



# Port Norris

# The Past for the Future

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Port Norris Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of our unique village, located in Commercial Township in Cumberland County, NJ.

**PNHS Next meeting: October 9, 2018 7:00 pm • 1723 Main Street**

[Visit our website for more details.](#)



## A Full House

John Laws was our special speaker on September 11. Thank you to everyone who came out on such a stormy day. It was a full house. John shared a favorite memories about his fire truck and one story was about a 350 mile trip down to Baltimore. His fire truck was not as fast as the other trucks going to this show, but it arrived there and back home. The punch line is... another much younger truck, had to be towed home. It was clear that John and his wife Janice have many wonderful memories, from parades, birthday parties and shows and I am sure many more to come. Thank you John and Janice.



Above: John and Janice Laws, Right: John with his firetruck, the firetruck, buddies from childhood Norman Cobb with John.

# Annual Fundraiser Legends of Port Norris Awards Celebration *Join Us*

Saturday, November 3, 2018

TIME: Noon – 4 pm

WHERE: **Motorsports Park**  
8000 Dividing Creek Rd, Millville, NJ 08332

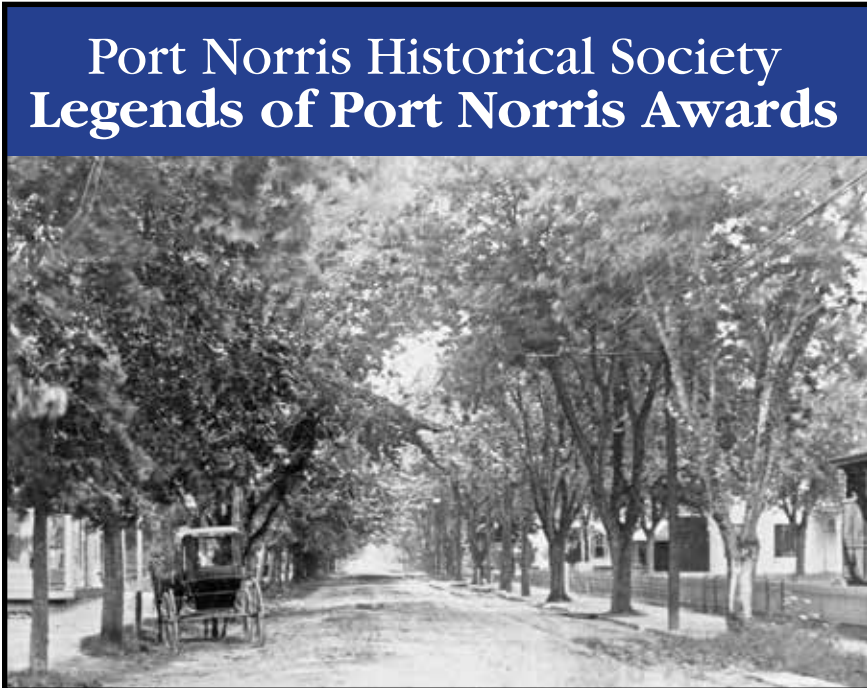
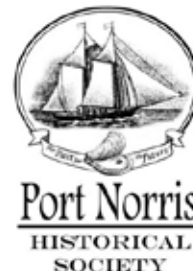
PRICE: **\$35.00 per person**

Please **RSVP by OCTOBER 15** (Firm Date)

Send dinner choice with payment to:  
PNHS, PO Box 187, Port Norris, NJ 08349

For questions call 856-785-1280

**Chinese and Silent Auctions will take place during the dinner.  
PNHS books and other items for sale. NO ALCOHOL SERVED**



## *2018 Legends to be Honored*

20TH CENTURY

**Owen John Carney, Jr.**

**James D. Garrison, Sr.**

**Warren R. Miller (Barney)**

**Anthony J. Ricci & Samuel R. Ricci**

**Captain Warren D. Robbins, MD**

LIVING LEGEND

**Sally Dickenson**

### *Legends of Port Norris Awards RSVP*

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Send dinner choice with payment to:  
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Please choose one dinner per person.  
(Use numerals if more than one person is choosing the same dinner.)

