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Other favorite activities will include children's games of the 18, 19th & 20th centuries; historic foodways; an "artifakes" archaeological dig; a quilting bee and appraisal; frontier, Civil War, Revolutionary War living history encampments; period music; food vendors; and much more.

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July 1, 2008. Please send all items to:
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**Material submitted electronically
should be in WORD format.
Photographs will be scanned and
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this, we are a few days away
from our next membership meeting in
Tuckerton. Our hosts, the Tuckerton
Seaport, have planned a three-hour tour
that includes visits to a variety of sites.
Saturday promises to be an interesting day.

Often times, as members of your League
board, we have asked ourselves what
services the League provides to our
members in return for the dues they pay.
We question how we can be more valuable
to them. In contemplating this upcoming
membership meeting, I am reminded what
we, as an organization, do very well.

Over the years, our member societies
have gathered together for many
fascinating meetings hosted by one
another. We've enjoyed cemetery tours
with costumed hosts assuming the roles
of prominent citizens of the town, tours
of historic churches, firehouse museums,
living history farmsteads, private homes
and public places; who can forget The
Teardrop Monument. Many sites we have
visited aren't available to private citizens,
but as League members we are welcome.
We have been educated by local citizens
who have in depth personal knowledge
of their local history as well as speakers
invited by the board to talk on a variety
of issues. From them, we've learned the
inside stories and seen lesser-known places
as we traveled through our state. We've
dined by the bay, climbed the steps to
Twin Lights, munched on, oh so many box
lunches and followed trails to out-of-the-
way places. We are explorers of sorts, led
by member organizations proud to show
off their local heritage.

But, at times it seems that our member-
ship meetings are a well kept secret. I'd like
to take this opportunity to encourage any of
you who have not attended one to do so.
They are a bargain at \$20 or \$25. Where
else could anyone find so much packed into
a day trip at so little cost? And, you have
our promise that the League business part
of the meeting is fairly brief. Besides sight-
seeing, there is always time to meet and
share ideas with other societies that face the
same challenges you do.

For all of our members who have already
hosted a meeting, we thank you for the
outstanding effort it takes to do so. Hmm...
visiting a cranberry bog is on wish list.
Might there be a Southern Region site with
a possible connection? JB

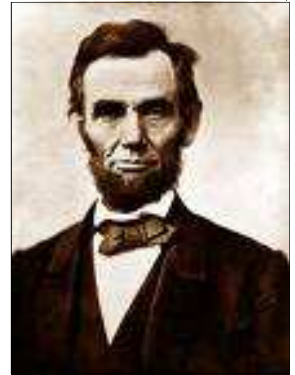
ARCHIVES UNVEILS LINCOLN DOCUMENTS ON WEBSITE

In observance of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the New Jersey State Archives has unveiled a new web site featuring scanned original documents, legislative records and various published accounts pertaining to Lincoln's two visits to New Jersey.

In February 1861, President-elect Lincoln accepted an invitation from New Jersey Governor Charles S. Olden and the State Legislature to visit the State House while en route from his home in Springfield, Illinois, to the inauguration in Washington, D.C. His acceptance letter is one of the documentary treasures of the State Archives.

His second visit was not a happy occasion. In April 1865, the slain President's funeral train followed in reverse the same route back to Springfield that Lincoln he had taken in 1861. Mourners in Trenton and throughout New Jersey paid their respects to him along the route.

Visit "Lincoln in New Jersey: A Bicentennial Tribute by the New Jersey State Archives" at: www.njarchives.org/links/lincoln.html.



NJ HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELIMINATES PUBLIC HOURS TO CUT COSTS

The New Jersey Historical Society eliminated its public hours as of February 16 in a cost-cutting measure aimed at helping it weather the economic storm. The oldest cultural institution in the state, the society, based in Newark, will continue its educational programs but will be open to the public only by appointment, said president and CEO Linda Caldwell Epps.

Some of the nonprofit's 15 staff members will be furloughed for an undetermined period, Epps said. "It's the recession. Donor contributions have been down and, of course, last year we had a cut in our state allocation," she said, noting that many historical societies have appointment-only access. "During the last year we've curtailed our library hours and our exhibition (hours). Now we find it necessary to go to an appointment situation."

