



LEAGUE NEWS

**The Newsletter of the
League of Historical Societies of New Jersey**

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Longport
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**DEDICATED CULTURAL FUNDS MUST RETURN
TO 2006 LEVELS; RESTORE FULL FUNDING FOR
THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Dear Colleagues:

The Advocates for New Jersey History is joining with ArtPRIDE New Jersey to seek a full restoration of funding to the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts in next year's (FY08) state budget. As a first step in this campaign, we wish to generate letters to Governor Corzine, Secretary of State

Nina Wells, and legislators, urging the Governor to propose a restoration of history and arts funding in the budget that he will submit to the Legislature on February 27, 2007.

Our friends at ArtPRIDE have made it incredibly easy to do so. They have crafted a letter covering arts, history and tourism that we all can use. Just go to their website, (www.artpridenj.com), click on Action Alert, and you'll find the letter and a mechanism to send your message by email (or you can convert it into a letter that you can send in the mail).

Please circulate this message to as many people as possible. Hopefully, if we can flood the Governor with our concerns, it might tip the balance on his budget proposal. Thanks for your support.

Cathleen R. Litvack, Executive Director, Crossroads of the American Revolution Association, Inc., P. O. Box 1364, Princeton, NJ 08542; 609-418-3939; clitvack@revolutionarynj.org or crlitvack@aol.com
AND B. Michael Zuckerman, Ph.D., 1st Vice President, Advocates for New Jersey History, P.O. Box 340, Cape May, NJ 08204; 609-884-5404, ext.1122; mzuckerman@capemaymac.org.

Possible text for your letter to your legislator:

Thank you for your ongoing support of arts and culture throughout New Jersey. State cultural funding was cut this year to help balance New Jersey's budget. As in the past, when state dollars are cut, the public suffers--and New Jersey's arts and history groups are no exception.

I ask that state dollars be fully restored to 2006 levels to assure that cultural attractions throughout New Jersey remain open and affordable to everyone--including families, children, seniors, and those who can least afford the price of a ticket.

The Slate of Officers and Directors of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

Listed below are your officers and trustees:

President (2008)

James T. Raleigh
Friends of Monmouth Battlefield

First Vice President (2008)

Robert J. Hunter
Haddon Heights Historical Society
(two-year term)

Vice-President, Northern (2008)

Catherine Sullivan
Victorian Society

Vice-President, Central (2008)

J.B. Vogt
Fellowship for Metlar House

Vice-President, Southern (2008)

June Sheridan
Atlantic Heritage Center

Secretary (2008)

Kevin M. Hale
Metuchen-Edison Historical
Society

Treasurer (2008)

Dorothy M. Andrew
Gloucester County Historical
Society

Trustee, Northern (2010)

Dorothy E. Johnson
Oakeside-Bloomfield Cultural
Center

Trustee, Northern (2008)

Betty Hardy
Madison Historical Society

Trustee, Central (2010)

Mary Swarbrick
Fellowship for Metlar House

Trustee, Central (2008)
William Fidurski
Clark Historical Society

Trustee, Southern (2010)

Sonia L. Forry
Historical Preservation Society of
Upper Township

Trustee, Southern (2008)

Jean C. Lacey
Toms River Seaport Society

Trustee-at-Large (2008)

Patricia Drummond
Historical Association of
Fair Haven

Trustee-at-Large (2010)

Robert R. Longcore
Sussex County Historical Society

Historian (2008)

John Chance
Montclair Historical Society

The following are valuable members of our board, but not elected positions:

Executive Director

Linda J. Barth

Membership Chairman

Dorothy Pietrowski
Madison Historical Society

Trustees Emeriti

Bernard Bush
Hightstown-East Windsor
Historical Society
Ruth Kane Fern
Passaic County Historical Society

DEADLINE: Submissions for the April issue of *League News* must be on the editor's desk no later than March 15, 2007. Please send all items to: Linda Barth, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; barths@att.net.

Material submitted electronically should be in WORD format. Photographs will be scanned and returned. Digital photographs should be submitted in .jpeg.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

I have volunteered to serve again as president of the League because no one had been nominated to serve; rather than agreeing to accept the position if I were nominated and elected, I raised my hand and offered to serve.

