

of History and Preservation

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H/P Constitution and Bylaws

A revised constitution and bylaws for the History and Preservation Section was completed, sent to the membership, and unanimously approved by the Executive Board at their August 26,2004 meeting. All H&P Section members are asked to read and review the constitution and bylaws, as a vote will be taken during the annual meeting at the Spring 2005 NJLA Conference in Long Branch, to approve these new documents. If you have any questions, or would like a copy, please contact the committee. Thank you.

Frederic Pachman

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

I. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be called the History and Preservation Section of the New Jersey Library Association.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the History and Preservation Section shall be to promote the work of New Jersey libraries involved in the collection, organization, conservation, preservation, publication, and interpretation of historical materials.

ARTICLE III. GOALS

The goals of this Section shall be:

- ◆To encourage and promote publications dealing with the history of New Jersey and its peoples and the activities of Libraries to preserve historical and other special materials;
- ◆To foster the exchange of information through workshops, lectures, tours, and other programs.
- ◆To recognize the achievements of New Jersey Libraries and Librarians in the fields of history and preservation; and
- ♦To provide a liaison between the Section and other agencies and organizations engaged in the fields of history and preservation.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Any member in good standing of the New Jersey Library Association, may become a member of this Section, upon payment of annual Section dues.

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Established in 1890, the NJLA is the oldest and largest library organization in New Jersey. This organization advocates for the advancement of library services for the residents of New Jersey, provides continuing education & networking opportunities for librarians and supports the principles of intellectual freedom & promotes access to library materials for all.

Upcoming H/P Events

Next H/P Section meeting

Date: Friday, November 12

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Fairleigh Dickinson University,

Madison Campus

Directions are available on the FDU

webpage:

http://www.fdu.edu/visitorcenter/

directions.html

For more information, contact Alan Delozier at delozial@shu.edu

Archives and History Day Set For October 16

History buffs are awaiting with great anticipation their annual trip to the Monmouth County Library to celebrate Archives and History Day. This year, the event will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ.

The event is a wonderful opportunity for both young and old to learn about state and local history; to meet archivists, historians, curators, and others in the field of history and hear their stories. There is no charge for admission and the general public is invited.

This year, there will be a featured speaker who is "rumored to be a great Monmouth County hero of the American Revolution." The program will also include a few remarks by M. Claire French, who supervises the Monmouth County Archives in her capacity as County Clerk.

Letter from the President

Greetings to members and friends of the New Jersey Library Association History & Preservation Section! It is both a pleasure and a great honor to preside as your representative over the next year. I will try my best to carry on in the tradition of fine leadership exhibited by past section executives especially the tremendous legacy left by our emeritus prexis Joe DaRold whose initiatives have made this such a talented, vibrant and friendly section. Wonderful people make a difference especially when it comes to the membership of NJLA, and working more closely with the executive board has already been a particularly worthwhile and meaningful experience overall.

Speaking of exceptional individuals, I would like to congratulate the newly elected board comprised of Bruce Bardarik, Vice-President; April Kane, Secretary; Lawrence Greene and Jane Hylicke, Members At-Large. Praise is also extended to Susan Gulick outgoing Member At-Large; Joanne Parra, Newsletter Editor along with Fred Pachman and

Elsalyn Palmisano who drafted our new Section Bylaws and Constitution. In addition, I would like to extend a thank you to all of our returning members of the section along with those who have recently joined. Welcome! This current year we have many exciting plans in the works including a more pronounced web presence, conference programming. entertaining new project ideas and building upon existing initiatives along with our most important mission when it comes to spreading the word about the virtues and value of historical preservation efforts within our respective libraries. The joy of discovery is indeed a wonderful thing and the efforts of New Jersey's historical community are nothing short of stupendous!

More updates and news of note will be forthcoming, but in the meantime let me thank you for your interest in History & Preservation and I look forward to working with you over the next several months!

Alan Delozier President

In addition, the noted orator, Free-holder Theodore J. Narozanick has been invited to address the assemblage.

Archives and History Day features both exhibits and educational programs. Archives, historic sites, historical societies, libraries, museums, history-related government agencies, and other notfor-profit organizations in New Jersey will present exhibits pertaining to their local programs, archival collections, and the history of the state and local communities.

In addition, Ms. French will present the annual Jane G.

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II. BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. OFFICERS

Section A The officers of this Section shall consist of a President, Vice President/President Elect, Past President, and Secretary, each of whom shall serve for a one-year term with voting rights. The Editor shall be a sub-officer, appointed annually by the President, not elected, but entitled to all rights and privileges as a full Board member.

Section B. The Vice President/President Elect, and the Secretary shall be elected by mail vote. The Vice President/President Elect shall serve the term of that office and automatically become President the following year without further election.

