



LEAGUE NEWS

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League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

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LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF NEW JERSEY 2006 PUBLICATION AWARDS

The following awards for works published in 2006 were presented at the League meeting on March 10, 2007, in Longport:

Pamphlets:

1st Place: *Treasures: The Historic Sites of Middlesex County*
Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission

2nd Place: *UnCommon Clay: New Jersey's Architectural Terra Cotta Industry*
Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission

3rd Place: *Our Long Endurance: New Jersey During the Civil War*
Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission

Honorable Mention: *The Peninsula at the Crossroads* by Michael K. Kostelnik, Bayonne Historical Society, Inc.

Books:

1st Place: *The Ideal Suburb, Haddon Heights Remembered*
by Jodi Clark and Jack Witzig
Haddon Heights Historical Society

2nd Place: *Bloomfield Revisited*
by Frederick Branch and Jean Kuras
Bloomfield Historical Society

3rd Place: *Once Upon a Time* by Jean-Rae Turner
Union County Historical Society

Newsletters:

1st Place: *The Lakeview Record*
Jamesburg Historical Association

2nd Place: *On the Level*
The Canal Society of New Jersey

3rd Place: *Historic Little Falls*
Little Falls Township Historical Society, Inc.

Brochures:

1st Place: *History Projects Cards*
Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission

2nd Place: *Membership Brochure*
Cranford Historical Society, Inc

DVDs:

1st Place: *Doo Wop Motels of the Wildwoods*
The Wildwood Crest Historical Society

2nd Place: *The History of Green Township*
Green Township Historical Society

Posters:

1st Place: *Indian Queen Tavern, East Jersey Olde
Towne Village*
Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission

2nd Place: *East Jersey Olde Towne Village*
Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission

Calendars:

1st Place: Union Township Historical Society 50th Anniversary 2007 Calendar, Union Township Historical Society

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

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Haddon Heights Historical Society
(two-year term)

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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

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Trustee, Northern (2008)

Betty Hardy
Madison Historical Society

Trustee, Central (2010)

Mary Swarbrick
Fellowship for Metlar House

Trustee, Central (2008)
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Clark Historical Society

Trustee, Southern (2010)

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Trustee, Southern (2008)

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Trustee-at-Large (2008)

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Historical Association of Fair Haven

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Sussex County Historical Society

Historian (2008)

John Chance
Montclair Historical Society

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

Executive Director

Linda J. Barth

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Bernard Bush
Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society

Ruth Kane Fern
Passaic County Historical Society

DEADLINE: Submissions for the August issue of *League News* must be on the editor's desk no later than July 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. Photo- graphs will be scanned and returned. Digital photographs should be submitted in .jpeg or .tiff.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March 2007

I want to thank the organizers and attendees of our meeting in Longport in our southern region. It was wonderful to see so many different and diverse groups represented. The League and Longport presentations and activities were clearly appreciated.

In League business I discussed the possibility of considering a New Jersey Historical Commission General Operating Support (GOS) Grant and received some useful input and some volunteers to help in the grant application.

The League has made significant progress in the quality and content of both our newsletter and our website. For the next two-year grant period, I received support for an application to expand and improve our website. These improvements would provide more information and services to our member organizations and to the interested public. With the wide range of interests and scopes of our member organizations of both media, ranging from state and county to municipal and local sites, it is worth considering what League resources could be of most value.

My proposal would create an electronic version of our Membership Directory, which includes contact information and links to each society. The information would be posted on our website to aid in developing more cooperative programming among the societies in each region. Member organizations may then coordinate activities, share similar interests, and benefit from the experience or resources of one another. Electronically, historical groups in the twenty-one counties will be connected.

We will include a state map that will graphically illustrate each of our three regions and depict the location of each member society. This feature should expand communications between our members and may have appeal to the larger historical community.

Sincerely,
James T. Raleigh

WERE YOU AT LONGPORT? IF NOT, YOU MISSED A GREAT MEETING!

Over seventy-five history buffs spent a balmy Saturday in Longport on March 10 at the annual winter meeting. Representing thirty-six historical societies, they came from all over the state - from Bloomfield in the north right down to the southernmost tip of Cape May.

