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On Board in November at the Hoboken Historical Museum: Frank Hanavan Exhibit and Hoboken Shore Railroad Talk

Hoboken, NJ – Oct. 24, 2007 – The Museum is pleased to invite the community to a series of concerts, talks and events at the Museum this fall. In addition to events tied to the “Hoboken Tunes” exhibit, following is a list of other events that have been scheduled in November and December. All events are open to the public; many are free of charge for members. For more information, visit www.hobokenmuseum.org, or call 201-656-2240. The Museum is open six days a week at 1301 Hudson St., in the Shipyard building, the oldest structure still standing on Hoboken’s storied waterfront.

“Part of the Landscape:” Frank Hanavan Returns

If it seems as though local artist Frank Hanavan has been ubiquitous this summer on the sidewalks of Hoboken, it’s because he’s forsaken his other usual subjects, New York and Jersey City, in order to prepare for his new show in the Upper Gallery the Hoboken Historical Museum. Opening with a **reception from 2 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11**, “**Frank Hanavan: Part of the Landscape**” features nearly two dozen of his distinctive cityscapes. Lately, he’s been drawn to scenes that reflect the interplay of light and shadow, especially on the reflective surfaces of windows and cars. He’s also working in a more cinematic aspect, with canvases that are more strongly horizontal. But his subject matter is familiar: Hoboken’s sidewalk culture. Admission to the reception is free.

Riding the *Really* Short Line R.R.

Hoboken’s founder, Col. John Stevens, was a pioneer and inventor in many areas: Among his many firsts was the country’s first railroad charter and a patent for the railroad gauge that became the national standard. Much later, in 1895, his descendants were

among a group of businessmen who incorporated a small railroad, the Hoboken Railroad Warehouse and Steamship Connecting Company, which ran less than a mile.

Renamed the Hoboken Manufacturers Railroad in 1902, and nicknamed the “Hoboken Shore Railroad,” the miniscule but vital line served many purposes until it went bankrupt in 1979, connecting shipping piers and factories to the Erie Railroad in Weehawken, and eventually serving the federal government through both World Wars.

On **Sunday, November 18, at 3 p.m.**, railroad historian **Benjamin L Bernhart** will visit the Museum at 1301 Hudson St. to give an illustrated talk on the **Hoboken Shore Railroad**. In its long history, the less-than-one-mile-long line served the gamut of locomotive technology, from electric motors to interurban trolleys, steam locomotives and the first generation diesel-electric engines. Admission is \$5, free for HHM members.

Support Your Local Artists and Craftspeople

For gifts with a personal, hand-crafted touch, drop by the **Museum’s Holiday Crafts Fair** between **noon and 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, December 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23**, at 1301 Hudson St. Local artisans and craftspeople, many of whom are back by popular demand, will be selling jewelry, candles, handbags and more.

If there’s anyone on your gift list who’s crazy for Hoboken, stop by the Museum Shop for a book, t-shirt, print, or calendar – we’re open six days a week. Our shop is full of one-of-a-kind items celebrating Hoboken and New Jersey history and culture, plus exclusive t-shirt designs, and other items.

Or consider one of our books, such as *From Another Time, Hoboken in the 1970s*, featuring more than 150 arresting black and white photographs of Hoboken from that turnaround decade; Hoboken’s “brag book,” *100 Hoboken Firsts*, by Jim Hans; or a richly illustrated overview of the history of the various shipping industries in *On the Waterfront*, by William Miller.

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, where it maintains a series of rotating exhibits. The Museum is open six days a week, 2 – 9 pm on Tues. – Thurs., 1 – 5 pm on Fridays, and noon – 5 pm on weekends. It offers special exhibits, tours, events and lectures, as well as educational programs for adults and children on a weekly basis. An updated schedule of events and an online catalog of many items in its collections are available at www.hobokenmuseum.org. The Museum is a not-for-profit tax-exempt 501(c) entity.

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