I volunteered with the knowledge of the responsibilities of the office and the fact that my commitment to another major involvement was winding down. Since then I have chaired a productive meeting of the board and look forward to the three meetings of the League scheduled over the next year.

I want to thank those who have prepared the meetings over the past year and look forward to more participation from our delegates, other interested groups and individuals, and particularly others in the regions where the meetings are being held.

I would like to address the responsibilities of my title, of the Board, and of our delegates to the general meetings. I am particularly concerned about the needs of our member organizations and how they are represented at the meetings and the board. I feel that the League should be providing services that are common to many of our member organizations.

As a result, I feel that the board and the delegates from our member organizations are involved in a two-way process of communications and dissemination of information. I understand that most of our member organizations have concerns about staff and membership, and that in most situations there is limited money. On the other hand, I am concerned that the staff and membership, particularly the volunteers, can make good and productive use of their time and energies.

As I said at the beginning, I volunteered to serve as president of this organization and would like to stress that all of us should consider how we can encourage more people interested in local and state history to volunteer within the League activities and the programs of our member organizations.

I look forward to your contributions and ideas.

Sincerely,
James T. Raleigh



2006-2007 ELECTIONS

The membership approved the following slate for election at the October 7th League meeting in Closter.

President—James F. Raleigh

Secretary—Kevin M. Hale

Historian—John Chance

Central Vice President—J.B. Vogt

Northern Region Trustee—Dorothy Johnson

Southern Region Trustee—Sonia Forry

First Vice President—Robert Hunter

Treasurer—Dorothy M. Andrew

Northern Vice President—Catherine Sullivan

Southern Region Vice President—June Sheridan

Central Region Trustee—Mary Swarbrick

At Large Trustee—Bob Longcore

LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS...



Disclaimer: It should be noted that the opinions expressed by William Fidurski in the August 2004 issue, by Gerald T. Caprio in the April 2005 issue, and by any other correspondents are the opinions of those individuals and are not necessarily those of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.

In November we were asked by the Historical Society of Stillwater if we could find out how other societies have become incorporated. We put the question to our member organizations via the email list and many of you responded. We thank you for that, as does Bob Grabowsky:

Hi Linda,

I want to thank you for sending my question out to the membership. The responses were very informative and I think we now have a path forward to achieve our goal. We've discovered a letter from the IRS dated 1985 that states that we are a 501(c)(3) status organization. We're in the process of trying to find an attorney that is willing to review everything pro bono. Again, thanks!

Best regards,

Bob

Also this fall, our members came through with helpful information when Elaine Bryant Tinley of the Historical Society of Plainfield asked for advice about accessioning and cataloging their collection.

TRENTON OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FROM NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

We received a letter from William Dressel, Executive Director of the NJ League of Municipalities. He stated, "The new League headquarters, the Roebing Mansion at 222 West State Street in Trenton, will place us in the heart of the New Jersey State House district. There is no better location for associations, professionals, and lobbyists that must interact regularly with the Administration and Legislature. With this new headquarters building, we are pleased to be able to offer Class A office space for lease to state agencies, businesses, and associations which similarly seek out this prime location."

You are invited to visit their marketing website, www.segalinc.com, for more information. If you are interested, please contact Anne LeBate or Dru Damico at 609-394-7557, x14 or by email at annelb@aol.com. Additionally, you may call Mr. Dressel at 609-695-3481, x 22.

NEW JERSEY BOOKSHELF

Skiing In New Jersey? Yes, this is the title of a new book by Elizabeth Holste. Skiing In New Jersey? is packed with lots of ski history firsts in the Garden State. Liz Holste tells the stories of many ski hills and ski jumps that were located throughout the state from as far north as the High Point State Park in Sussex to as far south as Holly Mountain in Lower Alloways Creek in Salem County. The sport of downhill skiing in New Jersey goes back to the early 1900s and includes the first ski jump in the state in 1925 at the North Jersey Country Club, which at the time was located in Paterson. Bamberger's department stores sponsored some of the first ski trains to bring skiers from New York City and Newark to the New Jersey hills in the mid 1930s. Cubco ski bindings were made in Nutley, New Jersey.