What a fantastic impression League members made on the residents of Longport. Unsolicited compliments were flying around our tiny borough all last week, comments such as "...the true definition of ladies and gentlemen.....such interesting people to talk to....what a great group of people...comfortable people who are so interested in so many things."

My favorite comment came from a neighbor who watched all the groups walking around town – "It's so nice to see a group of people who cared enough to dress for the occasion." This long-time Longport resident said it reminded him of when his family used to go to the Boardwalk in Atlantic City to watch the Easter Fashion Parade. And last but not least, one of our town residents stopped in at Borough Hall to see what was going on and ended up spending the entire day.

The first highlight of the morning was the presentation of the publication awards – and the chance afterwards to look at samples and pick up new ideas. Of special interest to all was the talk given by Ruth C. Gold about Miriam's Dream Bindery – a group of volunteers who have learned the skill of restoring old books and whose services and talents are available to all interested groups.

Our local historical society was proud to show part of our video, "Longport – The Way We Were." In our hearts we know it is time to update the material - both historically and technologically. But to us, hearing the voice of the narrator is so special –the voice of Michael Cohen – the man who twenty years ago collected a group of people who didn't know each other and made us into a cohesive group that not only works well together but has fun at the same time.

The afternoon events were probably as enjoyable for our local volunteers as for our guests – the visit to the Historic Church of the Redeemer to view the Willet stained glass windows, climbing the many stairs to peek into the nooks and crannies of a well-lived-in Victorian home, and finally a chance to visit our museum – a well beloved casual meeting place for borough residents and visitors.

We here in Longport thank you for sharing the day with us. Putting together the day's event highlighted something we know but often forget.

Mary Sue Lovett

KENNETH JACKSON AWARD FOR CAMDEN BOOK

In January Professor Howard Gillette's book, Camden After the Fall: Decline and Renewal in a Post-Industrial City, received the Urban History Association's Kenneth Jackson Award for Best Book. Also the winner of the Author's Award of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, the book chronicles the history

D.A.R. CHAPTER HONORS HISTORIAN MYRA SNOOK

On Saturday, February 24, the Chinkchewunaska Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented its History Award to Myra Snook. At a dinner at the Lafayette House, Myra was honored for her many years of work on a variety of research projects in Warren and Sussex counties.

A retired school librarian in the Sparta school district, she serves on the Warren County Morris Canal Committee, developing signage for the Morris Canal. For the Warren County Historical Learning Center at Bread Lock Park, Myra has created a series of brochures: walking tours of Port Murray, Port Warren, and Port Colden; potato bread recipes; and the role of mules. She also serves as an interpreter at the park.

For the Canal Society of New Jersey, Myra has just completed a huge project, sorting, numbering, recording, and archiving over 800 photographs and 150 documents from the collection of Barbara Kalata, canal author and historian. She created exhibits on ice harvesting and inclined planes for the museum of the Canal Society of New Jersey. Myra also serves as the president of the Friends of High Point, for whom she helped catalog and archive historic photographs.

LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS...



Thanks to Roberta Dodd (rdodd10@earthlink.net), of the Hardwick Township Historical Society, for sharing the following from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She had inquired about the roles of officers vs. trustees.

Roberta learned that the officers take care of the business of the society, while the trustees set policy and approve anything to do with property owned by the society. She recommends the National Trust booklet entitled, "Board Development for Nonprofit Preservation Organizations." It costs \$8, and Roberta thinks that every historical society should have at least one copy. She ordered one for each officer on her board.

A catalog of preservation books and publications can be ordered by calling 202-588-6296 or writing to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Dept. #15, Washington, DC 20055-0015. Order by fax (202-588-6474) or online (www.preservationbooks.org). A 10% discount is available for members of the National Trust.

These books are very useful not only for historical societies involved in a historic preservation project, but for other subjects involving the administration of these groups.

Thank you for sharing the letter from Bob Grabowsky, of the Stillwater Historical Society, on membership issues. It's great that the League can serve as a catalyst for exchange among New Jersey historical societies.

Regards, Gerald Weaber, Historical Society of Riverton

Disclaimer: Please note that the opinions expressed by our correspondents are the opinions of individuals are not necessarily those of the League.

