



*The Friends of Sleepy Hollow*

## Tracy Cascio

A long-time FOSH supporter, committee head and vice-president, Tracy Cascio died this week at the Center of Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains. Her son Stacy has planned a memorial service for 11 a.m. on 27<sup>th</sup> of January at the First Presbyterian Church of Westfield, on Mountain Ave, and Broad St. not far from the Rialto.

Stacy has asked that anyone wishing to honor his mother's memory make a contribution to FOSH (P.O. Box 2711, Plainfield, N.J. 07062), indicating a donation to FOSH, the US

Humane Society or to the Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains. Tracy was an avid animal lover and headed the FOSH Animal Initiatives committee.

At the January meeting, FOSH officers and members agreed any such contributions made to FOSH would be used for the Animal Initiatives committee. We believe this is a very appropriate way to remember her and preserve her legacy.

Various FOSH folks visited Tracy each of the last days of her life, every day she

was at the hospice. The minister who will deliver the eulogy for Tracy, Rev. Michael M. Samson, has asked that anyone with anecdotes about her kindness, her love for animals, her perseverance, her sense of humor, her hospitality send them to [msamson@westfieldpc.org](mailto:msamson@westfieldpc.org).

## Stitches in Time American Quilts 1777-1915

On Sunday, January 24, 2010 the Historical Society will Host "Stitches in Time- American Quilts 1777-1915" at the Drake House Museum located at 602 West Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060. Historian and quilter, Mary Della Salla, will host a discussion and demonstration in the Museum gallery while providing a history of American quilting. Her knowledge of the Historical Society's Quilt Collection and the Drake House are unsurpassed. This exhibit and reception are open to the public. This exhibit runs through February 28, 2010.

The highlight of the exhibit is the Tree of Life Quilt which is the oldest quilt in the Historical Society of Plainfield's collection. It has been referred to by experts as being one of the finest caliber quilts of its era. It was completed in 1777, the summer in which General George Washington used the Drake Farm House as his temporary headquarters. It was quilted by the daughter of John Hart, the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence (one of five signers from New Jersey).

The Historical Society of Plainfield's comprehensive collection of American Quilts contains quilts which have not been seen by the public in 35 years. A dozen fine quilts have been selected from the archives. I hope you will be able to attend this first exhibit of the year. The special gallery talk will begin at 2:30 p.m. This event is open to the public and a \$5 door donation is requested. For more information, please contact the Historical Society of Plainfield at (908) 755-5831.

## FOSH Garage Sale Extended

Due to popular demand, as they say, FOSH will sponsor a two-day garage sale this spring, **Saturday and Sunday, 22 and 23** May. Look for information and applications in the newsletter mailed by Sleepy Hollow Realtors, or check the FOSH website. Once again, Kathleen McDermott will spearhead this crucial community event.

And for the second year, the United Way of Greater Union County is organizing its "Maidens in May"

Plainfield House Tour in conjunction with the sale, to piggy-back on the excitement the sale generates. All funds raised stay in the City. Last year the proceeds from the tour were devoted to medical transportation, specifically the Plainfield Rescue Squad and Tri-County Red Cross.

Planning has been underway for months. United Way has prepared and begun distributing large, attractive postcards about the tour and garage sale. Should you wish

copies, please let Pat Turner Kavanaugh know. Perhaps you could mail them to friends as a "save-the-date" message about the sale and tour. The tour concludes with a reception at Plainfield's premier b&b, The Pillars, for any ticket-holder.

## Plainfield Block Association Meetings

This group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the United Presbyterian Church on East Front Street. Shannon Pacheco and Dennis Bazzey attend most sessions. In fact, Shannon volunteered to take minutes and does a thorough job. These are available at FOSH meetings.

Please contact Shannon or Dennis for more information.  
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## Leland Avenue Park

You may have observed the vandalism to the gazebo FOSH installed in the park next to Cook School. FOSH will survey neighbors near the park to ask what they would like to see done there. Then we have to pay for whatever suggestions we decide to

implement. Please give both aspects some thought: what's needed and how to pay for it.

FOSH will be "re-launching" the Sleepy Hollow 5k Race that was so popular back in the 2002/3. This is a great community event and fun event!

There is much to be done before September (our target date) so please join in the fun of volunteering!

Our first 'planning session' will be held at Tom & Cathy Glynn's house (see address below) on January 20th, next Wednesday evening beginning at 8pm. We'll spend an hour or less getting to know each other and organizing ourselves into committees so we can all work toward making this a successful event for Plainfield!

If you are interested in helping out with race planning, or even the day of the race, but can't make Wednesday evening's meeting, just send an email off to Tom – he'll be sure to 'hook you up!' This race can't be run without a crew!!!

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## FOSH Membership

Friends of Sleepy Hollow is a grass-roots, non-partisan, non-profit, tax exempt organization devoted to the betterment of the City of Plainfield. "Membership" is open to anyone who shares that goal, regardless of where he or she lives. There are no forms and no dues. FOSH basically operates as an e-mail list to notify anyone interested in knowing about activities arranged by FOSH and other worthwhile organizations, such as the massive garage sale each spring. To "join," please send an e-mail to [fosh@foshnj.com](mailto:fosh@foshnj.com), or join us at the Plainfield Public Library, usually on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Every year FOSH gives a monetary prize to a graduating PHS senior for volunteer service and academic accomplishment. In addition, FOSH pays for after-school and summer classes at duCret School of the Arts for Plainfield Public School students.