- Flounder Francaise
- Grilled Chicken Pomodoro
- Broiled Petite Strip Steak

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

For full menu details and  
additional information visit  
[historicportnorris.org/legends.htm](http://historicportnorris.org/legends.htm)

School days, school days  
 Dear old Golden Rule days  
 'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic  
 Taught to the tune of the hick'ry stick  
 You were my queen in calico  
 I was your bashful, barefoot beau  
 And you wrote on my slate, "I Love You, Joe"  
 When we were a couple o' kids

*"School Days" is an American popular song written in 1907 by Will Cobb and Gus Edwards.*

Thank you to Doris Moore, for collecting class photographs and with names! Take a look, perhaps you will see someone you know. There are too many to include here in the newsletter, but the remainder can be found on our [website](#). The names listed are as they have been given. If you have a addition or correction, please send us a [email](#).

Photo below:

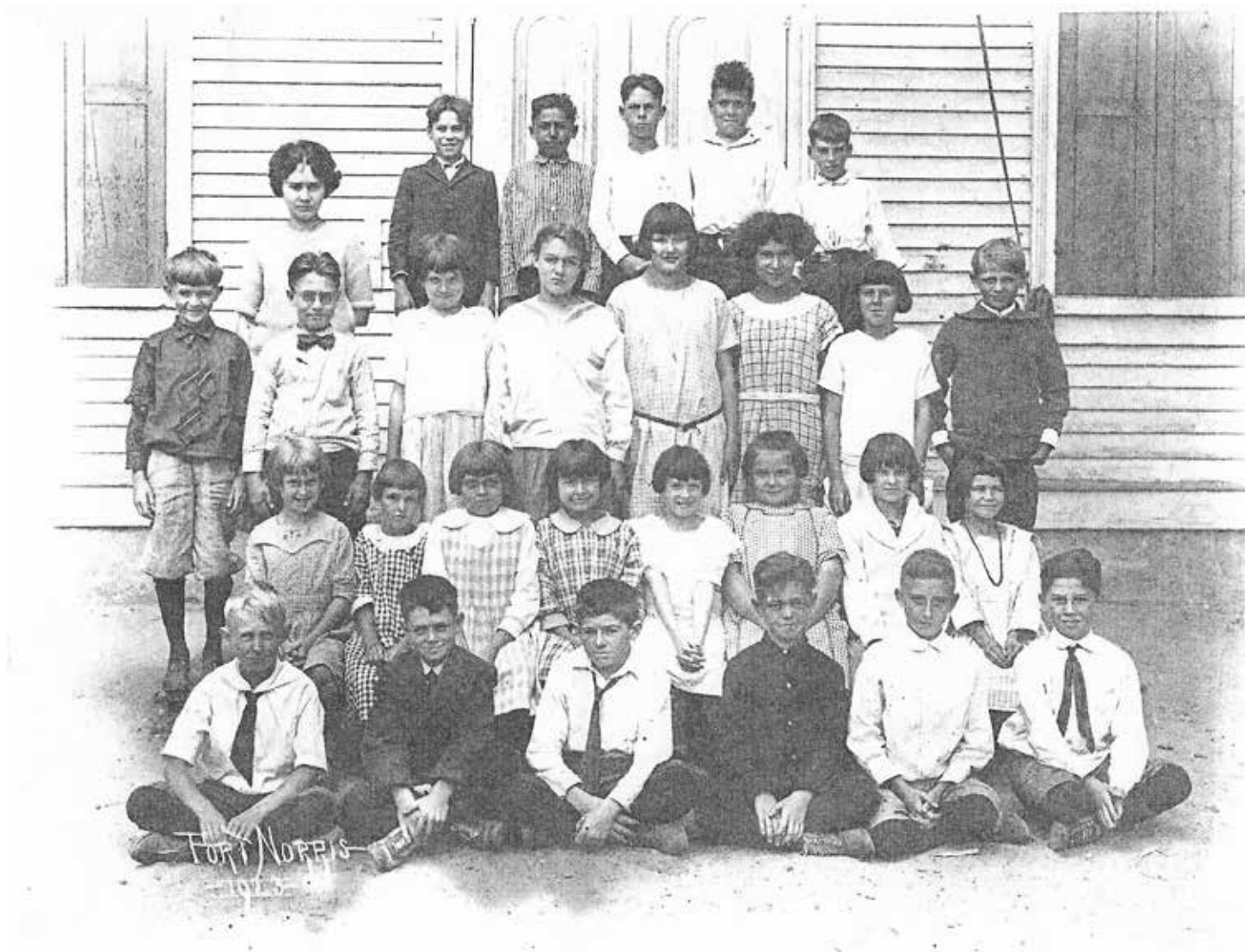
**1923 (3rd grade) Port Norris**

**Front Row:** Bill Garrison, George Robbins, John Nichols, Harry Brown, James Stiles, Harper Chance

**2nd Row:** Mary Bateman (Dilks/Macken), Mildred Conklin (Frazer), Henrietta Paynter (Horseman/Godown/Wilson) Evelyn Richman, Della Gaskill(Sharp), Anna Harker, Edna Berry (Morgan/Turpin), Rachel Hanby (Mossbrooks)

**3rd Row:** Ned Stowman, Mahlon Cobb, Ruth Blizzard (Parent/Doughty), Rachel Dillahey (Boker), Caroline Hart, Alberta Phillips (Sheppard/Warren/Bishop/ Daniels/Henderson) Anna Jane Berry, Harry Newcomb

