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**Fall Meeting
Boonton Historical
Society, Boonton,
Morris County
October 11, 2008**

Article and
registration form
on page 11-12.

HISTORY COMMUNITY BUOYED BY STATE BUDGET

In late June, the state legislature voted to approve the budget, which was then signed by Governor Corzine. Due to the extraordinary advocacy efforts of the history and arts communities, the budget for FY 09 contains the following:

- ◆ *Restoration of \$3.254 million to the NJ State Council of the Arts for Cultural Projects bringing the total appropriation to \$19.254 million (a 12% reduction).*
 - ◆ *Restoration of \$606,000 to the NJ Historical Commission bringing the total appropriation to \$3.306 million. (This budget still cuts \$164,000 (32%) from the NJHC administrative budget and totally wipes out a \$189,000 Project Grants line item).*
 - ◆ *Restoration of \$121,000 to the NJ Cultural Trust bringing the total appropriation to \$621,000.*
- ◆ *Restoration of \$1.019 million to the NJ Division of Travel & Tourism bringing the total appropriation to \$10.019 million*

You should also know that the visits to legislative district offices paid off big time! No fewer than five budget resolution requests were submitted to restore various amounts of state funding to the cultural projects budget, and all cited the dedicated revenue source of state dollars through the hotel/motel occupancy fee. One budget resolution request sponsored by Assemblyman Gordon Johnson and Assemblywoman Valerie Huttle was co-sponsored by **twenty-six** other members of the Assembly.

ArtPride, working with the heritage and history community, will provide you with a list of all the sponsors after the budget is signed. Thank you so much for your hard work and for sticking to the message. There is very little in the way of restoration to other departments or agencies, so we and ArtPride have much to be grateful for and we are **VERY** grateful for your support! For more details, see page seven.

ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2008

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 2008, in the following categories:

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

For works published in 2008, awards will be presented at the league meeting in **June 2009**. The deadline for submission of entries is **JANUARY 31, 2009**. Please send your entries to: **Publication Awards Committee, League of Historical Societies of NJ, c/o New Jersey Historical Society, 52 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102.**

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

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

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 County Historical Society

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)

Position currently open

The following are valuable members of our board, but they are 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 January issue of *League News* must be on the editor's desk no later than December 1, 2008. 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 or .tiff.

FROM THE STATE ARCHIVES

Members of the New Jersey History Community:

I am delighted to report to you that the State's FY 2009 budget has restored full funding to the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) Grants Program administered by the Division of Archives and Records Management. Unlike most state grant programs which have specific line items in the budget, PARIS is funded by authorizing language, which reads as follows (pp. 195-6 of A-2800):

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, up to 40% of the receipts deposited in the New Jersey Public Records Preservation account in the Department of the Treasury are appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, and allocated as grants to counties and municipalities for the management, storage, and preservation of public records based on regulations promulgated by the Division of Archives and Records Management and approved by the State Treasurer. Of the amount so appropriated, an amount not to exceed \$100,000 may be used for the administrative expenses of this grant program, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and accounting."

In two prior years, portions of the 40% of annual revenue in the New Jersey Public Records Preservation Account (NJPRPA, derived from certain recording fees in the offices of the twenty-one county clerks' offices) were diverted to the state's General Fund. Last fiscal year, the diversion amounted to \$10 million, which, combined with a downturn in the real estate market that reduced revenue, resulted in only \$8.55 million being available for PARIS grant awards to counties and municipalities last month.

Based on the FY 2009 revenue estimates for the NJPRPA, PARIS should have between \$18-19 million for grants next June. The amount will enable counties and municipalities to continue building and improving the infrastructure of their archives and records management programs, facilities, and services, and to expand intergovernmental shared services projects, a strong emphasis of PARIS.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SLATE FOR LEAGUE ELECTIONS

The nominating committee of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey presents the following slate for election at the October 11 meeting in Boonton: The date in () is the year in which the term ends.

President (2010)

J. B. Vogt
Fellowship for Metlar House

Treasurer (2010)

Dorothy M. Andrew
Gloucester County Historical Society

First Vice President (2009)

Robert J. Hunter
Haddon Heights Historical Society

Trustee, Northern (2010)

Betty Hardy
Madison Historical Society

Vice-President, Northern (2010)

Catherine Sullivan
Victorian Society

Trustee, Central (2010)

Donald J. Peck—Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance

Vice-President, Central (2009)

Mary Swarbrick
Fellowship for Metlar House

Trustee, Southern (2010)

Jean C. Lacey
Toms River Seaport Society

Vice-President, Southern (2010)

June Sheridan
Atlantic County Historical Society

Trustee-at-Large (2010)

Tim Hart
Barnegat Bay Decoy & Baymen's Museum

Secretary (2010)

Kevin M. Hale
Metuchen-Edison Historical Society

Historian (2010)

Position currently open

P.A.R.I.S FUNDING (cont'd from p. 2)

PARIS, now going into its fifth year, is by far the nation's largest and most ambitious state program to support the development of local government archives and records management programs. Since 2005, New Jersey has invested more than \$83 million in county and municipal archives and records preservation, management and storage, addressing all record media and formats.

For more information about the PARIS Grants Program and its local government grantees, visit www.njarchives.org/links/paris.html.

Sincerely,
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Director, Division of Archives and Records Management, New Jersey State Archives
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Trenton, NJ 08625-0307; 609-984-3299;
Karl.Niederer@sos.state.nj.us

VISIT HISTORIC BOONTON, NEW JERSEY

Although Boonton is a town built on industry, it is not without natural beauty. Grace Lord Park, with its fountain, falls and landmark gazebo, is home to the town's concerts during the summer season. The Rockaway River meanders through the park and our town, offering walking trails and a variety of flora and fauna for the nature enthusiast. Boonton is home to one of Morris County's best kept secrets, the Boonton Falls. Rivalled only by the Great Falls of Paterson, the power of the falls helped establish Boonton as a iron town in the 1800s. Now, it offers hiking trails and a chance to see the town as it looked a century ago.



- So, come to Boonton, where can you:
- ♦ find a two-story museum of antique fire equipment;
 - ♦ visit one of the few remaining theatres in the country where you enter under the stage;
 - ♦ see a costumed cemetery tour;
 - ♦ walk the towpath of the historic Morris Canal;
 - ♦ visit a church with windows by Tiffany; and
 - ♦ take a walking tour through an historic North Jersey town?

Yes, you can do all of this and more in Boonton, Morris County, the venue for our Fall League Meeting on October 11. 2008. Sign up on page eleven and come join the fun!