The historical society was founded in 1845 to tell the story of New Jersey through its political, social, cultural and economic history. The historical society collects, preserves and interprets the history of the state. Programs for school children will remain intact. The society's annual budget is about \$1.5 million; it receives less than \$300,000 in state funding. To contact the society, call 973-596-8500.

excerpted from the Star-Ledger, February 14, 2009

ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2009

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 2009, in the following categories:

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

For works published in 2009, awards will be presented at the league meeting in **June 2010**. The deadline for submission of entries is **JANUARY 31, 2010**. 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**.

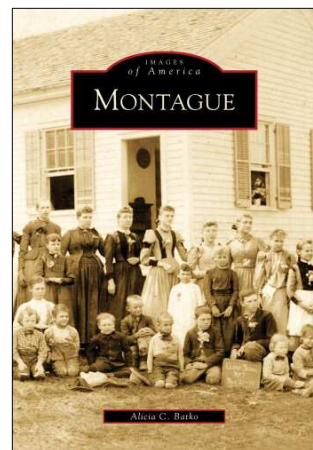
There is no entry form. Simply include a brief note describing the items you are submitting. Awards for 2008 publications will be presented at the June meeting in Ocean Grove. For further information, contact Linda Barth, Executive Director, LHSNJ, at 908-722-7428, barths@att.net, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876. Please **DO NOT** send entries to this address.

NEW JERSEY BOOKSHELF

Montague Township sits at the high point of New Jersey, cradled by the Delaware River and the Kittatinny Mountains, where New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania converge. The Dutch initially settled in the Minisink Valley and helped define the character of the area. Founded in 1759, the township evolved along the river, which encouraged trade and travel, and on the legendary Old Mine Road, a Native American trail and trade route. By 1826, the Milford Bridge was built and would serve as a gateway to the Poconos. Following the Civil War, farms dotted the landscape, and city residents escaped the industrial boom by frequenting the Brick House and Rock View hotels and neighboring summer boarding homes. The range of vistas served as inspiration for John Newton Hewitt and other artists. With progress and infrastructure heralding change, High Point State Park and Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area were formed to protect natural resources, yet historic structures within them vanished.

Author Alicia C. Batko is the historian for the Montague Association for Restoration of Community History and the township historian. Through collaboration and archival research, she has compiled rare photographs and historical information to present an unprecedented overview of Montague's landscape and heritage.

The book will be released in mid-May.



VISIT BEAUTIFUL OCEAN GROVE, NEW JERSEY

The Historical Society of Ocean Grove (HSOG) was established in 1969 as a direct result of a 100th anniversary year-long celebration of the founding of the Ocean Grove. The town is located on a 325-acre site on the Atlantic Ocean in Monmouth County. In 1869 a group of spiritual lay leaders assembled as the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to form and incorporate the town of Ocean Grove. For over a century, this one-square-mile of natural beauty has welcomed and delighted vacationers, including U.S. presidents. On Ocean Grove's tree-lined streets is the largest assemblage of Victorian architecture in the nation. In 1976 the town had the honor of being entered in the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1977, the New Jersey Register of Historic Places.



The mission of the historical society is to preserve, document, and encourage community interest in the history of Ocean Grove and the camp meetings and to preserve aspects of the Victorian period. Over twenty-five programs are offered each year by the HSOG.

The HSOG operates two historic facilities, the museum and Centennial Cottage. Both are located in the historic district's heart and are open free to the public. Walking tours of this area are provided; these include the Great Auditorium and an owner's tent. A collection of over 8,000 artifacts is permanently on display or in annual exhibits with many rotating mini-displays. An extensive research capability is also available.



Please come and visit our lovely town and enjoy one of the many scheduled tours we will be offering at the spring meeting on June 13, 2009. Sign up on page 11 and join us for a fun-filled day!

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PAPERS RESTORED

After painstaking restoration, 5,400 Revolutionary War documents have left a Philadelphia conservation center for their home in New Jersey. The \$700,000 project begun in 2005 has restored documents belonging to the New Jersey State Archives. The 18th-century papers, discolored, brittle and frayed, tell stories of patriots killed in battle, of spies for the British and of armies from both sides that destroyed property and stripped farms of crops and livestock.