Donna Weinbrecht, 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist, Freestyle Skiing, writes in the foreword of this book: *"Liz takes you back in time to the birth of skiing in one of the most unlikely winter sports states in the country – New Jersey. Her book honors the spirit of the Europeans who brought their inbred passion for snow and the great outdoors to these shores. The spirit of these pioneers is still alive in those of us who have been lucky enough to reap the rewards of their incredible journey."*

Skiing In New Jersey? is a must-have coffee table book for anyone who loves skiing or ski history. Packed with dozens of black and white photos, the book can be ordered online from www.lulu.com for \$25.00. To schedule a New Jersey ski history talk for your group, please contact Liz by email (holsteliz@hotmail.com) or by phone (201-924-2273). The book is also available at Annie's Book Shop, Route 23 (Wantage Plaza), Sussex; Foster-Armstrong House, Montague; Heino's Ski Shop on Route 23 in Pequannock; and through M.A.R.C.H. (Montague Association for the Restoration of Community History). Since the publication of Skiing In New Jersey?, Liz has heard of some more old New Jersey ski hills that were not included in her book. Could there be a sequel? Only time will tell.

Helen Pike announces her latest project, Greetings From New Jersey: A Workbook for Young Adventurers. Written for children ages 8-11 (grades 3-6), the workbook is all-Jersey on every one of its 68 pages. Find out why Bonita Craft Grant, the state bibliographer at the Alexander Library at Rutgers says, "What a welcome change from the mass-produced generic texts with minimal New Jersey content."

Each of the six chapters has a page devoted to:

- * reading state history
- * writing about the Garden State in a journal format
- * drawing a scene unique to New Jersey, and
- * multiple-intelligence math word problems that include computations based on our famous roads and waterways; the conversion formula for nautical miles is included!

Maps, a glossary for vocabulary-building, a food pyramid, and a resource page for each of the state's six regions are included. "...[A] great way to help children succeed in school and give them pride in their home state!" adds Marguerite Chandler, founder of CelebrateNJ! The book includes projects for children to work on in groups or individually: planning a model city (Paterson); building a miniature roller coaster (Riverview Beach); designing a lighthouse (Twin Lights); writing a healthy menu with Jersey Fresh ingredients (Fortescue); mapping a nature trail (High Point State Park); and putting on an entertainment review (Atlantic City). For more information, please visit www.helenpike.com or contact Helen directly at 732-542-2068 or helenpike@comcast.net.

In History Walks in New Jersey: Exploring the Heritage of the Garden State, Lucy D. Rosenfeld and Marina Harrison treat readers to a comprehensive statewide guidebook that includes detailed information on forty-eight of the best sites for historical walks. These outings take the history enthusiast through beautiful green landscapes, natural preserves, and picturesque settlements. New Jersey has a varied and fascinating

IDEAS-4-U

Are you in charge of arranging programs for your society? Are you running out of ideas?

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH), a non-profit organization, was established in 1973 as the state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's Horizons Speakers Bureau provides lecturers in humanities areas as wide-ranging as ethnic and cultural studies, history, literature, interpretation of the arts, and public policy. These programs, available to New Jersey nonprofit organizations, are free and open to the public and include time for audience discussion. More than 170 topics by over 70 speakers are available for selection. During 2003, over 225 programs were hosted by organizations from Sussex to Atlantic County.

Any New Jersey nonprofit organization that is able to provide an appropriate site and an audience of thirty or more people is eligible to apply. Programs are frequently hosted by libraries, historical societies, museums, civic associations, public agencies, senior centers, and other community groups. NJCH reserves the right to give preference to organizations that have not previously hosted speakers.

Each organization may register for two programs within a one-year period beginning with the date of the first presentation. There is a one-year registration fee of \$75 that must be paid when the application for the first program is submitted. You may contact the Council at 609-695-4838 or visit them on the web at www.njch.org.

HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

“Ebb & Flow: New Jersey & Its Rivers” - Free admission, Tues-Sat, at the NJ Historical Society, 52 Park Place, Newark; 973-596-8500; www.jerseyhistory.org; museum@jerseyhistory.org.