PRESERVATION NEW JERSEY'S TEN MOST ENDANGERED

For the fourteenth year, Preservation New Jersey has created a list of the **ten most endangered historic sites** in the Garden State. The 2008 list draws attention to remarkable sites and to their many challenges. Preservation NJ hopes that listing them will be a catalyst for change and positive solutions can be found for their preservation.

The 10 Most Endangered Historic Sites program is designed to highlight historic sites and buildings that are threatened through demolition, neglect or inappropriate public policy. The list is not intended as a judgment on the significance of these as compared to other threatened sites. Through this program, Preservation New Jersey seeks positive outcomes that can be achieved through restoration, creative re-use, stewardship and stronger public policy initiatives that recognize that historic preservation is smart growth. Several challenges face properties listed on this year's endangered sites list: a declining real estate market in some communities, making new stewards for landmarks that need them harder to find, while in other places a hot market makes teardowns more frequent than ever; state agencies that openly flout the state and national register laws that are supposed to protect historic places from bad government actions; weak or non-existent local preservation ordinances; and local zoning and planning boards that ignore or don't understand the value of important resources.

The Ten Most Endangered Historic Sites in New Jersey for 2008

- ◆ 160 Willard Avenue, Bloomfield, Essex County
- ◆ Arneytown Historic District, North Hanover Twp., Burlington County
- ◆ Atlantic City Post Office, Atlantic City, Atlantic County
- ◆ Beach Theater, City of Cape May, Cape May County
- ◆ Belcoville Post Office, Weymouth Twp., Atlantic County
- ◆ Forney House and Clinic, Borough of Milltown, Middlesex County
- ◆ Lake Solitude Dam, Borough of High Bridge, Hunterdon County
- ◆ Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City, Hudson County
- ◆ Shady Rest Golf Club, Scotch Plains, Union County
- ◆ Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, Morris County

To read the history and future of these sites, visit <http://preservationnj.org> and click on "10 Most Endangered."



Belcoville Post Office



Atlantic City Post Office



Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City

UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS

October 11, 2008	Boonton Historical Society, Boonton, Morris County
March 7, 2009	Tuckerton Seaport, Tuckerton, Ocean County
June 2009	Historical Society of Ocean Grove, Monmouth County
October 2009	to be announced
March 2010	Cumberland County Historical Society, Greenwich

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.**

PRESERVING THE SOLITUDE LAKE DAM

The last known remaining New Jersey example of an I-beam dam, Lake Solitude Dam was built in 1909 by master engineer Frank S. Tainter to provide hydro-electric power for the Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company. The dam is significant for its civil engineering design and for the role that it played in permitting Taylor-Wharton ironworks to expand. Both the dam and 35-acre Lake Solitude, created by the dam, are eligible for listing in the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places individually, as well as part of a possible larger industrial historic district.

While the dam's history is acknowledged, borough officials grapple with the cost of repairing the 1909 dam or breaching it. Last August, the DEP approved the prepared drawings for the remediation of the dam and spillway. The town must decide by this month whether to start remediation or remove the dam.

Over the thirteen years in which this issue has been discussed, elected officials have come and gone, sentiments have changed, and some now believe that, although breaching costs upfront are greater, it is the more cost-effective measure in the long term, with no annual maintenance or inspection costs; they favor returning the river to its natural course, one it has not taken since 1858.

Breaching, however, would not only create a long-term historical loss, but it would drain Lake Solitude, a High Bridge landmark, and destroy the natural habitat for wildlife dependent upon the lake.

Additionally, financial costs would be incurred for dredging and the removal of silt and contaminated soils. These costs would not be incurred if the dam remains intact.

Preservation of the Lake Solitude Dam and the lake is an important linkage not only to High Bridge's past, but to a six-mile hiking trail linking the borough's open spaces. It is far more cost-effective, can spur tourism and local business, and has the potential to revert to its historical origins by providing hydroelectric power. The Lake Solitude Dam is an integral part of the Taylor SteelWorkers Historical Greenway, a 6.5 mile trail perfect for wildlife and history buffs alike.

The board of the League of Historical Societies asks that you support the Union Forge Heritage Association, one of our newest members, by writing to the mayor and council of High Bridge, asking that the dam be remediated and saved. Mayor Mark Desire, Borough of High Bridge, 71 Main Street, High Bridge, New Jersey 08829. Council members are: Brendan Coughlin, Tom Flynn, Colleen Hann, Lynn Hughes, Mary Murdock, and Jon Valenta. If you prefer to send an email, the addresses are: MDesire@highbridge.org; lhughes@highbridge.org; bcoughlin@highbridge.org; jvalenta@highbridge.org; mmurdock@highbridge.org; chann@highbridge.org; dseals@highbridge.org; tflynn@highbridge.org.

The Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act

Citing a report that says as many as 170 battlefields and other historic sites, some in Mercer County, might be destroyed over the next 10 years, members of a congressional subcommittee met yesterday to discuss a proposal to provide federal funds to preserve sites associated with the American Revolution and the War of 1812.

Introduced by Rep. Rush Holt, D-Hopewell Township, this legislation – The Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act – would establish a federal grant program under the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 that would specifically fund the preservation and protection of sites associated with the two wars.

During a hearing before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Holt referred to a 2007 National Parks Service report that found 170 of 677 nationally significant sites associated with the two wars are in danger of being destroyed during the next decade. Among them, he noted, are sites in Trenton and Princeton. The National Parks Service's 137-page report can be found online at nps.gov/hps/abpp/Rev1812Study.htm.

Cate Litvack, Executive Director, Crossroads of the American Revolution Association



PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LEAGUE BYLAWS

In order to stagger the terms of the president, the vice president, and the regional vice presidents, the board has proposed changes to the bylaws. These changes will be presented at the October meeting for approval by the membership.

Currently, the pertinent sections of the bylaws read as follows:

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Section 2 Election

A. Elections shall be held in **even** numbered years.

Section 3 Terms of Office

The President, First Vice President, and Regional Vice Presidents serve **two-year terms** and may serve only two subsequent terms of four years.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the League by a simple majority vote of the Member Societies **represented either in person or by proxy**, provided that the proposed action was inserted in the notice of such meeting, and that the alteration, amendment, or repeal has first been approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Proposed changes:

Section 2, A. Elections shall be held **yearly**.

Section 3, A. The President, First Vice President, and Regional Vice Presidents serve two-year terms and may serve only two subsequent terms of four years. **The terms of the above five officers shall be alternated so that all are not presented for election in any given year.**

Article XII – Amendments – Remove the following phrase: **represented either in person or by proxy**.