Using chemical baths and tissue-thin paper for repairs, the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts has made it possible for the documents to be microfilmed, with some being digitized for posting on the archive's website, said Jillian Wilcox, senior conservation assistant. "The work is challenging, but rewarding," she said. "There's always a treasure here." New Jersey saw more military engagements than any other state during the Revolutionary War, with major battles fought at Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth and Assunpink.

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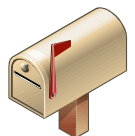
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Our newest Benefactor is: **Charles M. Tyson**

LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS....

Dear Members: Below is a note from Kathy Heim, of the Point Pleasant Historical Society, with two ideas that might interest your organization:



Hi, Linda:

I didn't know if you had gotten this from AASLH (American Association for State and Local History; www.aaslh.org). An interesting group and societies don't have to belong to take advantage of this clearinghouse.

By the way, we had a thought here for a timely newsletter subject—memories of the Depression and the WPA. Many historical society members lived through the Depression, either as young adults or children watching their parents cope. Any hints, etc. for the situations we're facing today? WPA/CCC workers – how did the jobs help you or your families? We don't have a speaker to suggest for such a program (we're checking, though), but perhaps this idea is something that other League members might like. Take care.

Kathy Heim, Point Pleasant Historical Society

GILES R. WRIGHT — IN MEMORIAM

Permit me to add a few words to the many tributes in celebration of the life of Giles Wright.

I will begin by slightly correcting the record as it appears in the press. As stated, Giles arrived at the New Jersey Historical Commission in 1979; but the African-American History Program was established in the early 1980s. Giles had been hired to work in the field of ethnic history, and he produced the commission's series of publications on the experiences of immigrants to New Jersey. And so he was already on the scene when the late Assemblywoman Mildred Barry Garvin joined the commission and introduced legislation to create the new program. This is important, because Giles was in a position to help in planning and drafting the law, in gathering support for its passage and funding, and in formulating the program's goals and activities. It was a natural progression for him to be appointed director of what we believed to be the nation's first official state program in African-American history.

For the next quarter-century he was the heart and soul of everything that the new program accomplished: research and publications, educational projects such as the annual Marion Thompson Wright Lectures, grants-in-aid for scholarship and education in this field, research on African-American historic sites, programs in the arts, and commemorative events. And he placed himself and the commission at the center of everything of importance that was undertaken in the field of African-American history in New Jersey. He was a leader in building a dedicated corps of experts in our state who have done so much to make the experiences and achievements of African-Americans an integral part of the history of our local communities, and of our nation and the world.

Others have noted that Giles did not permit his passion for the subject of his work to diminish his discipline as an objective scholar. That might not seem so remarkable unless we know how strong his passion really was; this was evident to anyone who worked closely with him. This was a man who was not content to do research, writing and teaching about African-American history; he lived it as an active participant in his community, and in the larger arena of public life in our state. Illuminating the past and contributing to the present and future were for him complementary parts of a whole life.

What I knew best about him was, of course, the work he did -- work of incalculable importance -- for the historical commission. In his career at the commission, he performed a great public service for which the people of New Jersey should be forever grateful. For me, it was a memorable experience to be so closely associated with a man of strong character, gentle manner, bright intellect and warm personality. I think we all sense that while we mourn the passing of this fine man, at the same time we have cause to celebrate a life so well lived.



Historian Giles Wright stands in front of the Enoch Middleton House on Old York Road in Hamilton Township, once a station on the Underground Railroad, in this 2006 *Star-Ledger* file photo.

Bernard Bush, Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Commission, 1969-1991

Ed. note: The author served as president of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey from 1992-1996.

HELP THE LEAGUE COMPILE A SPEAKERS BUREAU LIST

Occasionally I have been asked for a list of people who present programs for historical and other groups, but the league has had no such speakers bureau listing. In order to compile such a list, I'm asking if you can send to me the contact information for speakers you have hosted or speakers that you have heard, as well as a brief description of the program.

Then, when someone requests a list of speakers, I'll be able to help. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Linda Barth,

214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; 908-722-7428; 908-240-0488; barths@att.net.

HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS — 2009

Through June—New Exhibit—The Hambletonian: Its Trotters, their Connections and the Racing Event, 1926-2009. Initially held at the New York State Fairgrounds in 1926, this prestigious harness racing event has thrived for over eighty years. It continues today at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. The exhibit features medals, trophies, racing equipment, photographs, posters, newspaper articles and magazines depicting the history of The Hambletonian and some of its exciting highlights. **Cranbury Museum**, 4 Park Place East, Cranbury, N.J. Sundays, 1-4; 609-395-0420; www.cranburyhistory.org.

Through August 30—New Exhibit—“Down the Aisle: Brides of Yesteryear,” an extensive collection of our bridal gowns from the 1800s to the 1980s, representing every decade for over 100 years. On display are over 35 dresses, including 25 wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses, and trousseau outfits. The exhibit showcases the second half of the museum’s collection not seen in our previous bridal exhibition. Vintage wedding invitations, announcements, programs, wedding certificates, and much more will be displayed. **Gloucester County Historical Society**, 17 Hunter St., Woodbury. Mon, Wed, Fri, 1-4; last Sun. of month, 2-5. Adults, \$4; children 6-18, \$1. Questions? Contact Kathy Fleming, gchs@net-gate.com; 856-848-8531.

Through July 28—An Age of Elegance: Weddings from Ridgewood’s Past. The exhibit explores the social rituals of love and marriage through historic and lavish wedding gowns, bridal lingerie, accessories and ephemera from the **Ridgewood Historical Society’s** collection, dating from the late 18th century through the early 20th century. The Schoolhouse Museum, 650 E. Glen Avenue, Ridgewood. Thursdays and Saturdays, 1-3 pm; Sundays, 2-4 pm. Adults \$5; children \$3. For further information www.ridgewoodhistoricalsociety.org; 201-447-3242.

April 4—Easter Afternoon Tea at the Boonton Historical Society Museum. Reserved seating at 12:30 and 3:00 pm. We are repeating our Afternoon Tea with an Easter theme. Enjoy the elegance of a Victorian tea with costumed hosts and serving maids. Scones with raspberry jam, homemade lemon curd, and cream, together with finger sandwiches and other delicacies to delight your tastebuds. Musical accompaniment. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society**, 210 Main Street, Boonton at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

April 15—Celebrate New Jersey. Join Linda Barth for a leisurely armchair journey down the byways of the best state in the nation. Boonton Senior Center, 126 North Main Street. 2:00 pm. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society** at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

April 18—Four Views of Trenton. The Trenton Contemporary hosts the 23rd Annual Four Views of Trenton. Three guided bus tours run from 9:30-3:30, include lunch and admissions, cost \$45 per person and will leave from The Contemporary Townhouse Museum, 176 West State Street, Trenton, 08608. Choose from: **Trenton’s Art and Artists, Trenton’s Saints and Sinners, or Trenton’s Surprise Treasures.** New this year, **Trenton’s Independence and Industrial Revolutions**, is a 2-hour tour, one at 9:30 and one at 12:30; price, \$20. This tour departs from the parking lot of the KatMandu Restaurant. For a brochure or more information call 215-295-1498, or email cgkuronya@msn.com.

April 18-19—Battle of Bound Brook 2009: Washington’s Army at Middlebrook 1777-1779. Abraham Staats House, 17 Von Steuben Lane, South Bound Brook and Bound Brook. This event explores the American Revolutionary War during the time of the Middlebrook encampments of 1777–1779. Featured speaker is Arthur S. Lefkowitz, author of *George Washington’s Indispensable Men* and *The Long Retreat*. Weekend activities include street battle reenactments, British and American soldiers’ encampment, ceremony at Old Stone Bridge, pasta dinner, pancake buffet breakfast, historic house tours and more! For more information visit www.staatshouse.org.

April 18-19—Bus Trip to Washington, DC. Sponsored by the **Cape May County Historical Society**, the trip includes stops at the Lincoln Cottage and Woodrow Wilson’s residence, as well as the museums of the Smithsonian. Cost includes bus, hotel room, continental breakfast and site admissions. Trip is \$150 per person, double room. For information, call 609-465-3535 or email museum@co.cape-may.nj.us.

April 18—NJ Postcard, Book, & Paper Show. Youth Temple, Ocean Grove. 9-4. **Historical Society of Ocean Grove.** For more information, contact Susan Roach, 732-774-1869; info@oceangrovehistory.org.