New Jersey Historic Preservation Conference: Our Towns, Our Land, Our Heritage: Sustaining New Jersey's Legacy

New Jersey's annual historic preservation conference will take place on May 23, 2007, at Drew University. Titled "Our Towns, Our Land, Our Heritage: Sustaining New Jersey's Legacy," the conference will mark the fortieth anniversary of the creation of the New Jersey Historic Sites Council and the New Jersey Historic Trust, and will celebrate one of the earliest and most successful statewide preservation programs in the country. Conference participants will discuss strategies to chart a course for the protection of New Jersey's historic and environmental resources. Individuals with an interest in historic preservation and/or the protection of the natural environment are encouraged to attend.

For the first time, conference organizers are planning two pre-conference events. On May 22, a bus tour of Morris County historic sites will include visits to Acorn Hall, Macculloch Hall, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Craftsman Farms, and Historic Speedwell. That evening, a reception recognizing forty years of volunteer stewardship will be held at Fosterfields, the 19th century home of Caroline Foster and New Jersey's first designated living historical farm. Past and current leaders in the preservation movement will be honored during the event, which will feature a commemorative program and tours of the site.

Conference workshops the following day at Drew University will explore ways in which the historic preservation and environmental communities are working together to protect and preserve the important cultural landscapes, communities, and landmarks that tell New Jersey's stories. State and nationally recognized experts will explore the linkages between heritage and eco-tourism, reflect on successful advocacy efforts for long term environmental and heritage stewardship, and lead a field session on historically sensitive urban redevelopment. The conference will culminate in a reception held in Drew University's beautifully restored Mead Hall.

Primary conference organizers: New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Preservation New Jersey, New Jersey Historic Trust, Morris County Park Commission, Morris County Visitors Center, Crossroads of the American Revolution Association, and the Morris County Heritage Commission. Hosts: Drew University and Friends of Mead Hall.

For conference information and registration material, visit www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo or call 609-292-6062.

LEAGUE FINDS A HOME FOR THE DAYBOOK OF THE RARITAN HOUSE

The Cape May Historical Society wished to de-accession the Daybook of the Raritan House, an establishment owned by Baker & Iszard in 1866. This fascinating log begins on Monday, June 11, 1866; it names each guest who stayed there, where they came from, the number of the room they occupied, and a note of whether they had breakfast, lunch, dinner or supper. Many guests were sea captains; a few were families, some from great distances. The daybook measures 12" x 18" and is about three inches thick and in fragile condition.

The location of the Raritan House is not known, so finding a proper new home for it was a task which the League was happy to undertake. After considering several possible seacoast repositories, it was decided that locating it somewhere along the Raritan seemed most appropriate. Alexander Library was the first choice and, when approached by the League, Ron Becker was pleased to accept this interesting resource. On February 9, JB Vogt officially handed the Daybook over to Special Collections where it will be easily accessible to future researchers.

If you know the location of the Raritan House, please contact JB Vogt at jbvogt@patmedia.net or Linda Barth at 908-722-7428.

PRESENTATION AVAILABLE ON BARNs AND SIMILAR BUILDINGS

Mark Pilipski, author of *The Old Barn Book: Building with Timbers, Building with Stone*, has prepared a slide lecture that explains how to determine the age of barns and similar buildings by observing construction elements and examining historic records. Mark's program includes searching property records, settlement patterns, historic barn designs, material manufacture, and personal experiences.

If your society would like to schedule this presentation, please contact Mark at 17 Deborah Court, Robbinsville, NJ 08691; 973-614-9101 or 609-259-5980.

NEW JERSEY BOOKSHELF

"Doo Wop Motels: Architectural Treasures Of The Wildwoods" by Kirk Hastings; \$19.95; Trade paperback, 128 pages, 130 color photos, 7¼" x 9½"; Available March, 2007; KirkHastings2@aol.com.



"You don't have to be from Wildwood to love *Doo Wop Motels*, a brilliant and poignant treatise on a unique beach resort's commercial architecture from the 1950s and 1960s. The perfect summer read under a plastic palm!" -- Carolyn Travis, Travesty Productions, Producer of the award-winning 2004 documentary *Wildwood Days*, seen on PBS

The three southern New Jersey beach resorts of North Wildwood, Wildwood, and Wildwood Crest—known collectively as "The Wildwoods"—have recently been the subject of widespread attention because of their unique concentration of surviving mid-century commercial buildings. Known on the east coast as "Doo Wop"—a reference to the type of rock and roll music popular in the local nightclubs during the time the architecture was designed and built—the style is mostly represented in the resorts' motels, built between 1956 and 1970.