Union County History Comes Alive in “Four Centuries in a Weekend,” October 18-19

Here’s your chance to travel back in time – during “Four Centuries in a Weekend, 2008.” This annual heritage festival, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, takes visitors on a journey through Union County’s history. The two-day free festival takes place on Saturday, Oct. 18th from 10-5, and Sunday, Oct. 19, noon to 5.

Included among the many special attractions are early 20th century tunes performed by costumed singers in the luscious gardens at **Summit’s Reeves-Reed Arboretum**; tours of the beautiful grounds of **Liberty Hall in Union**, home to New Jersey’s first governor; a lecture on Abraham Lincoln delivered by William Gillette, Ph.D., history professor at Rutgers University, at the **Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum, Rahway**; costumed portrayal of New York businessman David Felt at the village he created in 1845, the **Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenside Park in the Watchung Reservation**; a presentation by a historic horticultural expert on early 1900s culinary activities at **Kenilworth’s Nitschke House**, the recipient of a 2008 NJ Preservation Award; professional portrayal of 19th-century abolitionist and feminist Sojourner Truth at the **Drake House Museum, Plainfield**; performances by musician Phillip Lester at the **Crane-Phillips Museum, “Cranford’s historic gem”**; and a tour of the historic burial grounds at **First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth** with a special viewing of the newly restored and re-installed “Old First” church steeple.

Free maps and guide booklets featuring photos and information about the 25 participating heritage sites, their historic significance, and a list of all the special weekend activities will be available in September by contacting the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth NJ 07202; 908-558-2550, 8:30-4:30. NJ Relay Users dial 711; www.unioncountynj.org/cultural/4centuries/index.html; culturalinfo@ucnj.org. **“Four Centuries in a Weekend”** is a public history event funded in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the New Jersey Department of State.

Members of the New Jersey History Community, Here are, to be best of our knowledge, are the FY 2009 budgeted amounts for the different agencies and services that make up the New Jersey State public history sector:

New Jersey Historical Commission—Grants Funding, \$3, 306K (up from proposed \$2.770K); Direct State Services*, \$346K (-32%); Project Grants, \$000k (-100%)(2008 - \$189K)

Archives and Records, Direct State Services, \$2,801K; PARIS Grants, by budget language 100%

Cultural Trust, Grants, \$ 621K (NB: no administrative)

New Jersey Travel and Tourism, Direct State Services, \$11,869K (\$10,019K Advertising and promotion, \$1,859K Cooperative Marketing Program)

Historic Trust, Administrative Costs, \$578K

Division of Parks and Forestry, Direct State Services, \$20,640K (not broken down); Department of the Environment

New Jersey State Library, Direct State Services, \$6,672K; State Aid, \$17,826K

New Jersey State Museum, Museum Services, \$ 3,291K; Grants in Aid, \$2,390K; General Support Grant, \$125K; Re-opening Expenditures, \$890K (Not to be exceeded; approval of Director of Division of Budget and Accounting required)

War Memorial, Operations, \$ 500K; Direct State Services, \$ 450K

Battleship New Jersey Museum, \$1,500K; Utilities, \$ 390K

Old Barracks, \$ 450K

Morven, \$ 250K

Additions to archives and records for records preservation and storage, etc., Dept. of Treasury, \$ 28,3K
Dept. of State, \$57K (National Historic Pub. and Records Commission Grants Government Direction, Management and Control, general Governmental Services), \$ 57K; N.J. Hist. Publication and Records, \$57K

No action was taken to provide continuing, or stable, or renewed funding for the grants monies to the preservation community, either for Open Spaces, Farm Land, Green Acres, Wetlands or Historic Preservation in the FY 2009 budget. Thank you for your continuing interest and support. We, the Art Pride and arts community and the Keep It Green Coalition and Preservation New Jersey and historic preservation community will continue to struggle for adequate funding for the arts, public history and preservation needs and programs of the people of New Jersey. David A. Cowell, President, Advocates for New Jersey History

*Direct State Services means administration and general operations of the agency, board, dept., etc.

HOLCOMBE-JIMISON FARMSTEAD MUSEUM HOSTS LEAGUE MEETING

The Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum hosted the June meeting of the League of Historical Societies, and the arrangements were superb.

Irv and Vilma Hockenbury and their many volunteers have acquired thousands of items from Hunterdon County farms, and the league members were invited to explore this wonderful collection. What a treasure! The delegates raved about the diversity of the farm artifacts, the dental office of Dr. Leaver, Closson's General Store, the barber shop, and the herb garden.

With assistance from their co-sponsor, the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the museum hired crafters, including a blacksmith, a basket maker, and several others, to demonstrate their work.

Some delegates expanded their visit with a trip into Lambertville or a walk along the Delaware and Raritan Canal.

All in all, it was a wonderful day, which couldn't have happened without the hard work and dedication of our delightful hosts.

To the NJ History Community

Every year, the New Jersey Historical Commission presents AWARDS OF RECOGNITION to five or so individuals and organizations that have helped to preserve New Jersey history and that have increased public awareness of and appreciation for that history. The commission also presents the RICHARD J. HUGHES AWARD for outstanding, lifetime achievement in the field of New Jersey history.

The 2008 awards will be presented at the New Jersey Forum, which will be held on November 22 at the Trenton Marriott. You are cordially invited to send us nominations for these awards. Please include a statement of at least one paragraph in length detailing the accomplishments of your nominee. Be sure to include contact information for you and your nominee. Self-nominations are permitted.

If you want to know if your nominee has previously won one of these awards, you can see an alphabetical list by visiting www.newjerseyhistory.org. Click on the "Notices" link on the right side of the screen and then scroll down to the list of previous awardees.)

Nominations are due by August 15. Please email them to Sara Cureton, Director of the Commission's Grant Program, sara.cureton@sos.state.nj.us; 609-943-3306. You can also contact Ms. Cureton if you have any questions about the award program.

LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS....



I thoroughly enjoyed reading the last newsletter! Thank you! Marcia Rumsey, Secretary, Historical Society of Old Randolph.

Thank you so much for keeping us informed about the wonderful events that various organizations throughout New Jersey are hosting! Your interest and support are greatly appreciated! Many thanks and best regards, Shirley Boyden Maxwell, Kenilworth Historical Society

On April 20, the League of Historical Societies sent out the message that the Atlantic Highlands Historical Society had a large glass exhibit cabinet they wished to donate. On April 24, Laura Poll emailed to say, "We have a taker! It will have a new home at Tuckerton Seaport. Thanks for posting our announcement." And thanks to the members of the league for responding to our requests and announcements.