April 19—Pastry Making. Preparing, baking and tasting of Danish Weinbrod (pastries). 2-5 pm. **Danish Archive Northeast (DANE)**, Danish Home, 855 New Durham Road, Edison, NJ. For additional information, please call 732-287-6445 or 866-855-3263; visit our website: www.rootsweb.com/~njidane

April 21—Professional Presentation Skills Workshop with Dr. Gordon A. Jacoby, a specialist in speech, voice and movement. 8:30-10 a.m. Register by Tuesday, April 14. Fee of \$10 includes a continental breakfast. 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.

April 25—Afternoon Tea at Old Town Hall. Traditional tea, complete with dainty finger sandwiches and delectable desserts. Charlotte Todd of Cape May will present “Tie One On” –the history of aprons. **Harrison Township Historical Society.** 12 noon, Old Town Hall, 62-64 South Main Street, Mullica Hill. Purchase tickets at Amazing Grace Resource

Center, 33 South Main Street, Mullica Hill; \$15, adults; \$10, children over 6. Visit www.harrisonhistorical.com for more information.

April 26—Meeting of the **Ewing Township Historic Society** will feature the great-great-great-great-great granddaughter of **John Honeyman**, the man called upon by George Washington to pose as a butcher in West New Jersey to gain information from the Tories throughout Trenton. Come hear the tale of this Tory butcher and double spy from his descendants. 2 pm. 27 Federal City Road; 609-883-2455.

April 29—**Lecture Series**. The **Cape May County Historical Society** begins a four-week spring lecture series beginning at 7 pm at the Cape May County Museum, 504 Rte 9 North, Cape May Court House. Programs include Abraham Lincoln, cedar timber mining in the Great Cedar Swamp, architectural traditions from New England to Cape May County, and the interesting customs of funerals over the last two centuries. Admission is free and the museum is handicapped accessible. For information call 609-465-3535 or email museum@co.cape-may.nj.us.

April 30—"When NJ Slept, NY Was Wide Awake" - Peter Osbourne, of the Minisink Valley Historical Society, will discuss the boundary dispute between the two states. M.A.R.C.H., Montague Township Elementary School. 7:30 pm. Questions? Contact MARCH via 973-293-3106 or ab1759hist@gmail.com.

May 2—**6th Annual Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair**. Washington Crossing State Park, 11-5. This year's fair will feature a special postal cancellation commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Delaware & Raritan Canal, boat rides on the feeder canal, a quilting bee and appraisal, and an antique car display featuring a Mercer automobile that was made in NJ in the early 1900s. Other activities will include children's games of the 18th, 19th, & 20th centuries; historic foodways; an artifakes archaeological "dig"; frontier, Revolutionary War and Civil War living history encampments; period music; food vendors; a 19th-century baseball game; sidesaddle demonstrations; Rich Pawling as canal captain John "Cappy" Hummel; and Dr. Pitney, the "father of Atlantic City"; and much more. Questions? call 609-737-9303 or visit www.njhistoryfair.org.

May 2—**Biennial House Tour**. Our biennial house tour will once again feature the variety of homes and architecture in the town of Boonton. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society**, 210 Main Street, Boonton at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

May 3—**Oh Freedom! Slavery in New Jersey During the American Revolution**. Frederic Lawrence Minus, member of the Camp Olden Round Table and founding member of the 6th Regiment United States Colored Troops, will address the topic of slavery in the Revolution. **Friends of the Abraham Staats House**, 17 Von Steuben Lane, South Bound Brook. \$10 admission includes a tour of the house one hour prior to the lecture. Seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call 732-469-3198 or email info@staatshouse.org with your name, address, and the number of seats. Additional information about **Lectures Through Time** can be found at www.staatshouse.org. **Lectures Through Time** has been funded, in part, by a grant from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission and Friends of Somerset County Culture & Heritage, Inc.

May 7—"The Greatest Show on Earth...Ringling Brother, Barnum and Bailey Circus" Alfred T. Ringling lived in a mansion in Jefferson Township from 1916-1919 and wintered the circus on his estate. From the Oak Ridge train station, circus animals, including elephants, leopards and lions, paraded down Longwood Road (Oak Ridge/Berkshire Valley Road). Now known as Ringling Manor, the estate is listed on the National and New Jersey registers of historic places. A PowerPoint presentation will feature the history of the circus with many rarely-seen photographs. **Jefferson Township Historical Society**; Camp Jefferson's main lodge, Weldon Road (access off Route 15); 7:30 pm; refreshments with a circus flare and other surprises are planned. For more information, contact Christine Williams, 973-697-8675.