Wildwood's unique buildings have been featured as cover stories in publications such as *Smithsonian* and *Preservation* magazines, as well as *Newsweek*, *Travel & Leisure*, *Architecture Week*, and *USA Today*. They have also appeared in articles in *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Philadelphia Daily News*, *The Baltimore Sun*, and other major newspapers.

This fun, colorful book recounts the stories and histories of these motels and their builders and describes their special features in glorious detail—features such as angled roofs, kidney-shaped swimming pools, leaning walls, various boomerang and amoeba shapes, huge plate glass windows, imaginatively-designed neon signs—and even plastic palm trees!

Kirk Hastings grew up in Wildwood Crest, just a few blocks away from the community's large Doo Wop motel district. He has been president of the Wildwood Crest Historical Society since 1995 and a contributing member of Wildwood's Doo Wop Preservation League since 2004. He now lives in Somers Point (just a few miles north of Wildwood via the Garden State Parkway) with his wife Sally, an elementary school teacher, and works as a graphic designer and freelance writer.

(Editor's note: Kirk Hastings won the 2006 League Publication Award for the DVD, *Doo Wop Motels of the Wildwoods*.)

HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

WWII Veterans—Explore the role of local WWII veterans; see a Japanese flag autographed by Japanese prisoners; weapons and equipment of both sides. **The Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society Museum**, 4 Park Place, Cranbury. **Now through Memorial Day 2007**; 609-860-1889; jerryjev@comcast.net.

“From Budapest To Allentown: A Hungarian Artist In America” - John Kurz 1907-1990. This exhibition features the work of János Antal Kürz, who emigrated from Hungary via Brazil. Once in America, as both an artist and a teacher, he explored media and modes of expression that took him far from his early training under Rudnay, Csók and Glatz. His paintings and drawings will be shown, along with serigraphs and collages, in this retrospective exhibition marking the 100th anniversary of his birth. **Through September 2, 2007.** **American Hungarian Foundation**, 300 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; 732-846-5777; info@ahfoundation.org.

Quilts Through History—Quilt expert Barbara Garrett walks through quilt history using reproduction doll quilts for illustration. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own quilts for a show and share. **The Historical Society of Moorestown**, Moorestown Community House, 16 East Main Street, Moorestown; **April 19**, 7:30 pm; historic08057@hotmail.com; www.Moorestown.com/history; 856-235-0353.

Annual Antique Roadshow—Clara Johnson, of Point Pleasant Antique Emporium, and Col. Bob Randolph will be the appraisers. \$5 donation/item to be appraised. **Union Landing Historical Society**, Curtis House, 644 Union Lane, Brielle. **Saturday, April 21**; 2 pm. For more information, call John Belding, 732-528-5867; shop@sandscripts.com.

16th Annual Benefit Auction—Metlar Bodine House Museum sponsors an auction at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Piscataway, on **Saturday, April 28**. For an invitation or further information, please call the Fellowship for Metlar House, 732-463-8363.

Stone Carving Workshop— Learn the art of stone carving with acclaimed master stone carver Franco Minervini. In conjunction with the new exhibit, Building the Building: Elements of Style, the **Museum of Early Trades & Crafts** will offer adults a 3-day workshop; participants may assist in the carving of a replica of a gargoyle Minervini created for the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. **Saturday, April 21, April 28, & May 5**, 10 am-1 pm; fee: \$60, members; \$75, non-members (includes all three classes). For a brochure or more information, call 973-377-2982 x10.

Pre-Mother’s Day Tea—The Ewing Township Historic Preservation Society will sponsor this annual event. Honor your mother, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, and friends in poetry and song. **Sunday May 6**, 2 pm. Please call 609-883-2455 to make reservations.