Hi League Members, Thank you for all your responses and suggestions in directing me toward an appropriate speaker on the subject of Abraham Lincoln. It's the first time I've put a question out to the league and I'm amazed at how many people responded. A special thanks to Linda for putting it out so quickly and even giving me a phone call at home to clarify my query. What a great resource. Thanks again. Bob Foster, Executive Director, Hoboken Historical Museum

Dear League Members, I would just like to take this time to say thank you to all who have contributed their concerns and advice regarding the Arcadia publication and the 501(c)(3) rule. It looks as if the project will now move forward based on your information and advice. I know that it can be frustrating sometimes to be directed by misinformation, but it is so nice to have the resources that we do here at the league. I never realized how many people are faced with similar problems all over the state, and how generous the readers of the list serve can be.

I thank you all again for helping to make this book a reality, and I hope that I may be of service to some of you in the near future. Take care. Yours in History, John Demmer, Town Historian, Nutley, NJ

MARKETPLACE

Can anyone recommend a source for purchasing museum supplies, small and large, including cabinets that lock? If you have any suggestions, please call or write Linda Barth (908-722-7428; barths@att.net), and she will share the information with the membership.

THANKS TO OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Last spring we asked our members to provide input for the board concerning the placement of advertisements in our newsletter. We were asked to share the responses, so here they are:

Results of poll of member organizations re advertising in their newsletters

Our quarterly newsletter, RELICS, presently carries 12 business card ads at the back of each issue. We ask for a \$50 donation each time one card appears. We are sold out each issue and have a waiting list. Good luck.

Francesca Moskowitz; Pascack Historical Society

Hi, The following is a link to our advertising rate information for ads in our quarterly GSNJ Newsletter. The newsletter is usually 16-20 pages and goes to about 850 members and subscribers, which includes about 120 libraries and societies. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsnj; click on "newsletter" and scroll down to the price sheet link. Hope that might be of help. Regards, Joan M. Lowry; Genealogical Society of New Jersey

Ralph Hunter, of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern Jersey, suggests \$50 for a business card-size advertisement.

I like the idea of soliciting for some advertising to underwrite the newsletter costs. The Wildwood History society as well as other societies in our region have been doing this for several years.

Sonia Forry, Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society

In the past, we have included business card sized ads in our newsletters for \$50 to help defray the cost of mailing and printing. These newsletters, however, go out to Lafayette residents only, so the ads have always been local. We also struck up a deal with a local UPS store to have a half-page ad in exchange for printing the newsletter for free. The half page ad was always on the outside of the newsletter to give them better coverage. That deal worked for a couple of years, until the UPS store went out of business. Now we are back to paying for printing. Hope this info helps!

Barbara Cashen, Secretary, Lafayette Preservation Foundation

Interesting question - The Food History News does not take advertising. It does take sponsors -- one per issue if I can find one. In exchange for being credited on the print issue, I post an on-line sponsored by box with clickable link to the sponsors website. I ask for \$300 per quarter. But that is all. Best - Sandy Oliver, Food History News

MARCH has not accepted ads to offset the cost of printing our newsletter - only for programs printed for 25th anniversary, etc. I have, however, worked with one group that recognized a donor who covered the total cost of printing, and another group that asked for \$25 for a business card sized ad to help offset the printing costs. Good luck with this. Please share what you learn. Thanks, Gene Crawford, MARCH

Regarding your request for information on selling ads for inclusion in newsletters; the idea sounds good! Our SIC Historical Newsletter does not do this but would appreciate learning more about it as you gather ideas and you have us thinking about it, maybe calling it newsletter sponsors. Thanks for all you do for all of us. Mike Stafford; Sea Isle City Historical Museum

At one time we had advertisements and then abandoned them because we found it conflicted with other fundraising – we did not want to give people the options of doing a \$100 advertisement instead of a \$500 journal advertisement. Thanks. Tim Hart; Tuckerton Seaport

The board of the League of Historical Societies has voted to use the following ad schedule:

- ◆ 1/8 page ad, \$75 each; if the ad appears in three issues, \$65 each.
- ◆ Business card size ad, \$100 each; \$85 each for three issues.
- ◆ 1/4 page ad, \$125 each; \$100 each for three issues.

HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Through August 23—Political Repression at Queens College, New York, 1947-1955, exhibit curated by Queens College alumni Lawrence Kaplan, Dorothy Pita, and Alice Sprintzer. Photographs and documents chronicle violations of the Queens College community's civil liberties at the time of the Cold War. Three faculty members active in the trade union movement were fired between 1952 and 1955. This project is funded, in part, by the Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council at Passaic County Community College, through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of the State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. **American Labor Museum**, Botto House National Landmark, 83 Norwood St., Haledon; www.labormuseum.org; 973-595-7953.

Through November—Presidential Connections. Get into the patriotic spirit as you view this delightful exhibit that features campaign buttons, posters, postcards, newspapers, magazines, lithographs, books, letters, pictures and other items linked to the presidency. Learn about the correspondence sent from Cranbury by George Washington in June, 1778. View letters written by Adlai Stevenson, notes from Bess Truman and Jackie Kennedy, and original campaign posters for FDR and Herbert Hoover. A few signed pieces are also featured. **Cranbury Museum**, 4 Park Place East, Cranbury; 609-409-1289; free admission; cranburyhistory.org. **Presidential Connections** remains on display every Sunday from 1-4.

August 31-December 31—The Forestry Project, by Al Bersch and Leslie Grant, a photo-documentary exhibit, will be on view at the **American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark**, 83 Norwood Street, Haledon. Visiting hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 1-4, and by appointment. Suggested donation, \$5 (children under 12 free). For further information, please call 973-595-7953, email labormuseum@aol.com, or visit the museum at www.labormuseum.org.

New Exhibit—Our Legacy: Haddonfield's First Family, The Governor and Mrs. Alfred E. Driscoll. Memorabilia from the life of our state's 43rd governor and his family. Greenfield Hall, home of the **Historical Society of Haddonfield**. Wed-Fri and the first Sunday of the month, 1-4. Members, free; non-members, \$4. Other times available on request by calling 856-429-7375. Tours are welcome. Please call in advance so that a tour guide may be scheduled.

July 25-27—Christmas in July Extravaganza. Daughters of the American Revolution, Chinkchewunaska Chapter. Guests will include the Lost Art Lacers, the NJ Frontier Guard, and the 27th Regiment NJ Volunteers. Free tours of the historic museum house. Demonstrations, quilters, and crafters. Something for all ages! 1097 Rte 23 North, Wantage Township. 11-4. Enjoy a beautiful historic treasure of Sussex County. For information, contact wmwyman@hotmail.com.