May 9—**Antiques: Appraisals and Auction**. Appraisals start at 10:00 am. Bring in your items. Five certified appraisers have volunteered their time and expertise to give you their honest appraisals of your items. Cost is \$5/item. *Find out what your attic treasures are worth!* Visit with Personal Property Appraiser Anneliese Scherring, USPAP, Wayne Stevenson, John Senkewitz, Robert Lasky on military items, and Gerry Quatro on furniture. Auction starts at noon under the direction of Auctioneer Art Kravetz. Donate an item to the auction. Fellowship Hall, Holmdel United Church of Christ, 40 Main Street (Rt. 520), Holmdel. Free parking in the church lot and free admission. All profits go to **Holmdel Historical Society's** Restoration Fund. For more information call Peggy at (732) 946-2723. For directions visit www.holmdelucc.org/directions.html; www.holmdelhistory.org.

May 16—**Canal Authors Extravaganza**. Listen to authentic canal music and visit with the authors of canal-related books. Bring your own copy to be signed. Meet: **Jeanette Muser** (*Rocky Hill, Kingston and Griggstown*); **William J. McKelvey** (*The Delaware & Raritan Canal; Champlain to Chesapeake*); Pulitzer Prize-winning poet **Paul Muldoon** (*Moy Sand and Gravel*); **Richard F. Veit**, with his father's book, *The Old Canals of New Jersey*; **Will Rivinus** (*Guide to the Delaware Canal*); **Marie Murphy Duess** (*The Delaware Canal: From Stone Coal Highway to Historic Landmark*); **Linda J. Barth** (*The Delaware and Raritan Canal, Bridgetender's Boy*); **Walter Choroszewski** (*Somerset County: A Celebration of Communities*); **Jessie Havens** (*Somerset County: Three Centuries of Progress*), and poet **Penelope Schott** (*Canal!*). Roy Justice, the Time Travelling Minstrel, will perform canal-era songs and share stories of life on the waterways. Griggstown Causeway, Delaware and Raritan Canal, Franklin Township; noon-3. 908-722-7428.

May 16—Gibson Girls and Suffragists: A Mother-Daughter Workshop and Book Signing. Author Catherine Gourley will discuss her new book, *Gibson Girls and Suffragists*, the first volume in a five-book nonfiction series, Images of Women in the Twentieth Century (for girls 10 and up). 1-2:30 p.m. Register by Tuesday, May 12. 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.

May 17—Victor Borge at 100. Janet Borge Crowle, the daughter of the Danish-born pianist, will speak on the 100th anniversary of his birth. 2-5 pm. **Danish Archive Northeast (DANE)**, Danish Home, 855 New Durham Road, Edison, NJ. For additional information, please call 732-287-6445 or 866-855-3263; visit our website: www.rootsweb.com/~njdane.

May 17—Program by Spencer Peck: Hunterdon County, Dec. 17, 1776. Tewksbury Historical Society, 1:00 pm. Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville. Call 908-832-6734 or visit www.tewksburyhistory.net.

May 22—Dinner with Sherlock Holmes. Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of the legendary detective, Sherlock Holmes. As portrayed by Neill Hartley in costume, hear the tales of some of Sherlock's most fascinating cases while enjoying a Victorian repast suitable to the era of Holmes and his associate Dr. Watson. 6:30 pm. Columbia Inn, Montville. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society** at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

May 23—Ocean Grove Antiques Auction, with shore memorabilia. Youth Temple, Ocean Grove. 11 am; preview, 9-11. **Historical Society of Ocean Grove.** Questions? Contact Susan Roach, 732-774-1869; info@oceangrovehistory.org.

June 6—Boonton House Tour. This year, in addition to homes (1740-1920) reflecting the eclectic architecture of our town, we will feature some of our historic churches (with music), a unique theater, and artists' studios. United Railroad Historical Society's Boonton Rail Car Restoration Yard on Morris Avenue will be open to the public. Tours begin at the museum, 210 Main Street. Single Tickets: \$20.00; bring one friend: \$35.00 for two tickets*; bring two friends: \$50.00 for three tickets*. *Tickets must be purchased together to be eligible for discount. 11:30-4. For details, contact the **Boonton Historical Society**, 210 Main Street, Boonton at 973-402-8840 or boontonhistory@yahoo.com; www.boonton.org.

