



# LEAGUE NEWS

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

**Winter Meeting  
Toms River  
Ocean County  
March 11, 2006**

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### **New Jersey Historic Trust Recommends More Than \$1.3 Million in Historic Preservation Grants Across New Jersey**

Underscoring the state's commitment to historic preservation, the New Jersey Historic Trust recommended the awarding of \$1,304,922 in historic preservation grants. The funding will support the restoration and conservation of 41 historic sites throughout the state of New Jersey.

"New Jersey's historic treasures are the keys to our past," said Governor Richard J. Codey. "By preserving the parts of our history that have shaped the Garden State, we can better understand and embrace the common ground that we all share." The Garden State Preservation Trust and the New Jersey State Legislature must now approve all of the projects selected for funding before grant monies can be released. (continued on page three)

### **STATE MOURNS PASSING OF TWO FRIENDS OF NEW JERSEY HISTORY**

On Wednesday, December 21st, the history community lost two of its dearest friends. Former Secretary of State **Jane Burgio** passed away yesterday. Jane's long public service career included tours in local government and the New Jersey State Assembly before joining the administrations of Governor Thomas Kean as Secretary of State. During her terms she gathered the scattered arts and history agencies, commissions and boards into her department, nurturing them and supporting them as she sought to build both an arts community and a history community from the many small public groups. Both communities today are a testament to her vision and public support; she created the engines that now drive state policy in the funding and expansion of state services in the arts and history. We owe her a great debt.

**Charles F. Cummings**, Assistant Director of Special Collections and Statewide Outreach, passed away on December 21 after a brief illness. A valued employee since joining the Newark Public Library on July 15, 1963, he was recognized as the Newark City Historian. In addition to being the expert source for "everything Newark" as head of the Library's New Jersey Information Center, Mr. Cummings curated many exhibitions.

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**At the beginning of the new fiscal year, November 2005, the League dues were raised, for the first time in over a decade, to \$30 per organization and \$10 per individual. This increase is due to the fact that we take in \$4,000 and spend \$8,000. Since we had a surplus from years when we did not have newsletter, website, and staff costs, the Board did not want to increase dues to the true cost of operations until it was absolutely necessary. That time is now.**

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

Listed below are your officers and trustees:

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

First Vice President— J.B. Vogt  
Fellowship for Metlar House  
(two-year term)

Vice-President, Northern—  
John E. Chance  
Montclair Historical Society  
(two-year term)

Vice-President, Central—  
James T. Raleigh  
Friends of Monmouth Battlefield  
(two-year term)

Vice-President, Southern—  
Jean Lacey  
Ocean County Historical Society  
(two-year term)

Secretary— Kevin M. Hale  
Metuchen-Edison Historical  
Society (two-year term)

Treasurer— Dorothy M. Andrew  
Gloucester County Historical  
Society (two-year term)

Trustee, Southern—  
Sonia L. Forry  
Historical Preservation Society of  
Upper Township (two-year term)

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June Sheridan  
Atlantic County Historical Society  
(four-year term)

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Patricia Drummond  
Historical Association of  
Fair Haven (four-year term)

Trustee, Northern—  
Betty Hardy  
Madison Historical Society  
(four-year term)

Trustee, Central—  
William Fidurski  
Clark Historical Society  
(four-year term)

Trustee-at-Large—  
Robert R. Longcore  
Sussex County Historical Society

Trustee, Northern—  
Dorothy E. Johnson  
Oakeside-Bloomfield Cultural  
Center

Trustee, Central  
vacant

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

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, 2006. Please send all items to: Linda Barth, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; [barths@att.net](mailto: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.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members:

While I do not have a crystal ball, I believe the State of New Jersey may have more financial problems in 2006. It would not hurt matters to mention to your Assembly representatives and your State Senator, whenever you see them, how much we all value the Historical Commission, the New Jersey Historical Trust and the State Archives.

I do not need a crystal ball see that my term as President of the League is up at the Fall meeting. The nominating committee can use suggestions for regional representatives. Please consider letting Linda Barth know if you are interested in finding out more about the officers and committees of the League. We need members to reactivate the library committee and the school teachers New Jersey history committee.

Please take a moment to ask your local society treasurer if they have sent in the 2005-2006 dues. Please keep us informed about change in officers and mailing and email addresses

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## HISTORY COMMUNITY MOURNS PASSING (continued from page one)

Two examples are the current “*Photo by Dorer: American Photographer and New Jersey Chronicler*” exhibition and last summer’s *Newarks of the World*.