August 9 & 13, September 6 & 17, October 4 & 15, November 1 & 12—Tours of Paulsdale, the Mt. Laurel birthplace of Quaker suffragist Alice Paul: guided tour of the house and property focusing, on the life of Alice Paul, the Paul family, Quaker history, and women's history. 1 and 2 pm. Adults, \$5; children, \$4. Paulsdale, 128 Hooton Rd., Mt. Laurel. For information or to register, contact the **Alice Paul Institute**, 856-231-1885 or info@alicepaul.org or www.alicepaul.org.

August 16—History Day. Crafters, tradesmen demonstrating their talents; jewelry maker, blacksmith, and much more. 11-4. **The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts**, 9 Main Street, Madison; 973-377-2982 x10; www.metc.org.

August 17—Historian Myra Snook will talk about the **West Brook-Bell House** at the Methodist Church, Walpack Center, 1 pm. Afterward, drive to the home for an interior tour. **Walpack Historical Society**. For information, call 973-948-4903.

August 22—Quilting Workshop, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Cottage-cutting techniques on piecing a four patch block. Centennial Cottage, corner of McClintock/Central. **Illumination Garden Party & Tour** of Centennial Cottage & evening of music and festivities; 7:30 pm, corner of McClintock/Central Avenue, Ocean Grove. **Historical Society of Ocean Grove**, 732-774-1869; info@oceangrovehistory.org.

August 23—Postcard & Antique Show, featuring a wide array of antiques and thousands of postcards; Auditorium Pavilion, 10-4. **Historical Society of Ocean Grove**, 732-774-1869; info@oceangrovehistory.org.

August 24—Delaware Bay Lighthouse Adventure: Cruise the Delaware Bay aboard the Cape May Whale Watcher. On this seven-hour trip, view nine lighthouses, including pedestal lighthouses standing offshore in the bay's mid-channel. Hear bay lore on fishing, spawning grounds, and more. Cruise includes coffee and Danish and a lavish cold luncheon buffet, including shrimp, finger sandwiches, cheese and fruit trays, and dessert. Cash bar available. Limited to 175. 10 a.m. Tickets \$99. Co-sponsored by the **Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC)** and the Cape May Whale Watcher. For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

August 26—Celebration of Women's Equality Day, featuring a presentation by Trish Chambers, who will discuss her book, *Civil War Women: Their Roles and Legacies*, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail marker; 6 pm. Light refreshments. Register by Wednesday, Aug. 20. Registration: \$15 includes the book; \$5 for the event only. Paulsdale, 128 Hooton Rd., Mt. Laurel. For information or to register, contact the **Alice Paul Institute** at 856-231-1885 or info@alicepaul.org or visit our website at www.alicepaul.org.

August 31—17th Annual Labor Day Parade, celebrating the contributions of working people, steps off from the **American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark** at 1:30. 83 Norwood Street, Haledon. For further information, please call 973-595-7953, email labormuseum@aol.com, or visit the museum's web site, www.labormuseum.org.

September 6—Brielle Day, Annual Sarsaparilla Sale and Brielle Museum, features community organizations, crafters, food, and more! **The Union Landing Historical Society** will sell its new book, *Images of America – Brielle*, at Brielle Park, Union Lane. Browse Brielle's one-day history museum in the Curtis House, 644 Union Lane; buy some old-fashioned sarsaparilla soda out back! Only \$1/bottle! For more information, call ULHS President John Belding at 732-528-5867, visit www.briellehistory.org, or email info@briellehistory.org.

September 6—Cape May Crafts Show: Exhibit and sale showcasing hand-made items, gourmet food, and unique collectibles. 10-5. Cape May Convention Hall, Beach Drive at Stockton Place. \$1 for adults, children under the age of 12 are free. Co-sponsored by the **Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts** (MAC) and the City of Cape May. For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

September 6-7—Kenilworth Communitywide Garage Sale, 9-4, rain or shine. Over 150 participating residences. (Map available at A&P, Boulevard and Market, week of September 1.). Proceeds to benefit the **Kenilworth Historical Society's** restoration of the 19th-century Nitschke House for transformation into a living history museum and cultural arts center. For further information/reservations, please call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434.

September 17—Program on “**The Morris Canal**”; Randolph Library; 7 pm; **Historical Society of Old Randolph**. For more information, call 973-895-3556.

September 18—Showing of the HBO film, “**Iron Jawed Angels**,” the true story of young activists Alice Paul and Lucy Burns and their struggle to help women win the right to vote; 7 p.m., on the porch at Paulsdale. Suggested donation: \$5. 128 Hooton Rd., Mt. Laurel. For information or to register, contact the **Alice Paul Institute** at 856-231-1885 or info@alicepaul.org or visit our website at www.alicepaul.org.

September 20-25—12th Annual Cape May Food & Wine Festival. A full week of events for those who love good food and wine; events may be attended separately. The Gourmet Marketplace at the Cape May Winery features mini-winery tours, tasting lectures, and the annual Chef's Cook-off, plus the People's Choice Chowder Contest. Enjoy Chef's Dine-Arounds, daily gourmet lunches, a beer-tasting dinner, workshops with chefs from award-winning restaurants, and cooking classes. Sponsored by the **Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts** (MAC). For more information or to make reservations, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

September 21—Lambertville Historical Society presents Meg Cox on “**American Quilting, Then and Now**,” including display of 19th-century quilts from our collection. Lambertville Methodist Church, 108 N Union; 3 pm. \$15/person; see website, lambertvillehistoricalsociety.org; 609-397-0770.

September 21—Former campers share their **memories of Camp Pocono-Ramona**. Tour River Bend Campground, site of the old camp. Methodist Church, Walpack Center, 1 pm. **Walpack Historical Society**. For information, call 973-948-4903.

September 21—“Laura Keene and Her Pascack Valley Legacy.” Francesca Moskowitz will discuss the fascinating life of this great actress (1826-1873), a single mother of two who left England almost penniless and became America's most famous actress. In an age when a woman's work was relegated to the kitchen and laundry room, this human dynamo became the *first* woman to manage a theatre in the USA and the *first* woman to be taken seriously as a producer, director, set decorator, costumer, and writer. She was starring in “Our American Cousin” at Ford's Theatre the night Lincoln was shot. Hear about how she ran to his box and cradled the dying man's head in her lap. Learn about her strong presence in the Pascack Valley. We guarantee you a few surprises! No registration required. Questions, call 201-666-0121. Free.