June 13—20th Annual Strawberry Festival and Craft Show. 10-4, Gandy Farmstead, 26 Tyler Road (Route 616), Greenfield. **Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township.** www.uppertwpshistory.org; 609-390-5656.

June 27—June 27—Waterloo Canal Day. Waterloo Village on the Morris Canal, Byram, NJ; 11-4. Free admission and boat ride. Food, sales items. Museum open. **Canal Society of New Jersey**, www.canalsocietynj.org; 908-722-9556.

June 27—"Remember the Ladies"- Cape May County Historical Society. 11-2. Lectures and luncheon for women. Program includes "Out of the Cocoon: Women Who Broke with Victorian Mores" and "Grace O'Malley, Lady Pirate." A catered luncheon is served in the garden. Tickets \$20. For info call 609-465-3535 or email museum@co.cape-may.nj.us.

June 27—Antiques and Fine Crafts Fair. Wilbraham Park, West Cape May (Broadway and West Perry Streets); 9-5. **Greater Cape May Historical Society.** Questions? Call Joan Green 609-898-1236 or Maureen Savage 609- 898-0725.

June 28—The Danish Monarchy. The history of Danish kings and queens, past & present. **Danish Archive Northeast (DANE)**, Danish Home, 855 New Durham Road, Edison, NJ. For additional information, please call 732-287-6445 or 866-855-3263; visit our website: www.rootsweb.com/~njdane.

July 17—41st Annual House Tour, Ocean Grove, 10:30-4:30. Ten homes and tents, historic edifices. **Historical Society of Ocean Grove.** For more information, contact Susan Roach, 732-774-1869; info@oceangrovehistory.org.

July 19—Tewksbury Barn Tour - Self-guided tour of old, new, used and dormant local barns. 10-4. Cost TBD. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 908-832-6734 or visit www.tewksburyhistory.net for ticket information.

September 5—Founders' Day - Cape May County Historical Society. 10-5. Activities, lectures and displays relating to the early settlers of Cape May County and their way of life. For more information, call 609-465-3535 or email museum@co.cape-may.nj.us.

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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.**

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 V of a series highlighting those societies.

Founded in 1955, the **American Hungarian Foundation** has the goal of communicating the story of American Hungarians through the Hungarian Heritage Center, the only facility of its type in the United States. The traditions and contributions of American Hungarians are documented and conserved as important collections and shared with the general public in the foundation's museum, library and archives. The foundation's location in the Northeast region of the United States places it not only in an historically important area for American Hungarians, but also in close reach of nearly forty percent of the current American Hungarian population. Because the role of Hungarians in this country is a significant ingredient in the fabric of American history, the foundation is dedicated to preserving and enriching the Hungarian heritage in the United States. You can contact the foundation at P.O. Box 1084, 300 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; 732-846-5777; www.ahfoundation.org; info@ahfoundation.org.

A project of the Barnegat Bay Decoy and Baymen's Museum, the Tuckerton Seaport has evolved into a maritime village located along historic Tuckerton Creek in Tuckerton. The seaport's forty-acre site includes seventeen historic and recreated buildings connected by a boardwalk, a maritime forest and wetlands nature trail, two houseboats, a decoy gallery, a working boatworks building in which restoration of sneakbox designs of the Barnegat Bay occurs, a historic marine railway (currently under reconstruction), decoy carving workshops, and the recreated Tucker's Island Lighthouse. Daily demonstrators and traditional artists bring the Jersey shore's rich maritime heritage to life. The museum's mission is to preserve, present, and interpret the maritime history, artistry, heritage, and environment of the Jersey shore and the unique contributions of its baymen. You can contact the museum at 120 W. Main Street, PO Box 52, Tuckerton, NJ 08087; 609-296-8868; www.tuckertonseaport.org.