His “Knowing Newark” feature articles appeared regularly in the *Star-Ledger’s Newark This Week* section. He authored/coauthored several books, including *Remembering Essex: A Pictorial History of Essex County, New Jersey; Newark, The Golden Age; Newark, An American City*; and *History of Newark, New Jersey, 1666-2002*. Additionally, he provided valuable assistance to countless other authors’ published works. Mr. Cummings gave many tours of the neighborhoods of Newark and was a frequent speaker on these topics. A charter member of the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee, he dedicated his efforts to saving Newark’s historic buildings.

During his years at the Library, he received numerous awards and honors. Most recently, he was given the key to the city by Mayor Sharpe James. He was the co-recipient of the 2005 Public Humanities Award from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities for his exemplary work in the public humanities. The American Library Association’s History Section of the Reference and User Services Association’s presented him with the “Genealogical Publishing Company/History Section Award.” Also acknowledged were Mr. Cummings’ forty years of public service at the Library, his twenty years as an academic instructor, his twenty-plus years of service to the American Library Association’s history section, and his authorship of countless professional-journal articles and newspaper columns.

Mr. Cummings was an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University and a much sought-after speaker on topics relating to Newark.

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## NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST GRANTS (continued from page one)

The Historic Trust administers the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund, which was created to promote historic preservation, and encourage joint preservation efforts by the public and private sectors. It funds both capital projects and planning projects for historic preservation.

Since 1990, the Trust has awarded a total of \$96.26 million in matching grants to 455 preservation projects through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund and the Historic Preservation Bond Program. This is the fifth round of funding under the current matching grant program, which was established by a voter-approved ballot initiative to preserve open space, farmland and historic sites.

Established in 1967, the New Jersey Historic Trust is the only nonprofit historic preservation organization in New Jersey created by state law. In November 2002, the Trust officially became an affiliate of the Dept. of Community Affairs, in an effort to better realign the state's smart growth initiatives with historic revitalization.

### 2005 Historic Site Management Grant Projects (listed in alphabetical order by municipality)

Mary Etta Cox House Outbuildings, Barnegat, Ocean County, \$46,660 to the township  
Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook, Bound Brook, Somerset County, \$29,178 to the church  
St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Bridgeton, Bridgeton, Cumberland County, \$14,972 to the church  
St. Mary's Hall-Doane Academy, Burlington, Burlington County, \$15,225 to Trustees of Burlington College  
Battleship New Jersey, Camden, Camden County, \$11,099 to the Home Port Alliance for the USS New Jersey  
Camden Collaboration (Walt Whitman House, Pomona Hall, Harleigh Cemetery), Camden, Camden County, \$24,000 to South Jersey Tourism Corporation  
Cape Island Presbyterian Church, Cape May, Cape May County, \$50,000 to Cape May State Playhouse  
Kirkpatrick Memorial Presby. Church, East Amwell, Hunterdon County, \$39,596 to the church  
Edgewater Municipal Building, Edgewater, Bergen County, \$27,810 to the borough  
Fleming Castle, Flemington, Hunterdon County, \$18,750 to the borough  
Pittstown Station, Franklin Township, Hunterdon County \$15,750 to the township

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## HISTORIC TRUST GRANTS (continued from page three)

