

*Trenton Historical Society  
2007 Annual Report*



222 West State Street – Ferdinand Roebling Mansion – 1946



*The Trenton Historical Society's mission is the study and interpretation of Trenton's history, preservation of its historic buildings and artifacts, and dissemination of information about New Jersey's capital city and its illustrious past.*

Since its founding in 1919, the Trenton Historical Society has remained dedicated to this important mission. Through its efforts to share the City's rich and unique history with the public and to preserve its historic artifacts and buildings, the Trenton Historical Society hopes to enrich the community and to promote a tangible, relevant, and meaningful link to our shared past for today's residents and visitors, and for generations to come.

## **Organizational Structure**

The Trenton Historical Society is governed by a fourteen member Board of Trustees. The trustees are elected by the general membership each year at the Annual Membership Meeting. The organization's officers are then chosen from the fourteen board members by the Trustees themselves. The 2007 Board of Trustees consisted of:

Jean Bickal, *President*

Helen Shannon, *Vice President*

Wendy M. Nardi, *Secretary*

Gary Nigh, *Treasurer*

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John Hatch, AIA

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Sara Andre

Karl Flesch

David Collier

Jonathan Kinney - Coordinator

Each one of the society's trustees brings his or her own unique talents and expertise, professional experience, and innovative ideas to the organization. This diversity, coupled with the Trustees' common love of history, concern for the city and people of Trenton, and dedication to preserving the City's rich historical past, make the Trenton Historical Society the strong and successful organization that it is.

## **Committee Activity**

The Trenton Historical Society's three standing committees (Artifacts, Education, and Preservation) are responsible for a majority of the organization's work throughout the course of the year. The following section is an overview of these activities in 2007.

## Artifacts Committee

(Committee Chair – Gary Nigh)

The Trenton Historical Society's Artifacts Committee is committed to saving Trenton's past one small piece at a time. The committee's goal is to identify and acquire items from Trenton's past, to preserve them, and to make them available to historians, researchers, and the general public. The repository for the items acquired by the Artifacts Committee is the Trentoniana Room of the Trenton Public Library. While the artifacts obtained by the Committee relate to many different aspects of the City's history, the focus for the past several years has been on obtaining items relating to the following categories:

- Schools – Trenton's educational institutions, especially through their publications (yearbooks, newspapers, etc.) provide an invaluable record of the many generations of Trentonians who have passed through their doors.
- Industries & Businesses – The slogan, "Trenton Makes, The World Takes" reflects the importance industry played in the creation of our city. Industrial catalogs, along with other records, provide a glimpse of not only what was made here, but also of the lives of the industrialists and workers who lived here.
- Middle/Working Class Families – The stories, images, and words of members of Trenton's elite families are well represented in collections of historical material. Photographs, letters, and other documents that reveal "ordinary" living are needed. We're looking for snapshots of kids at play, photos of a club outing, church bulletins, etc.
- Ethnic Groups – Items that shed light on the contributions that different ethnic groups have made to Trenton, such as records or publications of community, religious, or social groups are a specific focus of the Artifacts Committee.
- City Neighborhoods – While some city neighborhoods are strongly tied to a specific ethnic group, others are not; they are communities with an independent identity. Their stories, as told in civic association records and photos of neighborhood activities (picnics, clean-ups, meetings, etc.), reveal the vibrancy of urban life.
- Buildings – The Committee is always interested in obtaining items relating the City's historic buildings, whether the structure is a well-known landmark or a private residence. Trenton's building stock is an incredible link to the past and items such as old photos of buildings help us to better understand the city's physical history.

Since its formation in 2003, the Artifacts Committee has obtained thousands of documents, artifacts, and photographs relating to Trenton's history. These fascinating, tangible items will help bring Trenton's past to life for future generations. In 2007, the Artifacts Committee achieved a major milestone when it reached the \$10,000 mark in Committee funds spent to help collect and preserve important artifacts and memorabilia from the City's past that now reside in the climate-controlled Trentoniana Collection! Congratulations to Committee Chair Gary Nigh and everyone who assisted him with this important work. In 2007, the Artifacts Committee acquired 72 items for the Trentoniana Collection. Of the 72 items, 30 were generously donated to the Society and 42 were purchased with money from the Society's Artifacts Fund.