September 27—Self-guided tour of Morris Plains. 9 am. The tour will start at Bretton Woods Restaurant, 361 Speedwell Avenue, with refreshments and introduction by Dan Myers. **Morris Plains Museum Association**. Tickets can be purchased at the Morris Plains Museum on Saturdays, the Community Center Monday through Thursday, and the Boro Annex. For more information, contact the museum at 973-683-1089.

September 27—Victorian House Tour. Self-guided tour of this community, founded in 1869 as a Methodist camp meeting. 11-4. **Mount Tabor Historical Society**, along Route 53 between Denville and Morris Plains. Tickets, \$20.00 per person, may be purchased on the day of the tour. Box lunches will be available for sale. For further information and directions, please visit www.mounttabornj.org, mths@mounttabornj.org, or call 973-586-1564.

October 3—Humanities Month event, “**Penning in the Parlor**,” a journaling/poetry workshop; 6-8 p.m. Paulsdale, 128 Hooton Rd., Mt. Laurel. For information or to register, contact the **Alice Paul Institute** at 856-231-1885 or info@alicepaul.org or visit our website at www.alicepaul.org.

October 4—Bottle Hill Day. **Madison Historical Society, Museum of Early Trades and Crafts**, and many other community groups. Children's activities, car show, food, vendors, sidewalk sales. Go back in time with the New Jersey

Frontier Guard and learn about life during the French and Indian Wars (1754 - 1765). Free! Waverly Place, off Main Street (Route 124), Madison; 11-4. For more information, visit www.rosenet.org.

October 10-19—Cape May's 36th Annual Victorian Week. Celebrate Victoriana with 10 days of unique and entertaining activities, such as vintage dance workshops, historic house tours, murder mystery dinners, tours by boat around Cape Island, evening ghost tours, Victorian teas, concerts, and more. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 10-19. Order tickets in advance to ensure a place at these events. Sponsored by the **Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC)**. For more information or to make reservations, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

October 11—Archives and History Day. 70 exhibit tables available for history organizations. Monmouth County Library, Manalapan. Contact gsaretzk@co.monmouth.nj.us, 732-308-3772.

October 11—Victorian Week Private Homes Tour. Go beyond the doors of a selection of charming private cottages in the Cape May area. Limited to 300 tickets each tour. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission \$15; children \$10 (ages 3-12). Sponsored by the **Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC)**. For more information or to make reservations, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

October 15—The Gibson Girl Friday Meets the Victorian Lady. Barbara Meyer Darlin compares the lives and fashions of a turn-of-the-twentieth-century society lady and a working class "typewriter," as those who first operated the typing machines were called. Obstacles women encountered entering the male-dominated world of office work and employment practices before and after marriage are also presented. Boonton Senior Center. 7 pm. **Boonton Historical Society**; 973-316-0976. An NJCH program.

October 15—The Gunther Knitting Mills, Dover, New Jersey; 7:30 at the museum of the **Historical Society of Old Randolph**. For more information, call 973-895-3556.

October 17—The film, "A Union Man: Life & Work of Julius Margolin," will be shown at 7 pm at the **American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark**. Filmmaker, musician, and vocalist George Mann will discuss the film and perform following the screening. This is a Humanities Festival Week program. Free admission. 83 Norwood Street, Haledon. For more information, call 973-595-7953, email labormuseum@aol.com, or visit www.labormuseum.org.

October 19—Van Campen Day at the Van Campen Inn. Tours of the inn, apple cider pressing, hikes to the slave cemetery and Fort Shapanack; re-enactors. Noon to 5. **Walpack Historical Society**. Questions? 973-948-4903.

October 19— The 26th Annual **Lambertville Historical Society House Tour**, 11-5. See lambertvillehistoricalsociety.org for details and tickets. \$15 in advance, \$20 day of tour from Marshall Museum, 60 Bridge Street; 609-397-0770.

November 1—The Morris Canal at Lake Hopatcong, part of the **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum's** dinner program series. A dinner buffet will be followed by a PowerPoint presentation and lecture about the Morris Canal and its impact on Lake Hopatcong. 6:00 pm. \$25.00. The Arlington Restaurant. For details, call 973-398-2616.

November 8—Bus trip to Philadelphia Museum of Art (Architecture of the Quilt and Ella King Torrey Quilt Collection exhibits) plus city tour and visit to Reading Terminal Market (\$78). Proceeds to benefit the **Kenilworth Historical Society's** restoration of the 19th-century Nitschke House for transformation into a living history museum and cultural arts center. For further information/reservations, please call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434.

November 11—Historic Residential District Walking Tour. Meet at the Boardwalk on Main Street, 1:30 pm. **Boonton Historical Society**. Call 973-316-0976 for more information.

November 20—Ben Franklin Visits Boonton. Historian Jack Sherry will speak as Mr. Franklin, discussing his life and times and scientific exploits, including his experiments with electricity. A brief membership meeting precedes this presentation. **Boonton Historical Society**. 7 pm. Senior Center. Call 973-316-0976 for more information

November 29-30, December 6-7—Holiday Weekends. The **Montague Association for Restoration of Community History (M.A.R.C.H.)**. Foster-Armstrong House, (c.1790 National Register site within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area), 320 River Rd. (County Rte. 521), Montague. 1-4, weather-permitting. For more information, email us at ab1759hist@gmail.com or visit the MARCH website, www.montaguehistory.org.

December 6—Bus Trip to Brandywine River Museum and Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square, Pa.); lunch at Longwood Gardens (\$88). Proceeds to benefit the **Kenilworth Historical Society's** restoration of the 19th-century Nitschke House for transformation into a living history museum and cultural arts center. For further information/reservations, please call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434.

December 13 & 14—Doll Houses of the Past exhibit. Enjoy our step back in time during the Christmas Inn & House Tour. **Historical Society of Ocean Grove**, 10-4. Museum, 50 Pitman Avenue, 732-774-1869; info@oceangrovehistory.org.

NEW JERSEY BOOKSHELF

Noelle Sickels never set out to be a historical novelist, but she now has three published historical novels to her credit. “In each case,” she explained, “I was seduced by the germ of a compelling story that refused to be translated into a contemporary setting.” Her most recent novel, *The Medium*, was prompted by the true story of a medium convicted of witchcraft in London in 1944. But the tale Sickels eventually spun is a thoroughly American one. In *The Medium*, a young German-American woman struggles to understand and best use her powerful psychic abilities while also facing the challenges of life on the World War II home front in Bergen County, where the author grew up.

