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2009 We meet on the third MONDAY of January, April, July, and October - at 7:30pm

**OUR NEXT MEETING:** Will be held on MONDAY January 19th at the Haddon Heights Library- Lower Level. All are welcome. Jill Maser, author of *The Black Horse Pike*, a recent addition to Arcadia Publication's *Images of America* series will be our featured speaker. Ms. Maser graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in comparative literature and embarked upon a hopscotch career of positions from ice rink manager to copywriter to management consultant. She left the corporate world in 2002 to begin her writing career, which includes three novels and a growing number of short stories. She writes in several genres and has published work of all lengths (flash fiction through novels). Living in the Philadelphia area since 1977, Ms. Maser enjoys discovering history in places she lives and visits. She invites you to visit her website at [www.jillmaser.com](http://www.jillmaser.com).



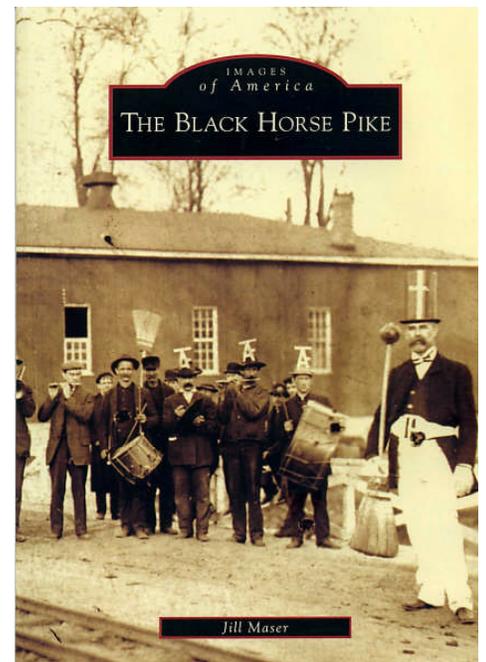
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The evening's presentation will provide an overview of the Black Horse Pike's development and will explain how local waterways, technology, and economics shaped the history of this colorful roadway. Residents of Southern New Jersey and travelers to the shore have

their favorite pike. Which has the fewest traffic jams? The best eateries? Which has the more interesting history? With the recent release of *The Black Horse Pike*, readers can make their own comparisons. While they have similar beginnings as important roadways in the area, each is actually very different.

While the Black Horse Pike was always an important route, one might say that it did not become an important road until 1923 at which time it was paved and extended past Williamstown to Atlantic City. The area's earliest settlers found Timber Creek more important for transporting freight and people. Flatboats carried heavy logs and farm implements up Timber Creek to Gloucester City and to markets all over the world. This was much more efficient and reliable than negotiating the rutted, hilly pike by horse-drawn wagon.

When iron horses replaced those of flesh and blood, traffic on Timber Creek gave way to the "Peanut Line," a railroad between Mt. Ephraim and Grenloch first developed as a freight line serving the Bateman Manufacturing Company. Passenger service was added and continued through 1941. The advent of the automobile changed transportation in the region again, and although the Black



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2 Horse Pike was paved and graded and extended to the shore, the growing population demanded wider and faster roads. Just as the Black Horse Pike communities were coming into their own, the pike was overshadowed by the Walt Whitman Bridge and the North-South Freeway, which sped traffic right past them. While many motorists bypass the pike, its communities thrive today and the Black Horse Pike remains the author's favorite pike.

Just learning about the "Peanut Railway" that ran between Mt. Ephraim and Grenloch is reason enough to join us! Admission is free... Bring a friend!

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** Happy New Year to all of you! To those of you who have a valid email address, this newsletter should reach you well in advance of our meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> as our first email newsletter. Eventually, we will ask our email members if you will be willing to receive your newsletter electronically to help minimize our mailing and production costs. I'd also like to bring you up to date on a few things:

\* Past Society President and long-time town resident Alice Brown, and Harry Hallman have a new address: 2416 N. Greenhill Road, Broomall, PA 19008-2936, phone 610.356.0870. I'm sure they would like to receive a card or call from their friends in the HHHS.

\* Rich Magee has advised me that Giovanna "Vonnie" Martin, an Audubon Historical Society member who was a frequent attendee at our meetings, passed away on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed.