**Back Row:** Miss Tally (teacher.), Paul Garrison, Joe Dagastine, Bill Sweeney, Jr., Marvin Cole.





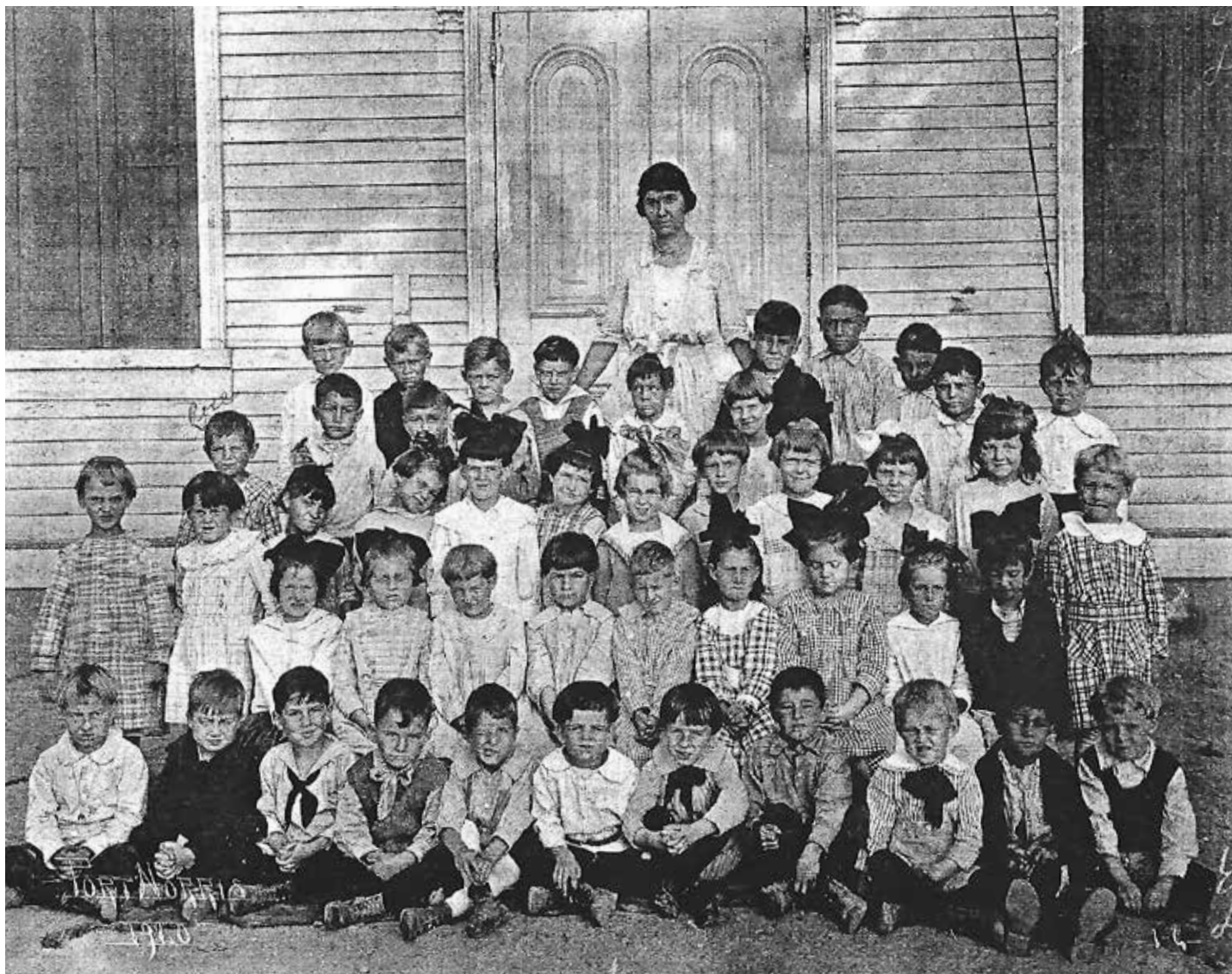
Ella M. Harris  
Rec'd Feb 2, 1937

Top Row { Mike De Merritt, Hester Fagan, Mary Williams, Miss E. Busby,  
Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Peterson, Nelson Bateman

2nd Row { Bella Harris, Mary Ethel Stowman, Jack Bailey, Tom, Leonette,  
(deceased)  
Leage Swain, Jay Ferguson, Ruth Robbins, Sara Riley,  
(deceased) 569-16

reales { Eleanor Robbins, Elsie Lore, Mary Ella Kirkelton, Anna Sharp  
Ben Magee, James Berry, Florence Schwell, ~~...~~ Mary Riley,  
(deceased)  
Mildred Mantz, Margaret Helms





### 1920 ( Kindergarten) Port Norris

**Front Row:** Aaron Peterson, Byron Pepper, Harper Chance, Gilbert Chamberlin, Mark Stites, ? Stiles, Roger Cox, Americus Baglio, Major McDaniels, Joe Nicoli, Robert (Shaky) Garrison

**2nd Row:** (seated) Della Gaskill, Henrietta Paynter, Marian Smith, Evelyn Richman, Selma (Dolly) Anderson Mary Jane Bowden, Anna Harker, Mildred Conklin, Annie Robbins

**3rd Row:** Standing (girls): Grace Dillahey, ?, Anna Nicoli, Rachel Hanby, Anna Jane Berry, Emma Newcomb, Mary E. Bateman, Eldridge Tribbett (boy), Alice Shaw, Evelyn Bass, Adelaide Nichols, Helen Fauver

**In back standing:** Rose Delrossi (alone); double file: Harry Newcomb (back) Sam Damico (front) Walter Warren (back) Ross Robbins (front), **Single file:** Glenn (Jiggs) Robbins, ?, Gladys Peterson

**Double file:** Harry Hoffman (back) Amelia Berry (front)

**Single file:** Joseph Dagastine, ? Damico, ? Camico, George Berry

**Rear:** Miss Sophia Adams (later Hunter)



View the website for all school 8 photos  
[Click here.](#)

# FOR SALE

The family of John Guidera has donated one of his paintings to the Port Norris Historical Society. It was donated with the intent for us to sell. It will help us with the renovations of our Meeting Hall. We are extremely grateful.