Body Wars: Fighting Infection, Staying Healthy—Take a journey of discovery into the world of microbes and the infectious diseases they cause. Along the way, learn how the body's immune system fights off the microscopic invaders and, most importantly, how to protect it from disease. **The Newark Museum**, 49 Washington Street, Newark; **thru May-30-07**; Wed-Fri 12-5, Sat-Sun 10-5; sugg. donations: \$7 adult; \$3 children; 973-596-6550; www.newarkmuseum.org.

A Legacy of Time: One Hundred Years of West Jersey Tall Case Clocks—The society's latest temporary installation features almost a dozen tall case clocks dating from the mid-1700s to the mid-1800s. Among the displayed items are several made by George Hollinshead and his apprentices in Woodstown. **Salem County Historical Society**, 83 Market Street, Salem; **thru Jun-11-07**; Tue-Sat 12-4; \$3 (non-member); FREE (member); 856-935-5004; www.salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

March to Victory: Mahwah in the American Revolution—This exceptional new exhibit features rare items loaned by Claude and Inez Harkins, who own one of the largest private collections of Washingtonia in the US. Included are a miniature portrait of Washington with a lock of his hair; English pewter plates given by Washington to Mahwah patriot, Andrew Hopper; Martha Washington's riding veil; and some rare Martha Washington jewelry. Andrew Hopper's home on Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, was used by Washington as headquarters during the march to Yorktown. With a rich assemblage of stories, artifacts, and mannequins, the northern Ramapo Valley Road is interpreted from Blandina Bayard's settlement in 1700 through Robert Erskine's establishment of the Ringwood Company's "Bellegrove Store" (Mahwah's first supermarket) to the American Revolution. On display are numerous maps, American and French replicated uniforms, a painting of the Yellow Tavern at Pompton, and reproduction paintings of French troops at Mahwah and Oakland by contemporary W3R artist David Wagner.

Other exhibits include "The Trolley," featuring an illustrated narration and rare trolley models. The "Cragmere in the Ramapos" features "A Bird's Eye View of Cragmere Park," painted by Karl Pleuthner in 1917 and restored by the Museum through NJ Historical Commission and Bergen County Trust Fund grants. Cragmere Park, an early planned community, will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2008. **The Mahwah Museum**, 201 Franklin Turnpike, Mahwah; **through March, 2007**; Sat-Sun, 1-5; free to Mahwah and Ramsey residents; all others \$7. 201-512-0099; www.mahwahtwp.org/civic_organizations/list.php; cwgringwood@cs.com.

Salem County Historical Society Open House Tour—**Salem County Historical Society** will sponsor the 2007 Open House Tour, entitled "Victoria Reigns." Visit and tour many of the county's Victorian gems. **Salem County Historical Society**, 83 Market Street, Salem. **Saturday, April 28**, 10-4; call or email for ticket prices (856-935-5004; bonnie@salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com) or visit the website at www.salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere—Join Paul Revere on his famous midnight ride to warn Americans of the British march to Lexington and Concord; a brand new humorous and inspirational musical by Theatreworks/USA. **The Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College**, 100 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. **Saturday, April 14, 2007**, 2 pm and 4 pm; \$10, \$8; 609-584-9444; www.kelseytheatre.net.

Here Comes the Bride: Weddings in America—This exhibit from the Rogers (AK) Historical Museum, explores marriage in Victorian America from courtships to engagements, wedding attire to honeymoons. **Carriage House Gallery of the Emlen Physick Estate**, 1048 Washington Street, Cape May. **May 25 through September 3, 2007**. Call for times. \$2 (adult), \$1 (child); 609-884-5404; www.capemaymac.org.

Activism and Repression: the Struggle for Free Speech—Curated by Carol Smith, this exhibit looks at student and faculty activism during the Great Depression and beyond. **American Labor Museum/Botto House**, 83 Norwood Street, Haledon; **January 15 through April 15, 2007**; 973-595-7953; www.labormuseum.org.

Rutgers Historical Tour—This hour-long walking tour explores the origins of Rutgers, its traditions, and architectural points of interest and includes some of the university's oldest buildings. No charge for regularly scheduled tours, which are offered by appointment every Friday and Saturday at 11:30 am during the fall and spring semesters and on Friday only during summer break. Call Campus Information Services, 732-932-9342 x2619; <http://ruinfo.rutgers.edu/visitingRU/historictours>.