\* Mike Canaris may be the top recipient for our Dumpster Diver award, as I am now beginning to go through 25 of the original Haddon Heights Ledger books that somehow he recovered from those being discarded by the Camden County Registrar's office! The books represent 19 Blocks of the original Haddon Heights Borough and 13 Blocks of the annexed Fairfield Estates. Blocks for the original Haddon Heights Borough include 5, 6, 7, 80, and 81 on the East side; and 30, 31, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 43, 85, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 on the West side. Blocks for Fairfield Estates include 19, 20, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42. Those books will need to be converted to current Block #s for Haddon Heights by comparing with the Borough tax map. We'll need volunteers to help summarize this unique cache of information for our website. Thanks Mike!

\* Anne McAdams represented the Haddon Heights Historical Society at the recent African-American Cemetery Restoration Workshop focusing on Lawnside's Mount Peace Cemetery. Mount Peace, the largest non-sectarian African-American cemetery in New Jersey, was organized by Camden residents in 1900 to provide a burial place for African-Americans who were denied burial in white cemeteries. Speaking with Paul Schopp, a history consultant and former Director of the Camden County Historical Society who spoke at the seminar, the cemetery has been about 75% cleared of overgrown brush and debris, and is ready for a documentation project to begin once the plan and process have been decided. Paul has successfully completed Mt. Peace's nomination for the State Register of Historic Places and the 11.75-acre cemetery should be added to the National Register soon. The reason I am mentioning this project is that there may possibly be a joint effort by local historical society members and high school students to take on the task of gathering, confirming and organizing the burial information for Mt. Peace. Stay tuned as we work with the Camden County, Haddonfield, and Lawnside Historical Societies to determine the best course of action.

\* Your Board is currently reviewing outing possibilities for the rest of this year, including regional events celebrating Lincoln's birthday Bicentennial. The Lincoln Great Fair will be held in Philadelphia May 27-31, in cooperation with the Civil War Museum and the Independence Visitor's Center. Additionally, we are looking into our five year reunion tour of the Union League of Philadelphia, as another Lincoln's birthday celebration event. If you have any suggestions for future outings or projects, please share them with Peter Hill or Fred Missimer or any other member of the Board.

Remember...without you, we're history!

Best regards, *Marshall Hatfield*

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**ELECTRONIC FILING-** No I am not talking about the IRS. Your Historical Society is moving into the 21st Century. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to our membership chair, Jan Ewing. Jan is collecting e-mail addresses from as many members as she can in an effort to put together a database we can use to send out your Newsletter as well as important information and events of interest to our members. We receive mailings in between newsletters letting us know of local and regional history events. Often, the timing is such that by the time we would be able to include those items in our next issue, the event has passed. Our thought is to be able to send along notices to you more frequently than each quarter. Please help us provide you with more current information! Send your e-mail address to: [janice.ewing.wh85@wharton.upen.edu](mailto:janice.ewing.wh85@wharton.upen.edu)

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2009 Haddon Heights Historical Society**

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**NOTE: Year 2009 Annual Membership dues are only \$8.00 (single), and \$12.00 (household), and are due at this time. Please bring this completed form and payment to the next Historical Society Meeting. If you prefer to mail in your dues, please send to:**

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## Coming Events Calendar

**01/14-** Exhibit, through APR 30 – WED-THU-FRI-SUN 12:00 -5:00 pm – Relics: Remembering the Unforgettable. Camden County Historical Society. \$5 for non-members. Call 964.3333 for more information or [www.cchsnj.com](http://www.cchsnj.com).

**01/19-** MONDAY – Quarterly H.H. Historical Society Meeting – 7:30 pm – Library.

**02/11-** Exhibit begins – Down the Aisle: Local Brides of Yesteryear. Gloucester County Historical Society, Woodbury. MON-WED-FRI and last SUN of the month 1:00 – 4:00 pm. \$4 non-members. 848.8531.

**02/12-** THURS.-Lincoln's birthday celebration, 1809.

**02/22-** SUNDAY – Washington's birthday, 1732.

**02/23-** MONDAY – President's Day.

**03/30-** MONDAY – H.H. Historical Society Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Stanfill Towers.

**04/20-** MONDAY – Quarterly H.H. Historical Society Meeting – 7:30 pm – Library

**04/25-** SATURDAY – Genealogy Seminar – Cary Zahn. Gloucester County Hist. Society, Woodbury. \$40 non-members. Call 845.4771 for reservations.

**05/09-** SATURDAY – Down By The Station Fair – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Station Avenue.

**05/09-** SATURDAY – Station Avenue Walking Tour – 2:00 pm – RR Station.

**05/27-31-** WEDNESDAY thru SUNDAY – Lincoln Great Fair – Philadelphia.

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