Bus Trip to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum—Explore historic St. Michaels, Maryland on **Sunday, May 6**. Co-sponsored by the **Cape May County Museum and the Avalon Museum**. \$35 bus fare, plus \$8.50 museum admission. Boat excursion; lunch; shopping on your own. For more information, call the county museum 609 465-3535 or the Avalon Museum, 609 967-0090.

The Morris Canal—Bill Moss, past president of the Canal Society of New Jersey, will present a slide show about the mountain-climbing Morris Canal. **Historical Society of Stillwater**, at the Museum, Main Street & Rte. 521, Stillwater, NJ; **Thursday, May 10**; contact, Jan M. Wiley, 973-948-7328.

Boonton House Tour—From Sopranos’ locations to historic homes, and musical performances, the **Boonton Historical Society & Museum** House Tour, with ten stops, has something for everyone. **Saturday, May 12**, 11:30-4; tickets \$25 at Boonton Museum at the Dr. John Taylor House, 210 Main Street. Call now to make your reservation 973-316-0976 or email Boontonhistory@yahoo.com for more information.

The Trolley Comes to Lake Hopatcong—Presentation by Bill Greenberg. **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum**, The Jefferson House, Nolan's Point, **Thursday, May 17**. 6 pm. Questions? 973-398-2616.

Annual Herb Sale—Herb Society of America, **Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum**, 1605 Daniel Bray Highway (Route 29), Lambertville. **Saturday, May 19**; www.holcombe-jimison.org; 609-397-2752.

Craftsman of the Year Award—This year the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts honors Herb Kean, local author, renowned antique tool expert and longtime Museum volunteer. Herb will autograph his books, available at the Museum. **Sunday, May 20**, 3 pm; tickets, \$25. Call 973-377-2982 x10 for more information or visit our website at www.metc.org. 9 Main Street, Madison.

15th Annual Wheels and Wings Air Show—features the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Jet Team. **Millville Army Air Field Museum**, 1 Leddon Street, Millville Airport, Millville; **Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27**; Lisa Jester, Executive Director, 856-327-2347; ljester@p47millville.org; www.millvilleairshow.com

Memorial Day Program—tolling of the church bell, visits to the graves of veterans. **Stafford Township Historical Society**, Old Manahawkin Baptist Church, Route 9, opposite Stafford Branch of the Ocean County Library; **Monday, May 28**, 9 am. Tim Hart, 609-597-5947; Frank Kowalczyk, 609-978-3560.

33rd Annual Hungarian Festival, all-day program arranged with the Hungarian Civic Association of New Brunswick; Somerset Street mall area: events, vendors, folk dancing, food. **Hungarian Heritage Center Museum Courtyard: Budapest Coffee House**, Hungarian pastries and refreshments; **Twilight Concert** in the courtyard at 6pm, rain or shine. **Saturday, June 2, 2007**. 732-846-5777; info@ahfoundation.org.

The Old Sussex County Postal System—Museum Opening Day will feature Leonard Peck and Don Robbins with a talk on the postal system. **Saturday, June 2**, 1 pm, at the Museum, Main Street & Rte. 521, Stillwater, NJ; contact, Jan M. Wiley, 973-948-7328.

Strawberry Festival—Enjoy Jersey Fresh strawberries over ice cream and homemade shortcake. **Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township**, Cape May County, Gandy Farmstead, Tyler Road, Upper Township; **Saturday, June 9**; 10-4; Anne Snyder, 609-390-8454.

Founders' Day—Old Stone Store and Railroad Station museums open; farm animals, trackless train rides, and model railroad exhibits. Newly-acquired **1922 Railroad Car** open; flag retirement ceremony, 2 pm. **Stafford Township Historical Society**, Heritage Park, West Bay Avenue, Manahawkin; **Saturday, June 9**, noon-4; Tim Hart, 609-597-5947; Frank Kowalczyk, 609-978-3560.

Burrowes Mansion Tour—Visit this 1723 Matawan home that also served as a hotel and tea room. **Atlantic Highlands Historical Society**, **Wednesday, June 20**, 7:30 pm. Meet at 94 Main Street in Matawan. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact: Carin Burke, 732 291-9917, ccorbet@ompus.jnj.com.

