hooked on local history.



HSST 2022 Schedule of Events

March 19	Annual Membership Meeting (10 AM)
April 30	Trees of Stillwater: Past, Present and Future Walking Tour
May 28-31	Visit the Stillwater Cemetery to honour our veterans
June 5	Museum Opens for the Season (2-4 PM)
June	Strawberry Festival (Date TBA)
September 17	Constitution Day and Citizenship Day; Stop by the Museum for a free copy of the US Constitution
October 8	Fall Festival Cosponsored by Stillwater Recreation Commission
December	Christmas Event (Date TBA)

- *Membership meetings for 2022 will be held on April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17 at 10 AM at the Museum at 900 Main Street, Stillwater*
- *The Museum is open on Sundays from June to October from 2-4 PM*
- **Schedule is subject to change; please consult the website for updates**