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New Shows, Old Favorite Events Fill a Busy Fall Season for the Hoboken Historical Museum

Hoboken, N.J. – August 27, 2008 – Fall is a busy season for the Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St. A new exhibition opens on **Sunday, Sept. 7, from 2 – 5 p.m., *Heaven, Hell or Hoboken, a City Transformed by World War I.*** Meticulously researched by historian and Hoboken resident Dr. Christina Ziegler-McPherson, who specializes in Progressive Era immigration and social welfare policy, the show and lecture series explore the wrenching changes that Hoboken’s designation as the main port of embarkation in 1917 wrought on this heavily German-populated city. The show will be on view through December 23.

On **Sunday, Sept. 21**, the Museum will celebrate the publication of the final oral history chapbook of the year, *The Fruit Truck: Recollections of Domenick Amato*. A free reception at 4 p.m. will feature fresh fruit and a chance to share your own reminiscences about these former fixtures in the city’s landscape. Everyone who attends will receive a copy of the chapbook, which was made possible in part by John Wiley & Sons and with the help of the Hoboken Public Library.

In the Museum’s Upper Gallery, dozens of imaginative and colorful works of art by local schoolchildren are on view in the **“Greetings from Hoboken’s Kids!”** exhibit, from Sept. 7 through Oct. 12. **On Oct. 19**, a new exhibit featuring artwork and poems by Wallace School fifth graders will take its place in an exhibit named **“Come Fly With Me: Urban Birds of Hoboken.”** This artwork is part of a project created by Wallace teacher Kathy Temple, who earned a grant from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. A reception from 12 – 3 p.m. will give visitors and Artists Studio Tour goers a chance to meet some of the young artists and their inspiring teacher. Later that afternoon, at 4 p.m.,

local artists' collective Gaia will stage a theatrical reading of *Flora Dora Girls Weekly Sewing Circle*, an unpublished play by Hoboken-born playwright Louis LaRusso II.

Three of the Museum's most-anticipated annual community-wide events fall in this season: The **5th Annual Pet Parade** is Oct. 5, from 1 – 3 p.m., starting from Sinatra Park and ending with a costume-judging contest in Pier A Park (arrive early to register, registration is free.); the **2nd Annual Heirloom Garlic Festival** brings Wantage, N.J.-based farmers Sue and Rich Sisti back to the Museum on Oct. 12, from 1 – 5 p.m., with bushels of “the stinking rose” for sampling and purchase; and the **Annual Hoboken House Tour** is Sunday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Details are provided below, or on the Museum's website, www.hobokenmuseum.org.

And due to popular demand, the Museum is expanding its Uptown Storytime reading hour, for children ages 18 months to five years, from monthly to twice a month. The Museum will also have a booth at the Italian Festival along the waterfront, Sept. 4 – 7, as well as the city's Arts and Music Festival, Sept. 28.

MUSEUM EVENTS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sun., Sept. 7, 2 – 5 p.m., Opening reception for new exhibition, *Heaven, Hell or Hoboken: A City Transformed by World War I*, in the Main Gallery. On view through Dec. 23. Free.

Mon., Sept. 15 – Mon., Oct. 20, 7 – 9 p.m., Digital photography course led by Peter Ziebel. \$100 for six sessions (Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, and 20), at the Museum.

Thurs., Sept. 18, 10 a.m., Uptown Storytime at the Museum, for children ages 18 months to 5 years and their caregivers. Free.

Sun., Sept. 21, 4 p.m., Chapbook publication party for “The Fruit Truck, Recollections of Domenick Amato” at the Museum. Free.

Thurs., Oct. 2, 10 a.m., Uptown Storytime at the Museum, for children ages 18 months to 5 years and their caregivers. Free.

Sun., Oct. 5, 1 p.m., Fifth Annual HHM Pet Parade. Sign-up starts at 12:30 p.m. at Frank Sinatra Park, and parade continues to Pier A Park for costume contest and prizes. Free.

Sun., Oct. 5, 4 p.m., “Volunteers or Volunteered? The Hand of Government in WWI,” a lecture by historian and Hoboken resident Dr. Christine Ziegler-McPherson at the Museum. \$5 suggested donation; free for Museum members.

Sun., Oct. 12, 1 - 5 p.m., Second Annual Heirloom Garlic-Tasting Festival in the breezeway by the Museum entrance. Free. (Produce available for purchase)

Thurs., Oct. 16, 10 a.m., Uptown Storytime at the Museum, for children ages 18 months to 5 years and their caregivers. Free.

Sun., Oct. 19, 12 – 3 p.m., Opening reception for “Urban Birds” exhibit. Stop by the Upper Gallery during the Artists Studio Tour to meet Wallace School teacher Kathy Temple and several students behind this artwork and poetry project. Free.

Sun., Oct. 19, 4 p.m., A reading of *Flora Dora Girls Weekly Sewing Circle*, a play by Hoboken-born playwright Louis LaRusso II, presented by Gaia, a women’s arts collective. (Mature subject matter). At the Museum. \$5 donation.

Sun. Oct. 26, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Annual HHM House Tour. Begin your self-guided tour from the Museum. Advance-purchase tickets are \$25, \$30 day of the tour, \$25 for HHM members.

Littleman Parking-Independence Garage, located at 12th Street and Shipyard Lane, offers three hours of free parking for Museum visitors with validated tickets in the indoor parking deck across from Hollywood Video.

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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