Summer History Camp—Children ages 7-11 have a unique opportunity to learn about history, be creative, and make new friends. **Museum of Early Trades and Crafts**, 9 Main Street, Madison; **M-F, July 9-13, 16-20**, 9-2; members, \$160 for one week, \$300 for two; non-members, \$175 for one week & \$325 for two. Registration is required. For more information call 973-377-2982 x12.

Tuskegee Airmen Event—Call 609-886-8787 for details. **Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum**, 500 Forrestal Road, Cape May Airport, Rio Grande, NJ. www.usnasw.org.

Lake Hopatcong as Seen Through One Special Family—Special Guest Speaker Bob Lee. **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum. The Arlington Restaurant**, Mount Arlington, **Thursday, July 19, 6 pm**. Questions? 973-398-2616.

Civil War Re-enactors—104th Pennsylvania Infantry and McClellan Rangers. **Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum**, 1605 Daniel Bray Highway (Route 29), Lambertville. **Saturday, August 4**, 10-10; **Sunday, August 5**, 10-4; www.holcombe-jimison.org; 609-397-2752.

Lake Hopatcong's Mine Connection—A Special Tour of the Sterling Hill Mine, **Saturday, August 4**, 2 pm; **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum**. Questions? 973-398-2616.

World Premiere of the restored *Rain or Shine*. **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum**. Palace Theatre, Netcong, **Saturday, September 15**, 7:30 pm. Questions? 973-398-2616.

Victorian House Tour—Self-guided house tour in this special community, originally a Methodist camp meeting. **Mount Tabor Historical Society**, Route 53, between Denville and Morris Plains. **Saturday, September 29**; 11-4. Tickets, \$20 per person, may be purchased on the day of the tour at the gazebo on Simpson Ave., near the Tabernacle. For further information, advance tickets, directions, and parking, please visit www.mounttabornj.org, or call Beth Shaw, 973-586-1564.

14th Annual Apple Festival—Pie-baking and pie-eating contests, fresh apple sales, music, crafts, food, Victorian games, and demonstrations. **Lacey Historical Society**. **Saturday, September 29**. Benefit for scholarship fund and museum upkeep. Old Schoolhouse Museum 126 S. Main St. (Rt. 9) Forked River, NJ; 9-3. For information, call 609-971-0467 or 693-1610.

Apple Fest—Apple dumplings, apple cider, apple pies, homemade ice cream; quilts, beekeeping; birds and decoys, and an apple pie contest, judged by local chefs. Children's games; bands, and other performers all day. **Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township**, Cape May County, Gandy Farmstead, Tyler Road, Upper Township; **Saturday, October 7**, 11-4; Anne Snyder, 609-390-8454.

House Tour—Tour 6+ homes in historic Cranbury. Luncheon held by the Friends of the Library on the day of the event, \$10. per person. **Cranbury Historical Preservation Society**. **Saturday, October 13**; 10-5; Contacts: Audrey Smith, 609-655-5361, & Bobbie Marlowe, 609-655-3493. Tickets, \$20 in advance; \$25 day of the event; get tickets and map in front of the PNC Bank, 32 North Main Street. www.cranburyhistory.org/housetour.

Paint-a-Pumpkin—Not just for children; bring the family to this fun event. **Van Riper-Hopper House Museum**, 533 Berdan Avenue, Wayne; **Saturday, October 20**, 11-3; **Sunday, October 21**, 12:30-3:30; \$7 per pumpkin includes paints and table space. Carol D'Alessandro, 973-694-7192.

Annual Lantern Tours—This year's theme is "B" movies. Come join us for two frightfully good evenings! **Atlantic Highlands Historical Society**; **October 26 and 27**.

Lake Hopatcong's Hotels, Then and Now—**Saturday, November 3**, at The Arlington Restaurant, Mount Arlington, 6 pm. **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum**. Questions? 973-398-2616.

NJ Dutch Colonial Holidays—See, hear, smell, and get a taste of history with NJ Dutch colonial customs and songs; hot cider and historical cookies. The Pines Lake Garden Club elegantly decorates the house with live greens and fruits in keeping with the past. **Van Riper-Hopper House Museum**, 533 Berdan Avenue, Wayne; **Friday and Saturday, December 7-8**, 10-3; **Sunday, December 9**, 1-3; \$5 adult, \$3 child or teen; Carol D'Alessandro, 973-694-7192.