Women's History and Performance Tea—"Civil War Women: Their Roles and Legacies," presented by Trish Chambers. Explore the amazing accomplishments of women from both sides. An afternoon tea follows the noon performance. Bring your special tea cup and finest dress. **Ocean County Library**, 112 Burr Street, Barnegat; **Saturday, March 24**; 609-698-3331; www.oceancounty.lib.nj.org

EMAIL LIST:

If your organization (or a representative of your group) has an email address and you would like to receive occasional messages from the League, please send the address to Linda Barth at barths@att.net and she will add it to the League email list. Please be assured that we will never share your address with anyone or with any group.



BOARDWALK HALL ORGAN AWARDED \$100,000 GRANT

The historically significant Midmer-Losh pipe organ in Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall (formerly Convention Hall) has received one of nation's most prestigious awards, a "Save America's Treasures" grant of \$100,000 in recognition of the world's largest pipe organ and the present ongoing mission to restore it to its former glory. The grant was submitted by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority under the leadership of CEO George Zoffinger.

The grant reads: "Built in 1928, the Midmer-Losh Pipe Organ is the largest, loudest and most complex working musical instrument ever constructed and remains a functional and integral component of the National Historic Landmark Hall (Boardwalk Hall)." The \$100,000 grant will support restoration of the organ.

This grant marks an important fund raising effort, and acknowledges both the historical significance of this amazing instrument and the need to restore the pipe organ housed in Boardwalk Hall which is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and also designated a National Historical Landmark. Vicki Gold Levi

LARGE DISPLAY BOARD AVAILABLE

The League is the owner of a large, lighted display board, which for many years the Fellowship for Metlar House has kindly stored. Our board has decided that the never-used display board, due to its size, is not useful to the League and should be sold. The suggested selling price is \$1200, which is 25% less than the original cost. The display is three-sided, about four feet high, and designed to sit atop a table. It has a durable storage case with wheels for transport. It makes a very professional appearance when set up. If you are interested, please contact Linda Barth (908-722-7428; barths@att.net) and arrangements will be made for you to see it.



ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM

The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey announces its **ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM** and invites its member organizations to submit entries. Awards will be given for works published in the year 2006 in the following categories:

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, NEWSLETTERS, JOURNALS, CALENDARS, POSTERS, and
ELECTRONIC MEDIA (AUDIO CASSETTES/CDs, VIDEO CASSETTES/DVDS)

For works published in 2006, awards will be presented at the League meeting in **March 2007**. Deadline for submission of entries: **JANUARY 31, 2007**. Send entries to: **Publication Awards Committee, League of Historical Societies of NJ, New Jersey Historical Society, 52 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102**.

For further information, contact Linda Barth, Administrator, LHSNJ, at 908-722-7428, barths@att.net, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876. Please **DO NOT** send entries to this address.

“CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA” DESIGNATED BY CONGRESS

It is now official. New Jersey is the Crossroads of the American Revolution! President Bush signed the long-awaited legislation in October, designating a large swath of the Garden State "the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area." It will provide \$10 million in federal funding over the next fifteen years to preserve and promote Revolutionary War sites throughout the state.

The Crossroads of the American Revolution Association is the only state-wide non-profit organization established to raise popular understanding of the historical significance of New Jersey's Revolutionary War heritage, further both open space and historic preservation, enhance the quality of life, and boost economic development in New Jersey through community revitalization and heritage tourism. Incorporated in 2002, the association also offers a forum for citizen initiatives on education, historical interpretation, site use and heritage tourism.

FORMER BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED TO PRESTIGIOUS MUSEUM

Rachel Rodgers Dolhanczyk, a former LHSNJ board member, has been named Coordinator of Youth Services at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Maryland.

For the past eight years, Rachel has served as Executive Director and Curator of the Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society. We wish her much success in her new position.

UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS

March 10, 2007	Southern Region—Longport Historical Society, Atlantic County
June 9, 2007	Central Region—Highlands Historical Society, Monmouth County
October 27, 2007	Northern Region—Bayonne Historical Society, Hudson County
March 2008	Southern Region—Long Beach Island Historical Society, Ocean County

We encourage your society to host a future League meeting. If you would like this opportunity to showcase your site, just contact Linda Barth, 908-722-7428, barths@att.net, and she will put you in touch with the regional vice-president for your area.

