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ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS AT THE HOBOKEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Hoboken, NJ – March 20, 2007 – Raymond Smith, a Hoboken artist, will be teaching two new art classes for young artists at the Hoboken Historical Museum this spring on Saturday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

The first session is ‘Art Explorers,’ for ages 9-12. The class is designed to connect children with visual art in a challenging and fun manner. Students will be using objects from the Museum’s collection and local resources to initiate discussion and inspire projects. Topics will include the study of Ancient Egypt, Impressionist painting and Creative Printmaking. ‘Art Explorers’ begins April 14, for six weeks, ending May 19.

The second session is ‘Young Masters,’ for ages 13-18. This class focuses on advanced drawing techniques and how it applies to oil painting, from an initial sketch to a final artwork. Students will use objects from the Museum’s collection to develop finished projects, and each class will begin with a demonstration by the instructor, concluding with a class critique. ‘Young Masters’ begins May 26, for six weeks, ending June 30.

Each class is \$100, and includes necessary materials. Both classes are designed to increase a student’s vocabulary, critical thinking, knowledge of art history and artistic skills. To register for either class, please call the Hoboken Historical Museum at 201-656-2240, extension 8.

Raymond Smith is a self-taught painter, illustrator, and graphic designer, specializing in figurative art. Clients have been Perrier, Prentice-Hall publishing, United Airlines, Marlboro and Target. He has a wide range of artistic interests and skills in both traditional and non-traditional media. In 2002 he created the ‘Hoboken Children’s Memorial Flag,’ which was the first public Hoboken 9/11 memorial, and is on permanent display at the Hoboken Board of Education. Artwork included the handprints of all children from Hoboken who lost a parent or guardian on 9/11. Smith was recently the art instructor for the Hoboken Homeless Shelter and the ‘Saturday U’ enrichment program for public school children at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. His ‘Greetings from Hoboken New Jersey’ merchandise is available at the Hoboken Historical Museum

and other retail outlets in Hoboken. Smith also sharpens his skills by copying old master and Impressionist paintings at the Brooklyn Museum of Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. His artwork and examples of his student's work can be seen online at www.raymondsmithart.com.

About the Hoboken Historical Museum

Founded 1986, the Museum's mission is to educate the public about Hoboken's history, diverse culture, architecture and historic landmarks. In 2001, the Museum moved into one of the oldest buildings on the waterfront, in the former Bethlehem Steel shipyard, at 1301 Hudson St., Hoboken. For more information, visit www.hobokenmuseum.org.

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