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 produced 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.

ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2007

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 2007, in the following categories:

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

For works published in 2007, awards will be presented at the League meeting in **June 2008**. The deadline for submission of entries is **JANUARY 31, 2008**. Please 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, 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.

Doing Your Best: A New Workshop Series on Best Practices for Nonprofit History Organizations—Workshop II: Stewardship and Support

Thursday, April 26, 2007: Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, Millville, NJ

Friday, April 27, 2007: East Jersey Olde Towne Village, Piscataway, NJ

Both sessions are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person

Morning coffee and a box lunch will be provided.

This workshop series will present models for good, better and best practices for the administration of history organizations on topics that range from mission to collections care to marketing and visitor services. The series is designed to address critical issues identified by museum practitioners around the state. The inspiration for the program came from the Tri-State Coalition for Historic Places' publication, *Standards and Practices for Historic Site Administration*. The Coalition's evaluative focus on good, better and best practices readily lends itself to assisting museums in assessing their effectiveness in all basic aspects of operation. ***Attendees are encouraged to bring board and staff members to the sessions and to attempt to attend each offering; certificates of participation will be issued to those who attend the whole series.***

Participants in the series can expect: lively discussion and a hands-on approach to tackling the most challenging issues facing nonprofit history organizations; opportunities to network with colleagues; training geared for both staff and board members; and follow-up activities that will encourage the development of a community of learners for history professionals in the state.

Each workshop in the series is offered at least twice in two different geographical areas, making the opportunity accessible to participants throughout New Jersey. The cost for each workshop is \$20 per person. The next workshop will be scheduled for Fall 2007. For more information, please contact Jim Turk at the New Jersey State Museum, james.turk@sos.state.nj.us, 609-984-3845.



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 spotlights our members, so that others may learn of their mission and accomplishments. The League has three member organizations whose names begin with *Atlantic*.

The **Atlantic City Historical Museum** is committed to preserving the rich history of this one-of-a-kind seaside resort. The newest exhibit is "Shore Deco: Atlantic City Design Between the Wars," in the Al Gold Photography Gallery. Mr. Gold was Atlantic City's first chief photographer, a post he held from 1939-1964. The permanent exhibition, "Atlantic City, Playground of the Nation," displays artifacts, costumes, posters, photographs, song sheets, postcards, souvenirs, and an array of Miss America memorabilia. Mr. Peanut greets

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visitors to this unique museum and points the way to a miniature Boardwalk and beach area with a fascinating collection of original sand art. The video, "Boardwalk Ballyhoo: The Magic of Atlantic City," is shown throughout the day. This documentary includes spectacular footage of the Miss America Pageant, archival Thomas Edison beach shots, and the famous high-diving horse. The video traces the resort's history from its early beginnings to the casino city of today and includes a memorable soundtrack. So, head north past the casinos and visit this unique site. Open daily, 10-4; free. For information, contact the Atlantic City Historical Museum, Dept. NJ, PO Box 7273, Atlantic City, NJ 08404; 609-347-5839; www.acmuseum.org; Ac08401@aol.com.

The **Atlantic Heritage Center** was founded in 1913 to collect and preserve the history of Atlantic County and southern New Jersey. Incorporated as the Atlantic County Historical Society in 1915, it was renamed the Atlantic Heritage Center in 2006 to better reflect the diversity of its resources and the variety of attractions awaiting visitors of all ages and backgrounds. The center publishes an annual journal of local history and genealogy, as well as a quarterly newsletter, and sponsors lectures, field trips, partnerships with local libraries and school districts, library and museum interpretative exhibits, and guided tours of its circa 1790 oysterman's farmhouse, the Risley Homestead, located in Northfield.

The center's slogan, "Where Atlantic County history comes to life," is evident in its museum collections, with household items and decorative arts, fine arts, weaponry, maritime artifacts, and toys. The library offers over 85,000 references to books, newspapers, family Bibles, photos, maps, and historical and genealogical documents. The AHC invites you to discover, explore, and tour! 907 Shore Road, PO Box 301, Somers Point, NJ 08244; **Hours:** Wed-Sat, 10-3:30; first Thurs each month, 6-9 pm; 609-927-5218; www.atlanticheritagecenternj.org; AHCinfo@comcast.net.