We look forward to visiting YOUR town some day soon.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The League is most appreciative to the local societies that host our three regional meetings each year. For 2006, we gratefully acknowledge the **Ocean County Historical Society**, Ocean County; the **Hopewell Valley Historical Society**, Mercer County; and the **Closter Historical Society**, Bergen County.



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

With our members spread across the state, many of us are not familiar with the organizations in regions far from our own. This column will spotlight our members, so that others may learn of their mission and accomplishments. The League has several member organizations that are named for real people. Let's get to know them and what makes each distinct.

David Ackerman Descendants - 1662 is an organization formed almost 50 years ago to further the study of the genealogy, ancestry and history of the early Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, particularly that David Ackerman who came to this country from the Netherlands in the ship *Vos* (Fox) with his wife Lysbeth Bellier and family and settled in Nieuw Amsterdam in 1662, and his descendants, and to make the results of such studies available to the general public by their dissemination through public, college and university libraries and through exhibition for the general public. The organization also aims to foster fraternal relations among the descendants of David Ackerman. Planning is currently underway to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the Ackerman family in New Amsterdam in October, 2012, only five years away. Through its website, <http://davidackerman.org>, the David Ackerman Descendants reach out to other relatives around the world. The members have published two volumes about Ackerman descendants, a volume on Ackerman homesteads, and a book of stories for children. You can contact DAD-1662 by mail at 137 Otterhole Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 or by email at DavidAckerman1662@gmail.com. Queries can also be sent to membership genealogist Margaret Palella at marjopal@aol.com. President Beverly W. Crifasi can be reached at Beverly.Crifasi@gmail.com.

The **Alice Paul Institute** honors the feminist, suffragist, and political strategist who led the national fight for female suffrage. The non-profit organization is dedicated to educating the public about the life and work of New Jersey's most famous suffragist, Alice Stokes Paul (1885-1977), founder of the National Woman's Party, author of the Equal Rights Amendment, and a lifelong activist for women's equality. API also works to preserve historic Paulsdale, develop future leaders, and work towards achieving women's equality. Paulsdale, Alice Paul's birthplace and family home in Mount Laurel, is a National Historic Landmark and serves as a center for celebrating women's history and leadership. API was founded in 1985 and today has a membership of over 400 individuals and organizations. You can contact the Alice Paul Institute at *Paulsdale*, 128 Hooton Road, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054; 856-231-1885; info@alicepaul.org; www.alicepaul.org.

Begun in 1919, the **Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association** supports the State Historic Site in Caldwell. The group's long-term goals include protection of the birthplace and the establishment of a library of works on the former president. On the Saturday closest to the president's birthday, March 18, the association hosts a ceremony and a lecture. The July 4th ice cream social features free ice cream, music, and games. For more information on this site, please contact Irene Gibbons (973-226-1723) or David Cowell (973-226-1733; dcowell@drew.edu). You may write to the association at P.O. Box 183, Caldwell, NJ 07006.

Perth Amboy's **Kearny Cottage** is the birthplace and lifelong home of U.S. Navy Commodore Lawrence Kearny (1789-1868). Assigned to the East Asian waters to protect American trade, the commodore established the most favored nation doctrine as the standard for our country's relationship with China. Until 1921 the cottage was the home of this prominent American military family. Built in 1781, this saltbox cottage was moved in the 1920s and again in 1936 to its present site at 63 Catalpa Avenue. The rooms contain nautical items, historical treasures, terra cotta pieces made in Perth Amboy, Greek Revival woodwork, and Rogers statuary. **The Kearny Cottage Historical Association** offers tours by appointment. The house is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 pm. For more information, please call 732-826-1826.

Craftsman Farms, located in and owned by the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, is the former home of noted turn-of-the-century designer Gustav Stickley, a major proponent of the "Arts and Crafts" home building and furnishing movement. The log house, built in 1911, is one of the most significant landmarks of the movement, and the site has been designated a National Historic Landmark. In 1908 Stickley began acquiring the property on what is now the western edge of Parsippany-Troy Hills, where he envisioned establishing a farm school for boys. The focal point of his "Garden of Eden" was a large log house constructed of local stone and round, hewn chestnut logs cut from the property's woods.