Section C. The Editor of the Section newsletter (*The Chronicle*) shall be a sub-officer, appointed annually by the President, and entitled to all rights and privileges as a full Board member.

Section D. All officers, elected or appointed, shall serve from July 1 through June 30.

Section E. Officers shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their offices and such other duties as described in Article II of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. The President.

- ◆ Presides at all meetings and programs of the Section;
- ◆ Makes all appointments to Standing and Ad Hoc committees;
- ◆ Attends orientation sessions for officers presented by NJLA;
- ◆Assures that all NJLA deadlines are met in a timely manner;
- ◆ Serves as ex-officio member of the Section's Awards Committee:
- ◆ Maintains effective communications with the NJLA President and the NJLA Executive Director:
- ◆ Submits articles and information to the *Chronicle*,
- ◆ Serves as the official representative of the Section in dealing with the NJLA President, the NJLA Executive Board and other organizations with similar interests:
- Delegates responsibilities to other officers and members when it is in the best interest of the Section.

Section B. The Vice President / President Elect.

- ◆ Presides at meetings in the absence of the President;
- ♦ In the event of the inability of the President to serve, the Vice-president (President-elect) shall become President for the remainder of that term and shall serve the term as President for s/he has been duly elected.
- ◆ Attends NJLA orientation sessions for officers presented by NJLA;
- ◆ Serves as chair of the Section's Program Committee and coordinates all plans under the direction of the President.
- ◆ Serves as chair of the Nominating Committee.

Section D. The Past President.

- ◆ Serves as advisor to the Executive Board in order to assure continuity of purpose.
- ◆ Serves as chair of the Section's Awards Committee.

Section C. The Secretary.

- ◆ Records minutes of every section meeting and sends them to all Board members prior to the next meeting;
- ◆ Develops a list of contact information for all Board members and committee members and distributes the list no later than one month after the certification of elections by NJLA.

Section E. Editor of the Newsletter (*The Chronicle*):

◆The Editor shall seek articles for the newsletter from officers and members, and include edited material from other sources as appropriate.

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◆The Editor shall publish two issues of the "Chronicle" per year, and distribute the newsletter to all members of the section, and to the President, Executive Director, and Archivist of NJLA.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS AT LARGE

There shall be two Members-at-Large, who shall be elected for one-year terms and shall be voting members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS AT LARGE

"Members-at-large" shall serve on the Program Committee under the Vice president/President elect. They may also serve on other Section committees and undertake assignments as determined by the President, and they may serve as liaisons to other related organizations as determined by the Executive Board."

ARTICLE V. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section A. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and sub-officers of the Section, two Members-at-Large, and any liaison members from other organizations

Section B. The Past President serves as a voting member of the Executive Board for the year following his/her Presidency.

Section C. The Executive Board shall have the power to act for the Section during the intervals between meetings of the Section.

Section D. The Executive Board shall have the power to fill all vacancies in office, except President. Any person appointed by the Executive Board shall serve only until the end of the NJLA year (June 30).

Section E. Upon approval of the Executive Board, the President may invite liaisons from organizations of similar interests and aims to serve as **ex-officio members** of the Executive Board of the History and Preservation Section. Organizations may include, but shall not be limited to, the New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, the New Jersey Historical Society, the New Jersey Historical Commission, and the New Jersey State Library. These invitations shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Section A. The Executive Board shall meet at least three times a year at a time, place, and date determined by the President

Section B. A minimum of one week's notice must be given to members of the Executive Board. A simple majority of Executive Board members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Section C. Executive Board meetings may be held in conjunction with membership activities, but they must be announced and conducted as separate events.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section ANominations and elections shall be governed by the procedures and timetable established by the NJLA Executive Board.

Section B. Only qualified members *(i.e. members in good standing)* of the History & Preservation Section may participate in elections and hold office. Members shall be considered "in-good-standing" when their NJLA and History & Preservation Section dues have been paid 30 days prior to the membership meeting where official action is taken.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section A The two types of committees shall be Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. Only individual members of the Section shall be appointed to committees, except as authorized by the Executive Board. All committee members shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Executive Board.