Some examples of the wonderful items purchased by the Artifacts Committee in 2007 include:

- An antique room key for Room #1 of the Trenton House Hotel
- A 1955 Trenton West End Little League Baseball Program

- Several nineteenth century letters to and from Trenton residents
- An 1852 brochure for the Trenton Reformer & New Jersey Temperance Advocate
- A 1930's key tag from the First Mechanical National Bank in Trenton
- An antique 1902 Anchor Pottery building permit
- A photo of Trenton bantamweight boxer Patsy Johnson
- An antique photo of the minister of St. Michaels Church in Trenton
- An antique 1902 advertising brochure for New Jersey Wire Cloth

Special thanks are extended to the following individuals for their generous artifact donations:

- Martha Press - 22 items including photos, event programs and postcards
- Donna Howard - Photo of 122 South Parkside Avenue
- Bonnie Boone - 1912 letter from James Buchanan
- Anne Pariso - 9 Photos of trip to Trenton, Ingersoll Watch Factory
- Jim Kellock - Copy of photo of demolition of water tower at old waterworks, 1953-1954
- David McKelway- Record of obstetrical cases, Dr. John McKelway, 1818-1866
- Anthony Tempesta - June 2, 1939 Golden Wave newspaper from Boy's Catholic High School
- Sandra Konopka - Case's Pork prize winning recipes pamphlet
- Preston Cook- Copy of Eagle Blacksmiths' anvil brochure

Each year, Artifacts Committee Chair Gary Nigh also handles dozens of requests for information that come into the Society from genealogical researchers, historians, and the general public. In 2007, the Society received 95 requests for assistance. As a result of these requests, 129 obituaries, 16 directory searches, 12 Roebing employee records, 11 yearbook photos, 8 tax photos and 3 other items were supplied in an ongoing effort to share the wonderful history of our city with the community.

### **Education Committee**

(Committee Chair – Jean Bickal)

The Trenton Historical Society's Education Committee was founded in 2005 to fulfill the Society's mission of studying and interpreting Trenton's history. Most importantly, the education committee has become very active in the community and has increased the public visibility of the Trenton Historical Society immensely. The committee conducts tours, such as the weekly downtown walking tour and summer lunch-time tours, plans educational presentations, and produces the Society's brochures and other publications. In 2005, the education committee arranged for creation of the society's new logo and created the new membership brochure which provides a map of and information on downtown museums, historical sites and research resources. A map brochure that outlines the sequence of events of the Revolutionary War Battles of Trenton was published in 2006. In 2007, the Education Committee applied for and received a project grant by the New Jersey Historical Commission to begin the planning and development of self-guided cellular phone tours, which would allow visitors to hear an informative recording about a particular historical site in the City via their cell phone! The Education Committee is also involved with other local groups such as the planning committee for the annual Patriots Week celebration in December. The following are some of the Education Committee's wonderful events from 2007:

#### *Bank of America Trenton Heritage Days Tours*

The Trenton Historical Society's Education Committee along with the City of Trenton's Department of Recreation, Natural Resources, and Culture, once again participated in a series of trolley tours to enlighten and entertain the public in conjunction with the Bank of America Heritage Days celebrations. The free lunchtime tours were held over the course of three days, with two tours leaving each day from the Lafayette Yard Marriott Hotel. Each day's tours explored a different aspect of Trenton's history.

This year's trolley tours covered the following topics:

- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Trenton's Food Industries - From Champale to Taylor Pork Roll
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Downtown Trenton Churches
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Cemeteries from Churchyard to Riverview

The Heritage Days trolley tours are very popular and have been very well attended each year. Approximately 150 people enjoyed the tours in 2007!

#### *Other Tours*

On April 26, 2007, Education Committee member Jean Bickal led a tour of historic Mercer Cemetery on Clinton Avenue in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Personnel's Bring Your Child to Work Day. Jean Bickal and Gary Nigh also led various weekday walking tours of downtown Trenton throughout the year as well as several monthly weekend tours. Gary Nigh also led a tour of the Trenton Battlefield for a class from the Hun School.

#### **Preservation Committee**

(Committee Co-Chairs – John Hatch & Sara Andre)

The Society's Preservation Committee was formed early in 2001, when a small group of preservation minded Trentonians came together in response to the threat of demolition of a large number of buildings across the city. During these discussions, it became apparent that for Trenton to reap the many benefits of preservation, more people would need to be educated and involved. The purpose of the committee is to preserve Trenton's historic assets and to encourage heritage oriented redevelopment by:

- Informing the public about the importance of preservation and the opportunities that exist
- Advocating for preservation and stabilization of important assets
- Advocating for change in state and local policy and procedures that increase the opportunities for preservation
- Engaging in projects that stabilize, preserve, and market these historic buildings

From establishing exciting new programs to the organization of the popular Stop the Wrecking Ball annual fundraiser, the Preservation Committee was very active in 2007!