In 1917, Major George and Sylvia Wurlitzer Farny purchased the property in a bankruptcy sale, and their descendants lived on or owned the property until 1989. The Farny family maintained the farm in Stickley's tradition, adapting certain interior features for modern family life. When the property was threatened with development for town houses, the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, with the encouragement of community groups and others interested in the importance of the site, obtained the property through eminent domain. The Craftsman Farms Foundation has completed the third phase of restoration of the Main House to its 1910-1917 appearance. Craftsman Farms invites you to step into the Garden of Eden and experience the Stickley family's home. For more information, please contact The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, 2352 Route 10 W, Box 5, Morris Plains, NJ 07950; 973-540-1165; www.stickleymuseum.org; CraftsmanFarms@att.net.

SPIRIT OF THE JERSEYS STATE HISTORY FAIR

Journey back in time and experience four centuries of New Jersey history all in one place at the SPIRIT of the JERSEYS, a historical festival for all ages on **Saturday, May 5th**, at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville.



This free event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, features historical organizations, military reenactment groups, living history demonstrations, and more than a dozen historical characters including George Washington, Walt Whitman, Annie Oakley, General von Steuben, and Thomas Edison.

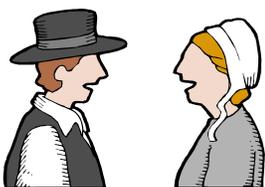
Fun for the whole family! New Jersey's history comes alive with open-hearth cooking, a vintage baseball game, old time photography, antique cars, and much more. Children can enjoy the many hands-on activities: learning the art of paper marbling; participating in a pretend archaeological dig; dancing around the maypole; and watching an old-fashioned flea circus. An entire field is filled with 18th- and 19th-century children's games and back by popular demand is a scavenger hunt for historical characters.

The first history fair was designed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of New Jersey's state-owned historic sites. Now in its fourth year, it aims to engage the public in discovering New Jersey's history in a fun and enjoyable manner.

The fair is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Historic Sites, administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Washington Crossing State Park is located on the Delaware River, just eight miles north of Trenton. The park contains over 2000 acres in Mercer and Hunterdon Counties and is easily accessible from Routes 29 and 546.



Interested groups can download an exhibitor form and mail it in. Exhibitors can also email us at historyfair@dep.state.nj.us. You may call the Office of Historic Sites at 609-777-0238 or visit our website, www.njhistoryfair.org.



The Longport Historical Society
invites you to attend the Spring Meeting of
The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey



Saturday, March 10, 2007
to be held at Longport Borough Hall
2305 Atlantic Avenue, Longport, NJ 08403

Agenda:

- 9:00 Registration and Coffee in the Borough Chambers
- 9:30 Welcome
- League Business Meeting—Presentation of Publication Awards
- Miriam’s Dream Bindery, Books Rebound and Repaired
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Longport – “The Way We Were”
- 12:00 Buffet Lunch in Borough Centennial Room
- 1:00 Tour of The Historic Church of the Redeemer
- House Tour of 1895 Summer “Cottage”
- Open House of Longport Historical Society Museum

Registration Form: Please return this section by February 14th. Price includes buffet lunch. Please send your check for \$20, payable to the Longport Historical Society, to the society at 2305 Atlantic Avenue, Longport, New Jersey 08403. For further information, please phone Mary Sue Lovett at 609-822-3770.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

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Affiliation _____

DIRECTIONS TO THE LONGPORT BOROUGH HALL

2305 Atlantic Avenue, Longport, NJ

LEAGUE MEETING, SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007

From the North: Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 36. Turn right onto Tilton Road (CR 563). Continue



on Tilton Road to the Margate Causeway (CR 662). Follow the signs to Margate and the Margate Bridge. (There is a \$1 toll for the bridge.) After entering Margate, stay straight on Jerome Avenue; then make a right onto Ventnor Avenue. Follow Ventnor Avenue through Margate into Longport. Turn left onto 28th Street and then right onto Atlantic Avenue.

From the West: Take the Atlantic City Expressway to the Garden State Parkway South, Exit 36. Use the same directions as above to reach Longport.

Phone after 7 a.m. on March 10: Lee 609 226 5835 or Leslie 609 636 7181



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