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Section B. Standing Committees. Members of the Standing Committees shall serve one year. The Standing Committees of the Section shall be:

- Nominating Committee The President shall appoint two members in the Fall of each year to serve under the President-elect. The committee shall nominate a slate for Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and two Members-at-large. The slate, in ballot format, shall be forwarded to the NJLA Executive Director for distribution to the Section membership, by the date prescribed by the NJLA Executive Board.
- Program Committee Under the chairmanship of the Vice President/President Elect, this committee shall present to the Section's Executive Board proposals for activities at the annual conference and throughout the year. The chair shall be responsible for communicating all conference proposals to the NJLA Conference Committee.
- ♦ Awards Committee This committee shall exist to coordinate a program that recognizes NJLA members' accomplishments in the fields of history, conservation and preservation. The program shall consist of the Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award and a procedure to nominate New Jersey libraries and librarians to state and national awards presented by other agencies.
- ◆The Awards Committee shall be made up of three members of the History & Preservation Section, including the Past President of the Section who shall serve as chair.
- ♦ If the Past President cannot serve as Committee Chair, then the current President shall appoint a Section member to fill the position.
- ullet The current President of the History & Preservation Section shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.
- ◆The committee shall read all submissions and make the decision for the awards each year. The decision of the committee will be final. In the absence of a qualified candidate for the Susan G. Swartzburg Award, it will not be given.

Section C. Ad Hoc Committees. Ad Hoc Committees are created by the President as needed, with consent of the Executive Board. A written charge shall be given in writing by the President to the chair of each committee. Members shall serve until the committee has fulfilled its charge, at which point the committee shall be disbanded. Examples of Ad Hoc Committees include Membership Committee, Publications Committee, etc.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section A A minimum of three membership meetings shall be held each year in the form of business meetings, tours, workshops, or other programs. They shall be set by the Executive Board for the greater interest of the membership.

Section B. There shall be one membership meeting held each year for the purpose of conducting official business. This meeting shall be announced to the membership at least 30 days in advance. The meeting may be held in conjunction with other Section activities listed in Section "A" of this article but shall not be superseded by them.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Section A This Constitution may be adopted and amended at any membership meeting of the Section by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the qualified Section members present, where meeting notice and notice of specific changes have been given in writing to all Section members thirty (30) calendar days in advance.

Section B. These Bylaws may be adopted and amended at any membership meeting of the Section by a vote of a simple majority of qualified Section members present, where meeting notice and notice of specific changes have been given in writing to all Section members thirty (30) calendar days in advance.

Section C. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by mail vote of qualified Section members, provided that specific notice of the proposed change has been given at least 30 days prior to the date on which action will be taken.

ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Section in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any special rules of order the Section may adopt.

Read any good books lately?

By Christine Jochem Morristown and Morris Township Library

Grab a warm blanket and turn on the lights- in this issue of *The Chronicle*, we're going to look at some spooky autumn reads!

Back in the '50s when I was growing up outside Trenton, NJ, as soon as school let out for the summer we'd start packing for our annual vacation 'down the shore.' If we were lucky, we might get a head start on our vacation by leaving late on a Friday night instead of the following morning. As much as I liked riding through the Pine Barrens on our way to Long Beach Island, watching as the grassy shoulders of the road gradually turned to sand and waiting for that first breath of sea air, I enjoyed the drive even more at night. Traveling along Route 539 in the eerie darkness my father would set the scene by imitating the creepy voice of "The Shadow" from the 1930s radio show. My mother, the history teacher, would follow with stories of the Jersey Devil. In the dark of night, my brother and I would listen intently, our fear palpable as we hung on every word and description, no matter how many times we'd heard the tales before. For is there anything more delicious for 5- or 10-year olds than terrifying stories of the unexplained told late at night?

Not a new book, but a real classic for tales of the Jersey Devil is James McCloy's and Ray Miller's *The Jersey Devil*. This little book, complete with photos meant to document the existence of Mrs. Leeds' unfortunate 13th child, takes readers on a frightful romp through the most desolate regions of the pine barrens. Twenty years later, the authors published a second book, *Phantom of the Pines, More Tales of the Jersey Devil*, which includes even more tales of the Jersey Devil and supposed sightings right up through 1996. Both of these books are still available and, at about 100 pages each, they're just right for a long drive through the pine barrens....if you dare!

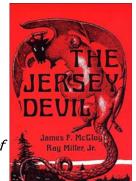
McCloy, James and Ray Miller, Jr., *The Jersey Devil*,

Wallingford, PA: Middle Atlantic Press, 1976. ISBN 0-9126-0805-6 (paperback). \$10.95

McCloy, James and Ray Miller, Jr., Phantom of the Pines, More Tales of the Jersey Devil,

Moorestown, NJ: Middle Atlantic Press, 1998.

ISBN 0-9126-0895-1 (paperback). \$11.95



For those who prefer the pine barrens by the light of day, nature photographer Bob Birdsall has published Seasons of the Pines, A Photographic Tour of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. In the crush of commuting on crowded highways, it's easy to forget that there is a wilderness of over 1 million acres here in New Jersey within an hour's drive of Philadelphia or New York City. Birdsall, a professional nature photographer who has photographed all 50 states, Europe, Australia and Canada, spent many summers of his youth camping in the pine barrens. Seasons of the Pines takes us off the main roads that traverse the pine barrens and into the heart of this national reserve. for, as Birdsall tells us, the New Jersey pine barrens does not give up its secrets easily. His photographs of plant and wildlife reveal the breathtaking beauty of this easily accessible wilderness and present a persuasive argument for protecting its fragile ecosystem.

