

2023 Annual Meeting of the HVHS

Sunday, September 24, 2023

In-person: Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Lane, Hopewell Township

2 pm – HVHS Annual Membership Meeting with Election of Officers and Trustees

The public is welcome to attend. Members will vote on HVHS business. Presentation of the Hopewell Valley History Awards.

3 pm – Historic Preservation Program “The Archaeology of Two Hopewell Farms”

The HVHS is honored to have two eminent New Jersey archaeologists talk to you about two of the Hopewell Valley’s historic farm families.



Michael J. Gall is a Principal Senior Archaeologist at Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., a cultural resource management firm in Cranbury, New Jersey, and serves as an Adjunct

Professor in the History and Anthropology Department at Monmouth University.

Mr. Gall’s talk will be on the Moore Family Farmstead in Hopewell. That archaeological work was undertaken in advance of construction for the Capital Health Medical Center in Hopewell and revealed important clues about the mid-18th-century Moore family. Their story is told through the archaeology of their former farmstead and the artifacts the family left behind.



Moore House outline



The company provides historical, archaeological and historic architectural services to a wide range of clients. A long-time resident of Hopewell Township, he currently serves as a Mercer

County Cultural & Heritage Commissioner and past President of the Hopewell Valley Historical Society.

Dr. Hunter’s talk will trace the Phillips Family of Pleasant Valley, especially as it relates to Howell Living History Farm. Over the course of the 18th and 19th centuries, the Phillips’ farmed, milled, and smithed in the Valley. The house of blacksmith John Phillips no longer exists but the house of his farmer/grist miller son Henry still exists on the grounds of Howell Living History Farm.



Phillips House cellar