Glen Ridge Municipal Complex, Glen Ridge, Essex County, \$10,500 to the borough  
Greenwich Lower Meeting Hs. and Cemet., Greenwich, Cumberland County, \$5,000 to the Greenwich Friends Meeting  
Glen Alpin, Harding, Morris County, \$50,000 to the township  
Stockton Street Historic District, Hightstown, Mercer County, \$42,298 to the borough  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hope, Warren County, \$11,021 to the church  
Ellis Island Laundry Building, Jersey City, Hudson County, \$50,000 to Save Ellis Island  
Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, Madison County, Morris County, \$23,557 to Madison Masonic Lodge No. 93  
Life-Saving Station, Manasquan, Manasquan, Monmouth County, \$32,047 to the borough  
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Millington, Millington, Morris County, \$12,461 to the church  
Millville Army Airfield Hanger #8, Millville, Cumberland County, \$50,000 to Millville Army Air Field Museum  
Upper Montclair Bellvue Ave. Library, Montclair, Essex County, \$50,000 to Montclair Township Library  
Evergreens, Crane & Clark Houses, Montclair, Essex County, \$28,960 to Montclair Historical Society  
First Baptist Church of Mount Holly, Mount Holly, Burlington County, \$49,995 to the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Holly  
Convent of Saint Peter the Apostle, New Brunswick, Middlesex County, \$43,778 to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen  
Ballantine Mansion Carriage House, Newark, Essex County, \$50,000 to the Newark Museum Association  
South Park Calvary Presbyterian Church, Newark, Essex County, \$50,000 to Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District  
Temple B'nai Abraham, Newark, Essex County, \$24,497 to the Deliverance Evangelistic Center  
Octagon Shelter at Branch Brook Park, Newark, Essex County, \$41,756 to the Branch Brook Park Alliance  
Orange Free Public Library, Orange, Essex County, \$38,325 to the library  
Eastside Park Horse Stable, Paterson, Passaic County, \$50,000 to Eastside Neighborhood Association  
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, Mercer County, \$49,995 to the seminary  
Telegraph Building, Salem, Salem County, \$14,552 to Preservation Salem, Inc.  
Alphonso Eakin House and Bathhouse, Salem, Salem County, \$18,000 to the Salem County Historical Society  
District 98 Schoolhouse, Stockton, Hunterdon County, \$22,462 to the Stockton Board of Education  
Dickinson Mansion/East Trenton Library, Trenton, Mercer County, \$25,748 to Trenton Public Libraries  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Trenton, Mercer County, \$26,250 to the church  
Trenton Friends Meeting House, Trenton, Mercer County, \$42,775 to the meeting  
Port Colden United Methodist Church, Washington, Warren County, \$27,000 to the church  
Peachfield and Old School House, Westampton, Burlington County, \$49,155 to the National Society of the Colonial Dames in America in New Jersey  
Mount Zion Cemetery, Woolwich Township, Gloucester County, \$21,750 to Historical and Educational Lodge-Hall Preservatory

For questions about the grants, please contact Catherine Goulet, Principal Historic Preservation Specialist, NJ Historic Trust; 609-984-7071; [cgoulet@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:cgoulet@dca.state.nj.us)

## INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW MEMBERS...



...to become individual members of the League. For just \$10, individual subscribers may receive their own copy of the *League News*. But equally important, the contributions of these subscribers help to support the work of the League: publicizing local events and advocating for both local and statewide projects. Individuals may send their dues, payable to League of Historical Societies of New Jersey (LHSNJ), to Dorothy Pietrowski, League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, P.O. Box 909, Madison, New Jersey 07940.

Thanks for spreading the word in your own society.

## IDEAS-4-U

by Jack Chance

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](http://www.njch.org).

## NEW JERSEY AUTHOR RECEIVES AWARD

Margaret Thomas Buchholz's new book, *New Jersey Shipwrecks: 350 Years in the Graveyard of the Atlantic*, has won the Foundation for Coast Guard History's annual Regional History Award. This national recognition is presented to an author whose works have significantly contributed to furthering public awareness of Coast Guard heritage.

Foundation judges called the book "a brilliantly researched chronicle of shipwrecks along the New Jersey shore from 1642 to the present day." A review of the book in the U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association's *Wreck and Rescue Journal* said *Shipwrecks* "stands out among the best books written on Coast Guard history during the year 2004."

"The perils of mariners who are caught in the vicissitudes of Mother Nature and an unforgiving sea are as real today as in yesteryear, and the Coast Guard often remains the last hope for deliverance from disaster," Foundation Chairman Howard B. Thorsen, Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard (retired) said. *New Jersey Shipwrecks*, a large-format hardcover published by Down The Shore Publishing, takes readers on a gripping voyage through the "Graveyard of the Atlantic," with first-person accounts, historical reports, and 142 photos and illustrations.

"It's important to make history as accessible as possible, and I think I've brought to life the experience of the struggle to save wrecked mariners along our coast, especially when the story is told in the words of the survivors and rescu-

ers," said Ms. Buchholz. "I am, of course, thrilled that the Foundation for Coast Guard History agrees with me and am greatly honored to win their award, especially as my great-grandfather was a Keeper with the Lifesaving Service and my father served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary during world War II."

Ms. Buchholz is also the co-author of *Great Storms of the Jersey Shore* and editor of the historical anthology *Shore Chronicles: Diaries and Travelers' Tales from the Jersey Shore 1764-1955*. Born in Manhattan, she was brought by her parents to Long Beach Island, NJ, just in time to be evacuated by the Coast Guard during a northeaster. After college, she purchased *The Beachcomber*, a Jersey Shore weekly newspaper, and has published it seasonally for 35 years.

She resides in Harvey Cedars on Long Beach Island, where her family has been coming since 1833.

## HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

**The Ageless Appeal of Dolls: Our Collection and Yours**—This new temporary exhibit features dolls dating from the early 1800s to the present day; many have special ties to residents in Salem County. Doll enthusiasts will recognize a variety of classic dolls including examples of Effanbees, Greiners, and Bebe Jumeaus. Salem County Historical Society, 83 Market Street; **through May 31, 2006**; Tue-Sat 12-4; \$3 nonmembers; FREE (members); 856-935-5004; [salemcounty.com/schs](http://salemcounty.com/schs).

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**The African-American Experience in Salem County**—The Society will conduct an extensive oral history project related to Salem County's African-American Heritage. Training the interviewers, identifying those willing to share their experiences, conducting video-taped interviews, culminating in a DVD program to be presented in February 2006. Salem County Historical Society, 83 Market Street, Salem; **thru Feb-28-06**; free; call for times: 856-935-5004; [salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com).

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

**Rotating and Permanent Galleries**—Quarterly exhibitions by African American artists. Items of cultural and historical significance to the African American community from the permanent collection. **African American Heritage Museum of Southern NJ**, 661 Jackson Road, Newtonville; **Apr-01-06 thru Jun-30-06**; Tue-Sat 10-4; FREE (donations requested); 609-704-7262; <http://www.aahmsnj.org/>

**Transit Drivers, Honeymooners, Midwives: Collecting and Telling New Jersey Stories**—"Meet" New Jerseyans who bring New Jersey history to life through objects and documents from the Historical Society's museum and library in this interactive 160th Anniversary Exhibition. **The New Jersey Historical Society**, 52 Park Place, Newark; **thru Aug-31-06**; Tue-Sat 10-5; FREE; 973-596-8500; [www.jerseyhistory.org](http://www.jerseyhistory.org)

**Back to the '50s: The Life and Times of Doo Wop Design Exhibit**—This exhibit will display 1950's artifacts from the Doo Wop Preservation League's collection. **Carriage House Gallery on the grounds of the Physick Estate**, 1048 Washington Street, Cape May; **May 26 thru Sep-03-06**; Mon-Sun 10-4; \$2 (adult); \$1 (child age 3-12); 609-884-5404; [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org)

**Salem County Historical Society Quarterly Meeting**—Dolores Pfeuffer-Scherer will present the poems of Mary Burroughs for Women's History Month, during the Society's Quarterly Meeting. **Salem County Historical Society**, 83 Market Street, Salem; **Mar-12-06**; Sun at 1:30 PM; FREE; 856-935-5004; [salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com)

**In The Good Ole Summer Time: The Evolution of the Swimsuit Exhibit**—This exhibit looks at the changes in swimwear over the decades. See how styles have changed with the times from the wool dresses to the itchy-bitsy bikini. **Tuckerton Seaport**, 120 West Main Street (Rt. 9), PO BOX 52, Tuckerton; **Apr-01 thru Sep-30-06**; Mon– Sun 10-4:30; FREE (w/admin. to seaport); 609-296-8868; [www.tuckertonseaport.org](http://www.tuckertonseaport.org)

**Paperweight Fest**—Paperweight dealers and artists will have booths in the Event Center. Sign up for the weekend or come for the day. Special demonstrations in Glass Studio. **Wheaton Village**, 1501 Glasstown Rd., Exit 26, Rt. 55, Millville; **May-19-20-06**; Sat-Sun 10-5; \$10; \$9; \$7; FREE (Children five & under); 800- 998-4552; [www.wheatonvillage.org](http://www.wheatonvillage.org)

**Canal Day at Waterloo Village**—Mules, music, tours of canal sites, rowboat rides on the Morris Canal; Waterloo Village, Waterloo Road, Stanhope (Exit 25 from I-80); **June 10-06**; free with admission to the village; 11-4; [www.waterloovillage.org](http://www.waterloovillage.org) or [www.CanalSocietyNJ.org](http://www.CanalSocietyNJ.org).



## ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM

The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey announces the **ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM** and invites its member organizations to submit entries. Awards will be given for works published in the year 2005, in the following categories:

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

For works published in 2005, awards will be presented at the League meeting in **March 2006**. Deadline for submission of entries: **JANUARY 31, 2006**. Send entries to: **Publication Awards Committee, League of Historical Societies of NJ, New Jersey Historical Society, 52 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102**. There is no application form; just send a brief cover letter.

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



### 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. Beginning with this issue, we will spotlight our members, so that others may learn of their mission and accomplishments.

The League has five member organizations that begin with the word “Union.” Let’s get to know them and what makes each distinct. Two have the exact same name: **Union Township Historical Society**.