Birdsall, Bob, Seasons of the Pines, A Photographic Tour of the New Jersey Pine Barrens, Barnegat Light, NJ: Island Publishing, 2004. ISBN 0-8135-3439-9 (hardcover). \$29.95

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Clayton Award to a deserving man or woman for outstanding service in the preservation and promotion of the history of Monmouth County. The announcement of the winner is expected to be made prior to Archives Day.

Archives Week at the Monmouth County Library also includes two pre-conference workshops on Wednesday, October 13, 2004: one, a training workshop for teachers on using primary sources in the classroom, and the other, a hands on book repair workshop. Registration is required for these workshops.

Additional information and a tentative program are available on the Monmouth County Archives web site: http://www.visitmonmouth.com/archives, or by email: mknox@co.monmouth.nj.us or phone: 732-308-3771.

Congratulations to ...

Warmest congratulations are extended to **Alex Magoun**, the newly elected New Jersey Caucus Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archivists Conference. Alex Magoun grew up in Manchester, Mass., where he read all of the Landmark and Signature biographies and We Were There and World War II histories in the public library's collection. Some time later, he received the Ph.D. in history from the University of Maryland, College Park. Since 2000, he has been executive director of the David Sarnoff Library, a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and understanding of innovation as represented by the career of David Sarnoff and the histories of the companies with which he was associated, especially RCA. He oversees its museum, programs, the archives (the largest for RCA history in the state), and website, www.davidsarnoff.org, which receives over 17,000 page requests a month. In his spare time, Alex runs through the countryside with the Princeton Hash House Harriers and collects CDs, postcards, and that now RCA memorabilia. In the rest of his spare time, he is revising his dissertation on the phonograph record for The Johns Hopkins University Press and writing a history of television for Greenwood Press's forthcom-

ing Technography series.

Warmest congratulations are also extended to **George** Cooke. He was born and raised in the rural Midwest, where he attended a one-room country school. He later earned a bachelor's degree in English and a Master's in psychology at Michigan State University, while serving as a research assistant. He came to New York and spent a year studying rat behavior at Columbia University and working as a teaching assistant in the Faculty of Pure Science. He also enrolled at New York University where he earned a master's degree in English literature and fulfilled all the requirements for a Ph. D., except for writing his final dissertation. Cooke served as a library director in two libraries and retired in 2003. He is presently engaged in writing a book on pioneers in preservation and conservation. He is currently teaching the course in Preservation of Library and Archival Materials at Rutgers in the graduate school at SCILS. He claims that this is the most enjoyable experience of his life. He puts CAPES at the top of the list of practical hands-on organizations for educating and encouraging members of historical societies, libraries, and other institutions to collect and preserve our cultural heritage.

Call for awards nominations

The New Jersey Library Association History & Preservation Section is seeking nominations to recognize NJLA members' accomplishments in the fields of history, conservation and preservation. In addition to presenting the Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award, the H&P Section is seeking nominations of outstanding New Jersey libraries and librarians whose work will be considered for submitting for other state and national awards.

Nominations must be postmarked by November 1, 2004, to H&P Awards Committee Chairman Joe Da Rold at Plainfield Public Library, 8th Street & Park Avenue, Plainfield NJ 07060 or e-mailed to him by November 3rd at jdarld@plainfieldlibrary.info. Your nomination letter should address the aspects of their contributions described below:

The Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award.

Criteria: Awarded to an individual NJLA member in recognition of his/her leadership and dedication to the preservation or interpretation of archival, library or historical materials.

The nominee should exhibit one or more of the following qualities:

Leadership: support for funding of conservation projects; promoting education of conservation issues; and increasing the visibility of archival/history materials.

Creativity: developing new and interesting methods of interpretation through exhibits, programs, lectures and publications. Commitment: building an impressive body of work at one or more institutions in the areas of conservation, archives and/or historical fields; and exhibiting knowledge of and concern for the basic principals of preservation over time.

The Paul Banks and Carolyn Harris Preservation Award (American Library Association, Association for Library Collections & Technical Serves)

Through the recommendation of the NJLA History & Preservation Section Board, the Executive Board of NJLA will nominate a New Jersey librarian who is "active in the field of preservation and/or conservation of library and/or archival materials." Nominations which come to the NJLA HP Awards Committee must conform to the eligibility guidelines for the award as promoted by the sponsoring agency.