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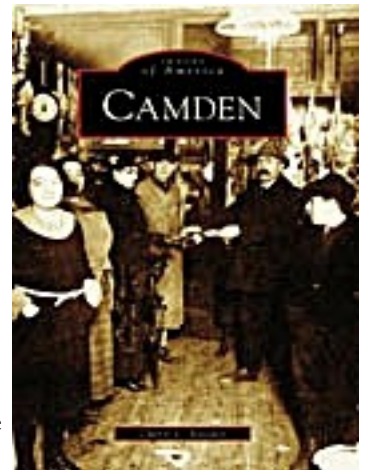
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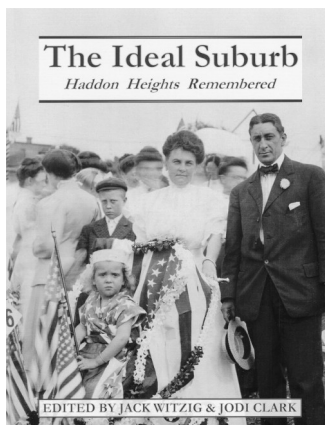
We meet on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October - at 7:30pm

OUR NEXT MEETING— Our next meeting will be Tuesday April 17th at 7:30pm in the Haddon Heights Library Lower Level. The presenter, Cheryl Baisden, is a former journalist for the Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Times, Newark Star Ledger as well as several national and regional magazines. She was born in Camden and raised in Pennsauken, making her a life-long South Jersey resident. Cheryl has authored three historical books on our area, including "South Jersey Farming", "Seabrook Farms", and "Camden".

Our meeting presentation will focus on the remarkable history of the city of Camden. The poet Walt Whitman proclaimed his adopted home of Camden, in its heyday, as "the city invincible", a powerhouse of industrial might destined for greatness. Once, Camden was a center for entertainment, shopping, and culture in South Jersey. In addition to reflecting back on Campbell Soup, RCA, and New York Shipbuilding, her slide presentation includes images of the construction of Fairview, street scenes, early images of Cooper and Our Lady of Lourdes hospitals, building of the Ben Franklin Bridge, and much more. Please come out and join us as we reminisce about life in the good old days of Camden, NJ.



THE IDEAL SUBURB: HADDON HEIGHTS REMEMBERED- WINS N.J. LEAGUE AWARD !!



The many months of hard work by Jack Witzig and Jodi Clark were recently recognized by the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey with a BLUE RIBBON AWARD ! Jack and Jodi edited, organized, and updated this book of information and reminiscences about growing up in Haddon Heights during the first half of the twentieth century. The 2006 edition of this great keepsake book contains over 200 photos, including recent ones from the town's centennial celebration. Look back at business and civic ads from the past, and enjoy the new subject by subject format including a topic and people index.

"The Ideal Suburb" will be available for purchase at the meeting on April 17th for the low introductory price of \$20.00. On May 1st, the price will increase to \$24.95, so I encourage you to buy your copies of this award winning book now! This great collection of local history would make a great gift for any current or past resident of our "ideal" town.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK AND JODI ON THIS WONDERFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT !!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT- 2007 DUES- 2007 Annual Membership dues are still only \$8.00, and should now be paid. Membership includes free attendance at Quarterly meetings as well as the Historical Society newsletter. PLEASE NOTE: Your "paid-up through" date is the year shown on your Newsletter mailing label. DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND... Make sure your membership is current. We are unable to continue mailing this quarterly newsletter to those who have let their membership lapse. You benefit from our effort- let us benefit from yours!

At the March 2007 Historical Society Board meeting, a motion was introduced to add a new category of membership to the Society. The Board is considering a "Household" membership, which would include all members of the family within the household. This will eliminate the need for each member of the family to join and pay dues separately, by establishing a single \$12.00 level of dues for the family. Each household membership will include mailing of the quarterly newsletter. Please come out to the meeting on April 17th and let us know your thoughts on this concept. We want to hear from you!

HOUSE PORTRAITS- Create your own piece of history and a future family heirloom with a painting of your home. Each original watercolor painting is double-matted & framed with your choice of natural wood frames, at the very reasonable price of \$130. A portion of the price for these 16"X20" custom paintings benefits the Historical Society. Help continue this great fund-raiser. Visitors to our home consistently admire the portrait we commissioned!! Just "picture" your historic home or the home of someone you love!

"YOU'VE GOT E-MAIL....."- We continue to build our e-mail address book. Please let us know your e-mail address so we can add it to our list. Our future plans include e-mailing important messages , upcoming events, and even this newsletter to our members. Please contact us with your preferred e-mail address through the Historical Society web site: JACK@HHHISTORICAL.ORG We look forward to hearing from you!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT- Congratulations to Jodi Clark and Jack Witzig as their work on "The Ideal Suburb: Haddon Heights Remembered" takes statewide honors! Past President Peter Hill took the initiative to see that their work was submitted to The League of Historical Societies in the "heavyweight" BOOK division for the 2006 Publication Awards. And they won FIRST PLACE against some pretty stiff competition! Jack accepted the award for our Society at the March 10th League meeting in Longport. If you weren't impressed already, consider this: The League is the largest grass-roots association in New Jersey history with some 260 member organizations representing more than fifty thousand members.