#### *Restore Trenton Historic Rehabilitation Grant Program*

The Preservation Committee is extremely excited to announce the fall 2007 introduction of the Restore Trenton Historic Rehabilitation Grant Program. This program represents the culmination of several years of planning and fundraising work and provides the Committee and the Trenton Historical Society with the ability to have a direct, hands-on impact on the community and its historic structures; and we could not be happier with the initial results!

The Restore Trenton program is designed to help the owners of Trenton's historic residential properties repair or replace exterior architectural details and features. These kinds of repairs, which can be expensive for the homeowner, help to preserve the character of Trenton's incredible historic building stock. Restore Trenton grant amounts range from \$500 to \$3,000 and funds are dispersed at two stages in the project, at 50% completion and at 100% completion following an inspection at both stages. The applicant is responsible for complying with all City, State, and Federal requirements for permits and approvals, where necessary. The grant project must be completed within 18 months of award.

To be eligible to receive a Restore Trenton grant, a property must be:

- At least 50 years old and located within the City of Trenton. Preference will be given to properties that are located in Historic Districts or those listed as an individual property on city, state, or national registers of historic places.
- The property must be owner-occupied or a rental property. Commercial properties are not eligible. Preference will be given to Trenton residents/rental owners.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Restoration of existing architectural features
- Replacement of missing architectural features
- Exterior painting
- Brick and masonry repairs - includes major re-pointing but not stuccoing
- Chimney repair
- Door repair/replacement
- Window repair/replacement but not vinyl or aluminum
- Railing repair/replacement
- Porch support repair/replacement
- Roof repairs
- Exterior weatherization of the building

For the initial fall 2007 grant round, the Trenton Historical Society dedicated \$20,000. The response from the City's residents was overwhelming. 87 applications were received from all across Trenton, with the applicant's requesting a total of over \$230,000 in order to help fund almost \$400,000 in rehabilitation and restoration work. Seven finalists, chosen by the Board of Trustees were selected to receive grants. They are:



The Hogan family on Berkeley Ave is in the process of returning a Queen Anne house to its original beauty. They have pulled off asbestos siding to expose the original fish-scale shingles. They will use the grant funds to recreate some of the wood trim that was removed when the house was sided.





Ken Outlaw on Carroll Street will use the grant to restore the wood trim on the porch and paint the trim on his Federal period house.



The Taylor family will use the grant to repair and paint the ornamental trim on their Division Street home.



Morris Boakai will use the grant to repair rotted wood on his front porch and paint the side porch of his Richey Place home.

Deb Foca will use the grant to restore the original porch railings on her Chestnut Avenue home.





Craig Lorrain will use the grant to uncover, repair and paint the cornice on his Bayard Street property.



Darryl Jenkins will use the grant to repair the cornice and fascia on his North Montgomery home.



Restore Trenton grants are funded from the Trenton Historical Society's David Collier Fund, named in honor of the Society's former president and the administration of this program is made possible in part through an Operating Support Grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. The Trenton Historical Society hopes to hold a new round of Restore Trenton Grants in the spring of 2008!

#### *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Stop the Wrecking Ball*

Trenton Historical Society's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Stop the Wrecking Ball Fundraiser was held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 in the historic Ferdinand Roebing Mansion at 222 West State Street. The Stop the Wrecking Ball is the Preservation Committee's most anticipated and most popular event and raises funds to support the important activities of the committee. This year, all of the proceeds from the event went to the David Collier Fund, which is used to fund the new Restore Trenton grant program.

The Ferdinand Roebling Mansion recently underwent an extensive rehabilitation and was removed from the “Trenton’s Top Ten Endangered Buildings List” in 2007. The Roebling Mansion is a shining example of the potential for the adaptive reuse of Trenton’s historic buildings and a perfect illustration of the important mission of the Trenton Historical Society and the Preservation Committee. In 1870, U.S. Senator John Potter Stockman, great-grandson of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, sold the property at 222 West State Street to Ferdinand W. Roebling, Sr., son of the designer of the Brooklyn Bridge. Three generations of the Roebling family lived in the house, until it was sold for offices for lawyers and a future chief justice. By the 1990s, the building was threatened with demolition. Lovers of old buildings and Trenton history rallied. Aided by preservationists, the City of Trenton put on a new roof, but the old house grew more forlorn looking as years and developers passed it by. In 2005, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities bought the building and set about restoring the exterior and first floor, transforming the second and third floors into modern office space and adding 11,000 square feet of offices to the rear. Thanks to the League’s vision and funding from The New Jersey Historic Trust, Wachovia Bank and the N.J. Economic Development Authority, a \$6 million project has saved the landmark house.