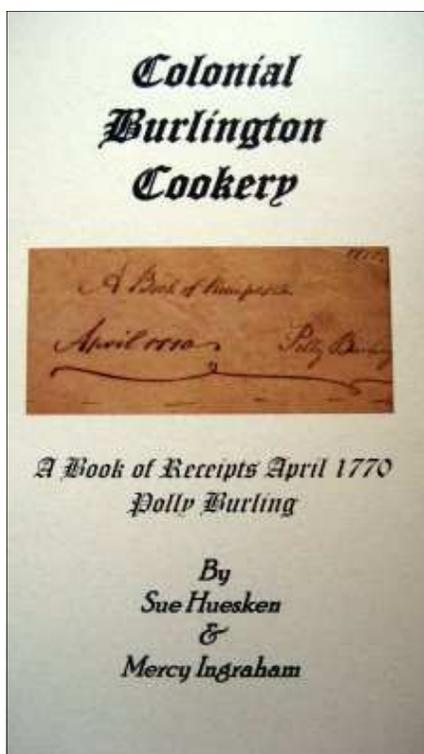
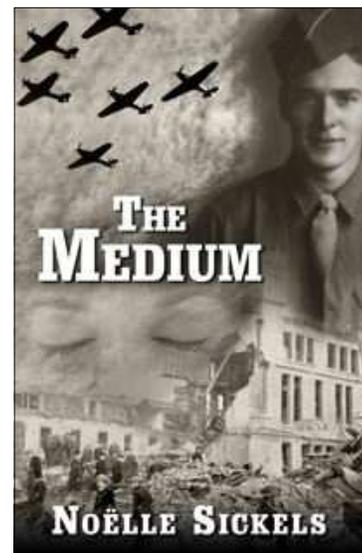
“I have always been curious about how large historical events play out in the lives of ordinary people,” Sickels said. “In *The Medium*, I wanted to create an authentic picture of daily life in New Jersey during the late 1930s and the war years. It’s a fascinating period in and of itself, but it’s particularly engaging for me because it was the era and locale in which my parents came of age.”

Sickels’s sources for details about daily life during the late Depression and World War II included *Days of Sadness, Years of Triumph* by Geoffrey Perrett, *Jerseyana* by Marc Mappen, *The History of Teaneck* by Mildred Taylor, *Bergen County Panorama* by the Works Project Administration, and *Bergen County: A Pictorial History*. Sickels discovered the latter two, and other useful materials, at the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark.

Critics have lauded *The Medium* as a gripping story of the supernatural and as a well-researched picture of the era. Patty Englemann, in *Booklist Review*, said, “Sickels’ in-depth portrayal of a young woman with an unusual gift sheds light on psychics, a little-understood group, and offers a vivid view of the home front.”

“But most gratifying to me,” Sickels said, “are the responses from New Jersey readers. When they say that they were moved by the story, or that I got the time and place down right, I count it as high praise indeed.”

The Medium is available at Amazon.com and bn.com, or through bookstores. If you have questions or comments for Noelle Sickels, you can contact her at noelvic@earthlink.net.



Colonial Burlington Cookery, A Book of Receipts April 1770 Polly Burling, by Sue Huesken & Mercy Ingraham. In 1770, Polly Burling started a small book of receipts, or what are now called recipes. It contained twenty-three receipts, including ones for baking, pickling & medicinal preparations. This predated the first published American cookbook by twenty five-years. In 2008, Sue Huesken and Mercy Ingraham made Polly’s work available for everyone to bake and enjoy. Historians will be delighted to see Polly’s handwritten receipts, as photographs of the original manuscript are included. Thirteen of the baking receipts have been interpreted for the modern cook, making these receipts accessible to a larger community. Included in the book is a historical backdrop of Polly’s life and times in colonial Burlington, New Jersey. Eating is a timeless pleasure. This small book aspires to please the taste buds, as well as satisfy a hunger for a taste of New Jersey history. The publication of this little known manuscript was recognized with a Burlington County Historic Preservation Award. Copies are now available wholesale for museum gift shops. Please contact the publisher (suggested retail \$12). For single copies, please send \$14 (\$12 plus \$2 shipping & tax) to the publisher. ISBN13 978-0-9648378-1-2; ISBN 0-9648378-1-1; Copyright © 2008; Ran-Mer Publishing, PO Box 542, Riverside, NJ 08075; RanMer33@verizon.net; 856-461-3369.

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 many member organizations that were formed to honor or remember a specific group of people. This is Part IV of a series highlighting those societies.

The **Merchants and Drovers Tavern Association** is dedicated to preserving the Merchants and Drovers Tavern (1795-1820) and to interpreting early tavern life and stagecoach transportation. The tavern, one of New Jersey's premier 19th century taverns and hotels, is located at the corner of St. Georges Avenue (Route 27) and Westfield Avenue in Rahway. It is recorded in the Historic American Buildings Survey and listed in the National and New Jersey Register of Historic Places. The association also own and operates the Abraham Terrill Tavern as the museum gift shop. The museum, restored to its 1820s appearance, opened to the public in 2001.

The association hosts many events, including a history lecture series, cemetery tours, an antiques auction, tavern night, a golf outing, and summer archaeology and history day camps for children. For more information, you may contact the association at The Merchants & Drovers Tavern Museum Association, P.O. Box 1842, Rahway, NJ 07065; 732-381-0441; www.merchantsanddrovers.org; mdtavernmuseum@aol.com.

The **Seton Hall University Archives & Special Collections Center** is located on the first floor of the Walsh Library building. This climate-controlled facility includes a spacious reading room with computer-wired research stations, microfilm readers, conference room, preservation lab, processing space, and a 4,000-square-foot storage vault. This repository serves as home to a wide-range of unique archival materials related to Seton Hall University, the Archdiocese of Newark, and Catholicism in New Jersey. In addition, the holdings have been enhanced by the presence of specialized political and religious manuscript collections, scores of rare books and prints, and an abundant and varied assemblage of specialized reference materials. The **New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission** (founded in 1976 and formerly known as the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission), also at Seton Hall, is a specially appointed board sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey and Seton Hall University, with its administrative offices within the Archives & Special Collections Center. The objective of the commission is to collect, preserve, and publish works related to the New Jersey Catholic history experience. Each year the NJCHC sponsors educational seminars on topical issues that highlight important aspects of Catholic history and works to support various projects in line with its ongoing mission of scholarship and public awareness. For more information on the Seton Hall University Archives & Special Collections Center or the New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission, you can consult their homepages at <http://library.shu.edu/sc-homepage.htm> or contact them at delozial@shu.edu or 973-275-2378.