If you are interested in seeing the painting please email us. It also will be at the Legends dinner, November 3rd if not sold before that time. It is a original, oil on canvas, signed. Brown Farm, Newport. Price \$600.00

Here is a little something about John. The PNHS lost a dear friend and member. John T. Guidera, of Millville, February 23, 2017.

John, a retired social worker, found time for his many interests. An avid sailor, he was a member of the Union Lake Sailing and Tennis Club and the Traditional Small Craft Association. He was a prize winning artist whose first love was watercolor, but who was also becoming very proficient in oil painting. He served as president of the Society of New Jersey Artists and has shown works at the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts in Millville and Gallery 50, in Bridgeton. John was most proud of being accepted as a member of the American Artists Professional League in New York City.



As an enthusiast of local history, he spent many hours exploring the little towns and roadways of South Jersey and reading everything ever written about the area.

John gave generously of his time to support the PNHS. We are grateful to him for the use of three of his line drawings which were incorporated into our first cookbook and two others not yet in print.

John was a kind and talented man and will be missed by all of us. His memory will remain with the PNHS forever. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Gloria, his wife of 50 years, our member and good friend, as well as their entire family.

**A retrospective of the work of**  
**John Guidera,**  
**Opening October 19, 6-9pm in the Atrium**  
**of the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts**  
**22 N. High Street, Millville, New Jersey 08332**  
[rrcartarts.com](http://rrcartarts.com)

## Port Norris Pickings

### September 5, 1888

The camp meeting now in session suggests a good story told on two clergymen who presided over critical congregations. Meeting each other on the street one day preacher A said to preacher B in the course of the conversation: "How large is your congregation?" The reply was: "200 and some odd," where upon A said that he was all fired lucky as he had a congregation and they were all odd."

# Scarecrows



Again this year, we will partner with the Lousie E. Moore Senior Center and create a series of Scarecrows to be placed around town. The exact date to be announced, but the last week of October is planned. Check [facebook](#) for the date, or our [website](#).

If you have old clothes to donate you can drop them off at the Senior Center or [email us](#) to arrange pick up.

Hope you will join us. It was great fun last year.

## Membership and Renew for 2019

We would love to add your name to our growing list of members. Please give some thought to joining the PNHS.

Membership fees are for Individual - \$10, Family - \$15, Benefactor - \$50 and over, and Student - \$1 (no voting privileges) and entitles you to discounts on our merchandise.

Click here to renew or join, [historicportnorris.org/membership.htm](http://historicportnorris.org/membership.htm)

Or mail your check to: Port Norris Historical Society, PO Box 187  
Port Norris, NJ 08349.

Thank you for your support. Membership is key to applying for grants as well as your dollars help us continue with all of our endeavours.

**See us on Facebook and our website**  
[historicportnorris.org](http://historicportnorris.org)

If you are getting this email from a friend and would like to be added to our list, please [click here](#) and we will add you. If we received your email at one of our events. and if you do not wish to receive this newsletter, click here [web@historicportnorris.org](mailto:web@historicportnorris.org), we will remove you from the list. We do not sell or share your email with anyone!

## NORRIS ASKS

### Do you know the history of a No. 2 pencil?

The No. 2 pencil is on all school supply lists, but do know the history of the pencil? Early settlers depended on pencils from overseas until the war with England cut off imports. William Monroe, a Concord, Massachusetts cabinet-maker, is credited with making America's first wood pencils in 1812. Another Concord native, famous author Henry David Thoreau, was also renowned for his pencil-making prowess. Source: [Pencils.com](http://Pencils.com)

#### Officers

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**Please Note:** Meeting dates and times are posted on the website each month along with the approved minutes from the last meeting. Everyone is always welcome. [Click here to view.](#)

For a complete list of committees see our website. [View Here](#)