This year’s Stop the Wrecking Ball guests were treated to wonderful food catered by Revere Restaurant, an open bar, a silent auction of Trenton Memorabilia, and live music all within the beautifully rehabilitated historic rooms of the Roebling Mansion. Thank you to the Stop the Wrecking Ball Committee and to our event sponsors for helping to make this year’s event a success!



Silent Auction Table



Live Music & Historic Stairwell



President Jean Bickel speaks to the guests.



A fantastic sculpture of 222 West State Street by artist Kate Graves was displayed outside the building.

### Stop the Wrecking Ball Committee

Jonathan Kinney, Chair  
Jean Bickal  
Kris Anne Kinney  
Randy Baum  
Karl Flesch  
Jerome Harcar  
John Hatch  
Sally Lane  
Jennifer Leynes  
Glenn Modica  
Gary Nigh  
Annie Pott  
Helen M. Shannon

### Wrecking Ball Sponsors

Clarke Caton Hintz  
Community News Group  
Segal Commercial Real Estate  
Harrison-Hamnett P.C.  
Hunter Research  
The Community Preservation Corporation  
HMR Architects  
Richard Grubb & Associates  
Bayville Holdings, L.L.C.  
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The Trenton Historical Society would like to extend a very special thank you to Robert L. Bowser, President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Executive Board and especially Bill Dressel, Executive Director, and his staff for allowing this event to take place in such a wonderful venue and for all of their assistance in planning the event. The event was attended by approximately 130 guests and over \$10,000 was raised, which will be used to fund future Restore Trenton grants.

### *Trenton's Top Ten Most Endangered Buildings List - Update*

For Preservation Month in 2003, the Preservation Committee of the Trenton Historical Society released its first Ten Most Endangered building list. We are proud to report that in 2007, three buildings have been removed from the list: the Broad Street Bank Building, the Golden Swan and the Ferdinand W. Roebing Mansion! The Golden Swan is currently undergoing active rehabilitation; the Broad Street Bank Building is almost complete and actively looking for residential and commercial tenants; and the Roebing Mansion is complete and houses the NJ League of Municipalities. To replace these three buildings, the Preservation Committee has selected three new structures that require the assistance of the preservation community. They are:

*Trenton Central High School (TCHS)* - Upon its dedication on January 18, 1932, it was hailed as "an ornament to the city" and 75 years later this is still true. Designed by Ernest K. Sibley, the architect of Dunn Middle School and Holland Middle School, TCHS is a grand, monumental, Georgian Revival school. The Chambers Street façade is nearly as long as the Empire State building is tall and wisely, the building was constructed to be easily added to as enrollment grew. Adding to the sturdy construction and fine design, local firms were involved in the construction and decoration of the school. John A. Roebing & Sons provided wire lath for fireproofing and light fixtures in the auditorium included Lenox china. This grand building is still functioning as a high school but is in need of updating to meet today's educational standards.

Current Status: While there is a plan to rehabilitate the building, because of the delay in starting and planning of the project, the costs keep rising, so there is still a looming threat that the building could be demolished. Also, the School Construction Corporation appears hesitant to fund the rehabilitation of the school. Bad press for the school still exists and the threat of a drastic change of plans looms. The good news is the school is in good to fair condition; more importantly it is functional. The Society hopes to work with all involved to balance the needs of the students with the continued use of this great building.

The *Higbee Street School* is a brick Greek Revival building constructed in 1857. This building was the first school built specifically for the free public education of African American children in the City of

Trenton. The building itself was a departure from previous schools. It followed design concepts of 19<sup>th</sup> century education reformers and is probably one of the first African American schools to embody those innovations. By 1872, the student population had already outgrown the Higbee Street building and the students were moved to a temporary building while a new one was constructed. This building is an important representative of African-American history in Trenton. It is also listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

Current Status: The building is currently vacant and while it is currently boarded up, years of neglect are taking a toll on the building.