It just goes to show you that when folks become passionate about something, great things can happen. In 2007 we may have more opportunities to show our stuff. To assist in our efforts, volunteers are needed to assist in marketing The Ideal Suburb, our merchandise items, our events (4th of July Parade, Antique Discovery Day, Fall Festival), and our Society. The marketing group will meet a few times before Memorial Day to prepare a marketing plan and decide on the materials and funding required to get our message to the paying public. We want to be fully prepared for the 4th Quarter holiday shopping time. If you have any experience in layout, design, advertising, retail merchandising or preparing marketing plans...have we got an opportunity for you! See Joan Rossler, Elena Hill or any Board Member at the meeting and let us know your interest.

Oral History Project: While preparing for the Veterans Oral History Project with Art Ritter and Peter Hill, I had the pleasure of being invited to Stanfill Towers by one of our members, Harry Vincent. After Harry's tour, I feel our challenge as a Society will be to return in the near future to gather some oral history from the residents. They probably have some incredible personal accounts of significant events of the past. We could use a few good listeners for this project.

Remember...without YOU, we're history! Best regards, Marshall Hatfield

GREAT HADDON HEIGHTS MERCHANDISE !!



(Tea Towel)

We are proud to offer several very nice and useful items featuring artist and architectural renderings of historic buildings in Haddon Heights. The “Wine Carrier” bag is \$12, and the handy “Tote Bag” is \$15. Buy Both... for \$25.00. The Tea Towel is only \$8.00. You can purchase them at the meeting. Look for them also at the following local stores: Chocolate Heaven, April Robin Florist, and at the Library. Proceeds benefit the Historical Society.

More Great Gifts!!!



(Tote & Wine Carrier)

UPCOMING EVENTS OF HISTORICAL NOTE

April 15- 1:00pm Camden County Historical Society- Boyer Auditorium. Douglas McVarnish of John Milner Associates “Tracing the History of Your House”- Library Research 2:30pm-4:30pm. \$5 (free-members)

April 22- 2:00pm Camden County Historical Society- Boyer Auditorium. Local author Allen Haus looks back at “Old Movie Houses of South Jersey” \$5 or free to members

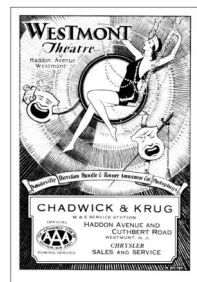
April 28- 10:00am-4:00pm Salem County Historical Society, 83 Market St. Salem. Hosting “Victoria Reign” Open House Tour. Visit and tour the Victorian Gems of Salem County. Call 856-935-5004, e-mail: bonnie@salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com

May 5- 11:00am-5:00pm “Spirit of the Jerseys” History Fair- Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville (8-mi north of Trenton). Features historical organizations, military re-enactments, living history demonstrations, and more than a dozen actors portraying historical figures like George Washington, Walt Whitman, Annie Oakley, General VonSteuben, and Thomas Edison! Call 609-777-0238, online- www.njhistoryfair.org

May 6- 7:00pm Ritz Theatre, WHP Oaklyn. World Premiere of a documentary film about the Westmont Theater. The film, titled, “The Grand Old Lady” features the history of the Westmont, as well as reminiscences of past employees and citizens who sat before the flickering images and Vaudeville Acts. This is an extraordinary event of local history. Please consider attending this event. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Ritz Theatre, online at www.ritztheatreco.org, or by phone: 856-858-5230



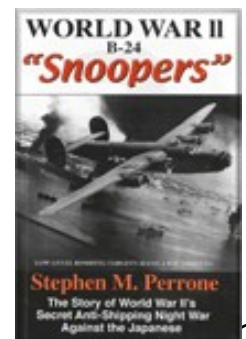
ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME



Week Beginning September 3, 1925

July 4- Haddon Heights 4th of July Parade. We need participants to walk (we are trying to arrange a float) and be willing to represent the Historical Society as part of our traditional KAZOO BAND ! Contact Joan Rossler or any Board member if you are interested in coming out in numbers before the community.

July 17- 7:30pm H.H. Historical Society Summer Meeting. Come and listen to local author Stephen Perrone as he talks about his first-hand experiences and the oral history of his fellow crewmen with the WW II B-24 “Snoopers” in the Pacific Theater, including previously classified material. Much of this story has never been told before!



Coming Events Calendar

- 4/17 2nd Quarterly Meeting- 7:30pm
4/28 Heritage League- Rev. War
Walking Tour 2:00pm- at Cannons
5/6 Ritz Theatre presents PREMIERE of
Documentary film "The Grand Old
Lady" about the Westmont Theater.
Tickets \$10- call 858-5230
5/12 Heritage League- Station Ave. Walk-
ing Tour 2:00pm- at Train Station
6/26 Board Meeting- 7:00pm
7/4 4th of July Parade All invited Hist.
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Ongoing Projects Needing Volunteers

H.H Town & Business Directories- Data
entry, verifying & collating

Marketing of H.H. Historical Society Items-

2007 Historical Society Board/Contacts

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE- Bob Hunter

and Peter Hill are looking for a third volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2008. Nominations are announced at our summer meeting. Please consider getting involved with YOUR Society!

APRIL IN PARIS- I will not be in attendance at the April general meeting due to a previous commitment. My wife and I are leaving the kids at home and traveling to Paris to celebrate a historic event: our 30th wedding anniversary! In the USA, we consider something that is 200 years old to be ancient. We are going to explore really old history. To Europeans, 200 years ago is like it happened last week... We are looking forward to seeing the sights, visiting Mona Lisa (I understand she is much smaller than one would think...), and experiencing some of the history of France. I hope to share details and photos with you in a future newsletter and Society meeting. Until then , " Au Revoir " !!!! THANKS for listening ... Drop me a line. Share some history ! Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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