The **New Jersey Scout Museum** was created in 2004 to preserve artifacts relating to the history of scouting (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) in New Jersey and to educate the public about scouting's role in our communities and nation in developing young people into responsible citizens and leaders. The museum is not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or the Girl Scouts of the USA. All funds for its operating expenses come from donations and memberships ("Friends of the Museum"). The Monmouth Council BSA graciously provides public exhibition space, in which the museum displays memorabilia of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA), an example of the 1911 Boy Scout uniform, a 1929 Jamboree photo album, memorabilia of Schiff Scout Reservation, and much more.

In 2003, Scout Executive Matt Thornton and Council President Jan Wouters (both of whom have a deep appreciation for history) designated some unused space on the second floor of the Monmouth service center. Matt approached the late Dave Wolverton with the idea of developing this space into a library and museum, since Dave had just written a book on the history of Monmouth Council and was an active collector/historian. Dave invited a number of people throughout the council who had an interest in scouting history to organize a committee to explore the idea. After many meetings and requests for artifacts, the museum opened in June 2004. For more information, please contact the museum at New Jersey Scout Museum, 705 Ginesi Road, Morganville, NJ 07751; 732-536-2347; www.njscoutmuseum.org. The museum is open on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm (except July, August, and holidays) and by appointment.



**THE LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES FALL MEETING
 HOSTED BY THE BOONTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 BOONTON, MORRIS COUNTY
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008**

- 9:00 AM Registration and refreshments
- 9:30 AM Welcome & Introductions
- 9:45 AM League Business Meeting; Dorothy Guzzo, executive director of the New Jersey Historic Trust, will speak on the Preserve America grants.
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Program Presented by Boonton Historical Society
- 12:00 Noon Lunch
- 1:00 PM Self-driving visits to historic Boonton events and places

of interest (map and directions available), including Boonton Museum & Gift Shop; cemetery tour with costumed hosts assuming the roles of prominent citizens of the town; an event sponsored by Boonton Main Street; and a walking tour of the historic residential district. Also open, the New Jersey Firemen's Museum (2 floors of antique fire equipment) in the former Lathrop Mansion and the historic Darress Theatre on Main Street.

HOTELS:

Embassy Suites
 909 Parsippany Boulevard
 Parsippany, NJ 07054
 973-402-1188

Sheraton Tara
 199 Smith Road
 Parsippany, NJ 07054

Courtyard by Marriott
 3769 Route 46E
 Parsippany, NJ 07054

Days Inn
 3159 Route 46E
 Parsippany, NJ 07054

For questions on October 11, please call Jayme at 973-479-3148 or Jennifer at 201-213-7044.
 For questions before October 11, please call Jennifer at 973-316-0976.

REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

Fee of \$20.00 includes luncheon of assorted wraps, pasta salad, chips, butter cookies and cold beverage.
 Please select from the following:

Chicken Wrap Roast Beef Wrap Ham & Cheese Wrap Tuna Salad Wrap

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Affiliation: _____

Please send check for \$20.00, payable to the Boonton Historical Society, 71 Dixon Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005. For more information, call 973-316-0976 or 973-479-3148 or e-mail Boontonthistory@yahoo.com.

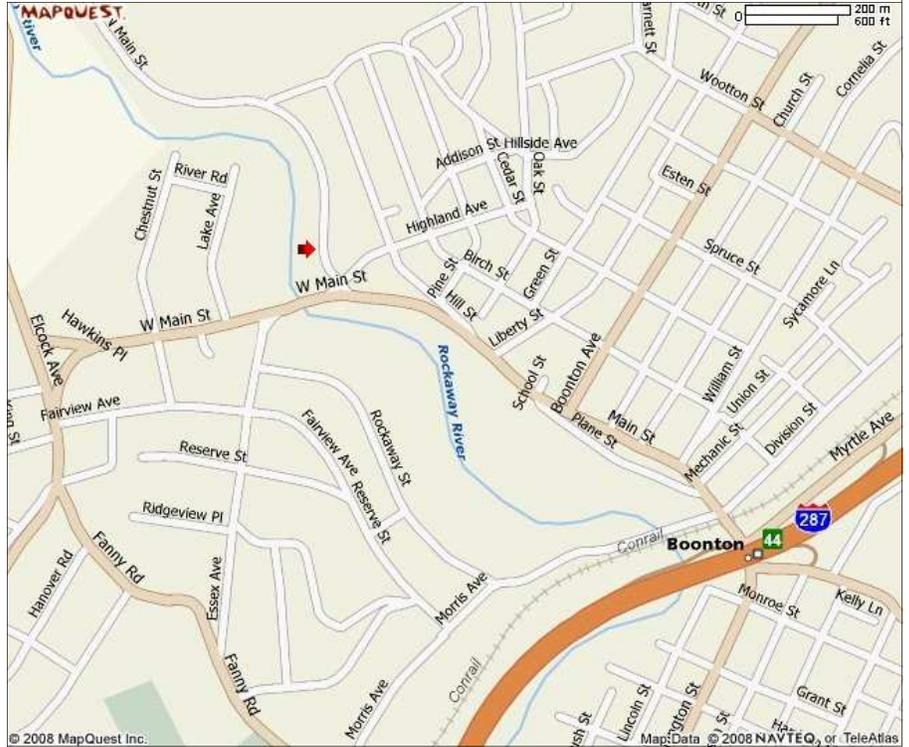
DIRECTIONS TO THE LEAGUE MEETING AT THE BOONTON SENIOR CENTER, 126 NORTH MAIN STREET, BOONTON

DIRECTIONS:

FROM NORTH: Take 287 South to exit 45 (Boonton). Turn left off ramp and go through two lights. At third light (Main Street .8 mile) make a right and go .6 miles up the hill along Main Street. When road makes a left turn (just after Mike's Automotive), take the right fork (North Main Street). The Senior Center is on the left. Park in the back.

FROM SOUTH: Take Route 287 North to Exit 44 (Main Street, Boonton) and follow the ramp around to the T-junction at Washington Street. Make a right (passing over 287 and through the light) and continue north .6 miles up the hill along Main Street. When the road makes a slight left turn (just after Mike's Automotive), take the right fork (North Main Street). The Senior Center is on the left. Park in the back.

FROM EAST OR WEST: Take Route 80 to exit 43 (from West) or 43B (from East) to Route 287 North. Then follow the directions above.



Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, Hunterdon
 County, June 14, 2008
 Boonton Historical Society, Morris County,
 October 11, 2008
 Tuckerton Seaport, Tuckerton, Ocean County,
 March 2009

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