Listed in the NJ and National Register of Historic Places, the *Douglass House* is a significant piece of Trenton's history. It is representative of late 18th and early 19th century row-homes found in the city. The long history of the Douglass House is interwoven with the Revolutionary War, the development of Trenton, and the resurgence of interest in US history that occurred in the early 20th century. While the Douglass House has been moved three times, the significance of the house has not diminished. Unfortunately, this vital piece of Trenton's history is vacant. While it is located downtown adjacent to Mill Hill Park, it is unused and underappreciated. The Douglass house should play an active and important role in the telling of Trenton's history.

Current Status: The building is owned by the city, but is currently vacant. It is in serious need of regular and ongoing maintenance and repairs.

The remaining seven buildings on the Top Ten Endangered list are: Mercer County Courthouse, Horsman Doll Factory, Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Trenton Savings Fund Society, General Philemon Dickinson House, Delaware Inn, and the D&R Canal Houses.

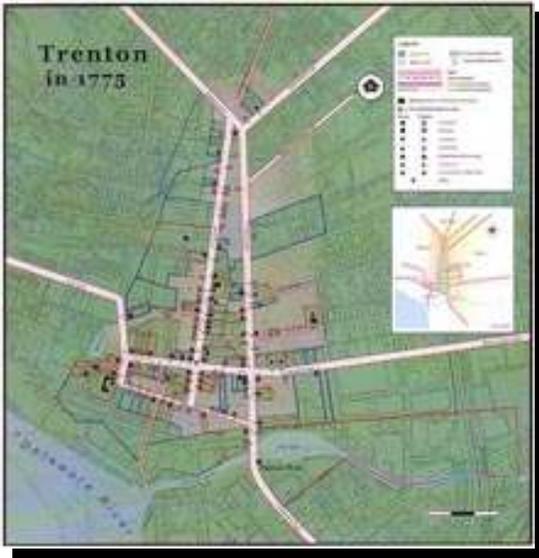
## **Other Programs & Events**

### *Annual Membership Meeting*

In addition to the activities of the Historical Society's various committees, the organization traditionally holds its annual Membership Luncheon at the beginning of each year. The 2007 Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Roman Hall Restaurant and Bar on January 21, 2007. Following the invocation by Pastor John Allen of the First Presbyterian Church, the Annual Meeting guests enjoyed a wonderful meal, which preceded the business portion of the meeting. The business meeting included the recognition of the 2006 Board of Trustees, and nominations and elections of the new Board for 2007. Afterwards, the attendees were treated to a fascinating presentation entitled "Another Round of Champale – The Past and Future of the Delaware Inn", presented by Richard Hunter and Hunter Research. Finally, meeting guests were given an overview of the Society's recent activities by Sara Andre and John Hatch of the Preservation Committee, Gary Nigh of the Artifacts Committee, and Jean Bickal of the Education Committee.

### *Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair*

On May 5, Coordinator Jonathan Kinney attended the 2007 Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks & Forestry, Office of Historic Sites. The event is held annually at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville, NJ. History fair participants included over one hundred different organizations including reenactment groups, historical societies, research organizations, artisans skilled in historic trades such as weaving and quilting, and other historical groups. It was a beautiful day and the event was very well attended!



### *1775 Trenton Mapping Project*

In November of 2006, the Trenton Historical Society received a New Jersey Historical Commission project grant to carry out an exciting mapping project. The goal of this project was to develop a detailed map of property ownership and land use for Trenton, New Jersey in the year 1775. The map was constructed by Hunter Research using cartographic computer software and research utilizing primary sources such as colonial conveyances, property deeds, mortgages, and road surveys. The purpose of the project was to create numerous heritage tourism and educational opportunities for the downtown area by utilizing this map. Hunter research produced a fantastic product that will be used by researchers and historians for years to come. Hard copies of the report are available for purchase from the Society and the report is available free of charge on the Society's website.

### *Trenton Central High School 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Tour*

On Sunday, May 20th, the Trenton Historical Society in conjunction with the Trenton Central High School Alumni Association and Trenton Public Schools, sponsored a 75th Anniversary Celebration for the beloved Trenton Landmark on Chambers Street. Festivities included tours of the landmark historic building led by volunteers from the Historical Society and students from the school's Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Academy. The tours concluded with guests and students singing "Happy Birthday!" and



enjoying a piece of the delicious birthday cake. Special thanks go to Jennifer Leynes, and everyone else who helped to make the event a great success. Just over 50 guests attended the birthday celebration and tour of Trenton Central High School. Many of the guests were alumni coming back to visit their alma mater. The earliest graduate in attendance was a member of the Class of 1934, just two years after the school was opened. In this picture, Margaret McManus, a proud member of the Class of 1942 when she was Margaret Papp, holds up a copy of her class's yearbook, which is opened to the page showing her senior picture.