Chartered by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1903, the **Chinkchewunska Chapter, DAR** gets its name from a Native American word meaning "hilltop town," or "town on the side of a hill." In 1971 the Van Bunschooten house, outbuildings, and six and a half acres were donated to the Chinkchewunska Chapter by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ramsey. Soon after the acquisition, the chapter began to restore, refurbish, and redecorate the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum and made it the chapter headquarters. The ten rooms are furnished in period antiques, many of which were donated by the original family and used in the home. Items in the collection (1787 to 1860) include clothing, quilts and woven coverlets, furniture, oil paintings, cookware and china, wagons, and farm implements. Our chapter members devote countless hours maintaining, restoring, and preserving the museum and outbuildings including the privy, the carriage house, and the milk house. The library has over 700 volumes and is used for local historical and genealogical research. A service organization dedicated to pursuing the objectives of the National D.A.R., the chapter meets on the second Monday and Saturday of each month. Monday meetings are held at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday meetings at 12 noon. Guests and prospective members are warmly welcomed at our meetings. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barbara Sauvé at 973-875-4058 or bjsauve@ptd.net. You can contact the chapter at 18 Courtland Drive, Wantage, NJ 07461; 973-875-5746; wmwyman@hotmail.com; www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njdar/Chinkchewunska/index.html.

**THE LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES SPRING MEETING
HOSTED BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OCEAN GROVE,
22 PILGRIM PATHWAY
OCEAN GROVE, MONMOUTH COUNTY
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009**

- 9:00 am Registration and continental breakfast
- 9:30 am Welcome and introductions
- 9:45 am History of Ocean Grove
- 10:15am League Business Meeting and Publication Awards; Karen Hatcher, of Celebrate New Jersey, will discuss the state Wayfinding program and the NJ Points of Interest online map.
- 11:15am Break
- 11:30am Land, Ladies, Liquor and the Lord, Women in Ocean Grove-1870-1900
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Guided Walking Tour of Historic District
- 3:30 pm Free time to visit Ocean Grove- HSOG Museum Exhibit, Main Street shopping, B&Bs, boardwalk & fishing pier & stroll down our historic streets to view Victorian architecture.
- 3:30 pm Tour Jersey Shore Arts Center (originally Ocean Grove School)
- 4:30 pm Tour Jersey Shore Arts Center (originally Ocean Grove School)

There is only on street parking available. Carpooling suggested.

There are many hotels and B&Bs within walking distance; Ocean Grove has over **20** B&Bs and inns. Please go to: www.oceangrovenj.com/inns.htm to view the many choices. Members without internet access may call Linda Barth (908-722-7428) and she will mail the list of lodging choices.

For questions before June 13, please call Susan Roach at 732-774-1869.

For questions on June 13, please call the museum at 732-774-1869.

Registration Form- Registration is \$20 per person and includes a buffet lunch

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Affiliation: _____

Please send check for \$20, payable to the Historical Society of Ocean Grove and mail to P.O. Box 446, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756. **Registration deadline is June 3.** Driving directions are located on page twelve.

DIRECTIONS TO THE LEAGUE MEETING AT THE YOUTH TEMPLE, 22 PILGRIM PATHWAY, OCEAN GROVE—732-774-1869

There is only on-street parking available in Ocean Grove. Carpooling is suggested. (Some additional metered parking is available in Asbury Park on the north side of Wesley Lake. For that, return to Main Street, turn right and right again. A pedestrian bridge will take you back to Pilgrim Pathway.)

DIRECTIONS: From North: Take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 100B and follow Route 33 East five miles to its end at Main St./Route 71. Turn left onto Main St. At the next light, turn right onto Main Ave. Turn left onto Central, then left onto McClintock. The Youth Temple is on the right at the next intersection.

From South: Take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 100. Follow Route 33 East five miles to its end at Main St./Route 71. Turn left onto Main St. At the next light, turn right onto Main Ave. Turn left onto Central, then left onto McClintock. The Youth Temple is on the right at the next intersection.

From West /Trenton Area: Take Route 195 East from Trenton area to Route 138 East. Continue east to Route 35 North in Belmar. Follow Route 35 North, parallel to the RR tracks, for two miles to Route 33 East (Corlies Ave.). Turn right across the tracks and take Route 33 East. When Route 33 ends at Main St./Route 71, turn left onto Main St. At the next light, turn right onto Main Ave. Turn left onto Central, then left onto McClintock. The Youth Temple is on the right at the next intersection.

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