**Perkasie Historical Society**

**70 Years of Preserving Perkasie’s Past**

**(1954 – 2024)**

**1954 Perkasie Anniversary and Historical Society formed for Perkasie’s 75th Anniversary Celebration**

* The committee formed the Perkasie Historical Society to preserve Perkasie’s history.
* Andrew Schuler was the 1st President of the society

**1958 1832 South Perkasie Covered Bridge moved**

**1963 Stout Cemetery Restoration**

**1968 Menlo Park Carousel Restored**

* Perkasie Historical Society took over operation of the carousel.

**1980** **1832 South Perkasie Covered Bridge Restoration**

**1981 Covered Bridge Memorial Tree Park**

**1984 Menlo Park Arboretum Project**

**1990 Perkasie Historical Society purchases the former Lehigh Valley Transit Trolley Station for use as the historical society museum.**

**1996 Menlo Park Carousel Restoration**

* Post storm damage to carousel building

**2008**  On the **50th anniversary of the moving of the South Perkasie Covered Bridge,**

A formal rededication ceremony was held following a parade tracing the original path

of the bridge moving along E. Walnut Street into Lenape Park.

**2012 Perkasie Historical Society Museum Renovations**

* Enhanced museum display schedule

**2013 Perkasie Historical Society Digital Walking Tour**

**2014 Acquisition and Preservation of the C. Saur Stout Family Bible and 3 Perkasie Land Deeds.**

* Past Perfect Museum Software System initiated

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**2015 Microfilming of 1881 – 1943 Central News newspapers**

**2016 Digitization of the 1881- 1943 Central News newspapers 2017 Restoration of the Perkasie Town Clock (7th and Market Streets)**

**2018 Newspaper Project**

* Microfilming 1944-2000 News-Herald Newspapers
* Digitizing 1944-1955 and 1978 – 2000 News-Herald Newspapers
* Digitizing the World War II Serviceman’s edition of the News-Herald

 **Refurbishing the Walnut Street Bridge Historical Markers**

**2019 Newspaper Project:** Digitizing 1955-1978 News-Herald Newspapers

 **Restoration of the external brickwork (back corner of building)**

**2020 (COVID year 1):**

 **South Perkasie Covered Bridge Restoration Project initiated with Perkasie Borough and the Covered Bridge Society**

 **Perkasie Self-Guided Walking Tour Expansion with QR Window films**

 **Memories of Perkasie articles initiated**

 **Feature Presentations- Online through Zoom Technology initiated**

 **Restoration of the external brickwork (back of building)**

 **First segment of the restoration and display of the 1939 Nativity Tableau**

**2021 (COVID year 2)**

 **Continued with Technology pivot with Feature Presentations- Online through Zoom**

**Hosted 2-Bucks County Community College Preservation students to fulfill their volunteer requirement.**

**Hosted a Bryn Mawr College Senior with a City Planning Major as a summer intern.**

**Post-hurricane Ida South Perkasie Covered Bridge Restoration Project re-evaluation in conjunction with Perkasie Borough.**

**Second segment of the restoration and display of the 1939 Nativity Tableau.**

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**2022 (COVID year 3)**

**Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Board successful review of our Lehigh Valley Transit Trolley Station enabling progression to the review by the National Park Service for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.**

 **Marketing Materials Project- Execution of Visit Bucks County Grant**

 **New Carousel Logo**

 **Temperature Controlled Storage area secured.**

 **Enhancement of artwork archives**

 **2- Pennridge High School Historical Society Awards**

 **Returned to in-person meetings.**

 **Museum exterior painting and masonry work completed.**

**2023 Lehigh Valley Transit Trolley Station now Perkasie Historical Society Museum placed on the National Register of Historic Places**

**Property Deed archival catalog**

 **Enhanced museum safety and security**

**2- Pennridge High School Historical Society Awards**

 **Acquisition and conservation of the 1759 Richard Penn Land Deed**

 **Inaugural Perkasie Historical Society Christmas House Tour**

**2024 70th Anniversary (1954-2024) Celebrating Perkasie Historical Society**