To know where you are going, it is best to know where you came from. This is true in the life of a town like Atlantic Highlands, and that is why the **Atlantic Highlands Historical Society** works to build awareness of the common past among the townspeople of today. Its headquarters, museum and archives in the Strauss Mansion, its knowledgeable members, and public activities are a community resource for achieving this objective. The society aims to research and document the history of Atlantic Highlands, share and publicize its history, and preserve and protect the physical heritage (historic buildings).

Formed in the early 1970s, the society has many accomplishments. It has restored the neglected and vandalized Henry Hudson Spring in 1977, with landscaping and erection of a stone marker; focused attention, through twenty annual tours, on the history and sensitive restoration of many interesting houses; hosted dozens of expert speakers on topics ranging from evidence of Lenape presence to stories of earliest European colonists, and from trolley and railroad lore to Prohibition-era rum-running; and collected, preserved and displayed many historical materials, including slides, photos, newspapers and other memorabilia. It has published a reprint of the area's history, *From Indian Trail to Electric Rail*; a child's history coloring book; historic recollections of a long-time resident; a regular newsletter on events, historical information and research results; and a self-guided tour booklet on sixty-two historic houses. Perhaps the most courageous and lasting of the society's contributions is its rescue of "The Towers," beginning in 1980. Now known as the Strauss Mansion, the house is the "gem of the society."

Contact the AHHS at P.O. Box 108, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716; 732-872-9124; www.atlantichighlandshistory.org; AHHS_Info@atlantichighlandshistory.org.

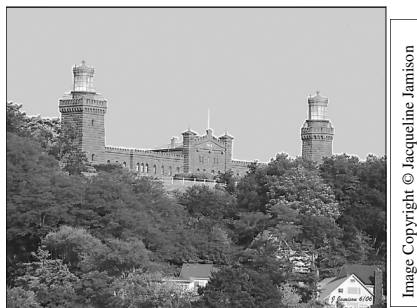
UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS

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
June 2008	Central Region—Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, Hunterdon
October 2008	Northern Region—

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.

The Historical Society of Highlands
Welcomes you to the meeting of the
The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey



Saturday, June 9, 2007
at the Henry Hudson Regional School
1 Grand Tour, Highlands, New Jersey

Agenda:

- 9:00 Registration and refreshments
- 9:30 Welcome and introductions
- 9:45 League Business Meeting
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Program presented by the Historical Society of Highlands
- 12:00 Lunch at Historic Bahr's Restaurant (note entrée preference below)
- 1:00 Tour—Self-driving visits to Historic Twin Lights Museum (above) and other area points of interest.

For further information, please call Rose at 732-291-9249.

Registration Form—Registration is \$25 per person. All luncheon entrees include Manhattan clam chowder, homemade cole slaw, biscuits, potatoes, vegetables, and ice cream parfait.

Please select from the following entrees: _____ Chicken Francaise _____ Baked Tilapia with dill butter
_____ Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes with honey mustard

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Affiliation: _____

Please send check for \$25, payable to The Historical Society of Highlands (HSH), P.O. Box 13, Bay Avenue, Highlands, NJ 07732. Driving directions are located on page twelve.

Registration deadline: Saturday, May 9

DIRECTIONS TO THE HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL SCHOOL 1 GRAND TOUR, HIGHLANDS

From the North: Take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 117, Route 36. Continue on Route 36 East (approximately 14 miles) and turn right onto Portland Road (at Off the Hook restaurant). **IF YOU CROSS THE BRIDGE ON ROUTE 36, YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR.** Proceed to the top of the hill into the parking lot for Henry Hudson Regional School.

From the South: Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 105 to Route 35 to Route 36 North (Ocean Avenue). Continue north on Route 36 through Sea Bright, past the entrance to Sandy Hook, and over the Highlands drawbridge. After crossing the bridge, take the first right. Follow the jughandle down under the bridge and up the hill. Stop. Turn left onto Portland Road. Proceed to the top of the hill into the parking lot for Henry Hudson Regional School.



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Visit the League at:

Bayonne Historical Society, Hudson County
October 27, 2007
Long Beach Island Historical Society, Ocean County,
March 2008
Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, Hunterdon
County, June 2008

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