Located in **Hunterdon County**, near Clinton, this western Union Township was named for the old Union Forge, a foundry that manufactured cannon balls for the Continental Army during the Revolution. The society has published [Rural Recollections](#), which contains a wealth of information on the history of the township. Several years ago they began a museum in the former municipal building on Perryville Road. One of the prized items is a piece of iron from the old forge. You may contact the society at Union Township Historical Society, 140 Perryville Road, Clinton, NJ 08809; 908-638-5982.

The other **Union Township Historical Society**, located in **Union County**, focuses on the area originally known as Connecticut Farms. Each year on June 7th the society sponsors Hannah Caldwell Day; public school students are invited to spend the afternoon learning about the Rev. James and Hannah Caldwell, who lived in the parsonage during the Revolutionary War. The group, founded in 1957 to save the Caldwell Parsonage, has collected many artifacts, including over 1000 photos, furniture, and clothing, depicting the township’s history. You may contact the society at the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, NJ 07083; 908-687-7977; [caldwellparson@aol.com](mailto:caldwellparson@aol.com).

The **Union County Historical Society**, as its name suggests, studies and preserves the history of Union County. Organized in 1869, the society shares the historic Hanson House with the Cranford Historical Society. The society publishes a newsletter and sponsors six meetings a year, featuring speakers and topics of historical interest. The society works closely with the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in presenting the annual “Four Centuries in a Weekend” program. You may contact the Union County Historical Society at 38 Springfield Ave, Cranford, NJ 07016; 908-276-0082. The Hanson House is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00-noon.

Working hand in hand with the county society is the **Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs**, headquartered in Elizabeth. This division of county government creates, supports and encourages programs that promote public interest and participation in the arts, history and culture. Among these is the very popular “Four Centuries in a Weekend.” This annual event, held on the third weekend in October,

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features twenty-three historic sites and museums that all open and charge no admission on that weekend. The division administers two grant programs to support history projects. You may contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202; 908-558-2550; [www.unioncountynj.org/cultural/index.htm](http://www.unioncountynj.org/cultural/index.htm); [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org).

Organized in 1973, the **Union Landing Historical Society**, in Monmouth County, preserves and studies the history of Brielle and its environs. The society has restored and documented the Osborn Family Burial Ground on Holly Hill Drive, established the 9-11 Memorial Garden on Riverview Drive, and placed markers at various historical sites in Brielle. Field trips, school programs, library displays, and an annual Antiques Roadshow are among the many activities of this busy group. Other annual events include the society's Old Fashioned Sarsaparilla Sale at Brielle Day and the October Harvest Home Dinner. The Union Landing Historical Society meets throughout the year at the Curtis House on 644 Union Lane. You may contact the society at P.O. Box 473, Brielle, NJ 08730; 732-223-9584; [www.briellehistory.org](http://www.briellehistory.org).

### UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS

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| June 3, 2006    | Hopewell Valley Historical Society, Mercer County  |
| October 7, 2006 | Closter Historical Society, Bergen County          |
| March 2007      | Longport Historical Society, Atlantic County       |
| June 2007       | Highlands Historical Society, Monmouth County      |
| October 2007    | Northern Region—TO BE ANNOUNCED                    |
| March 2008      | 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](mailto: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.**

### Survey of County-wide Historical Societies in New Jersey

Ever wonder how county-wide historical societies compare and contrast in New Jersey? Rachel Rodgers, Museum Curator/Executive Director of the Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society, designed and implemented a survey of county-wide historical societies as coursework towards a Master of Arts degree in Museum Education at The University of the Arts, Philadelphia.

Of the twenty-one counties in New Jersey, eighteen have "county-wide" historical societies that collect and interpret objects and documents from within the county's geographic boundaries. The goal of the survey was to answer the question, "Who are the visitors/patrons of county-wide historical societies in New Jersey and do programs, services and initiatives aid in increasing their numbers?" The survey compares New Jersey county-wide historical societies with regard to programs/services, visitation, background, staff/volunteers and governance/finance.

The sixteen participating societies were Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Union and Warren Counties. The survey's details the similarities and differences between the county-wide historical societies in the state, draws conclusions, and makes suggestions and recommendations for further research. Anyone involved in a historical society, large or small, may find the results and comments interesting and pertinent.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the survey's conclusions (emailed or hard copy), please contact Rachel at [rachierodg@yahoo.com](mailto:rachierodg@yahoo.com) or 609-465-3535.





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**Spring Meeting—Hopewell Valley, Mercer County—  
June 3, 2006**  
**Fall Meeting—Closter, Bergen County  
October 7, 2006**  
**Winter Meeting—Longport, Atlantic County  
March 2007**

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