Happy Birthday TCHS!



Tour goers enjoy the view.



Trustee Karl Flesch shares the history of TCHS with his group.



One of the TCHS student guides leads a tour group through the school.

### *Vintage Baseball Game*

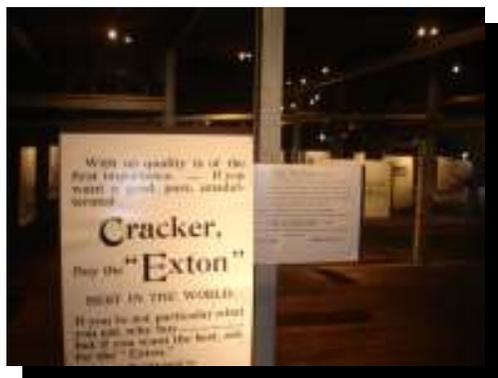
On Saturday, September 15, 2007, the Trenton Historical Society sponsored the second annual Vintage Baseball Game in historic Cadwalader Park. This well attended event allowed visitors to travel back in time and witness an authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century baseball game featuring the Flemington Neshanock and the Elkton Eclipse. The Neshanock and the Eclipse are vintage baseball clubs that play by 19<sup>th</sup> century rules, use authentic replicas of 19<sup>th</sup> century equipment, and wear 19<sup>th</sup> century uniforms. As was the custom in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, all fielders even play without gloves! The event was a wonderful opportunity to see America's pastime the way it was played in the past and to enjoy a brief talk about the rules and history of 19th century



baseball and about early baseball in Trenton.



*Board of Trustees Meeting – Cracker Factory*  
On July 9, 2007, the Trustees of the Trenton Historical Society were fortunate enough to hold their monthly meeting in the historic Exton Cracker Factory building at the corner of Centre and Furman Streets. The Exton Company began as a small bakery, founded in 1847, by Adam and John Exton, and soon gained renown as the originator of the “Oyster Cracker” or “Trenton Cracker.” The building is currently undergoing a complete rehabilitation into residential lofts and townhouses by HHG Development Associates, Inc.



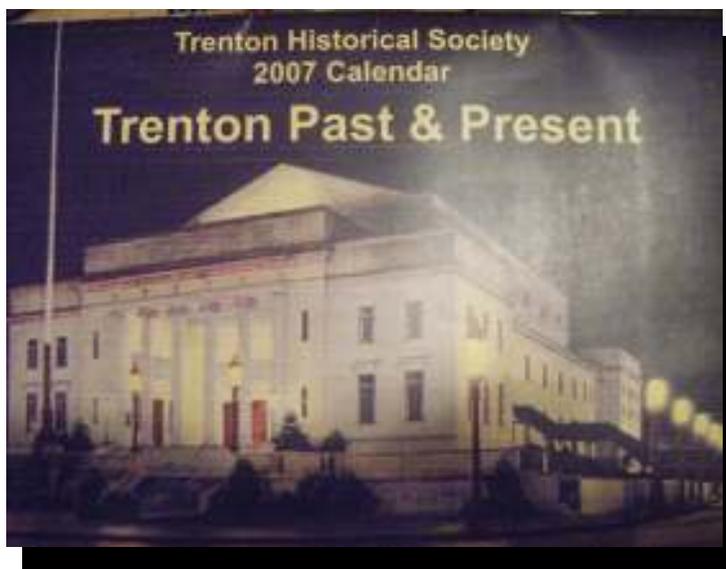
Historic Exhibit on the second floor



One of the factory's remaining bake ovens

### 2007 Calendars

Another proud accomplishment of the Trenton Historical Society was the production of the 2007 Calendar, “Trenton Past & Present.” The calendars were very popular and the Society hopes to continue to produce them in the future. The 2007 calendar highlighted a different well-known city landmark each month with both present day and historic photographs. The highlighted sites were: Trenton Central High School, New Jersey State House, William Trent House, Corner Historic, Old Barracks, Kelsey Building, Ellarslie, Masonic Temple, Broad Street Bank Building, Trenton Battle Monument, Trenton Saving Fund Society, and Trenton City Hall. The calendar also provided a brief history of each featured structure and also noted important events in Trenton’s history throughout the year. Special thanks to Karl Flesch, Gary Nigh, Wendy Nardi, Sally Lane, Sara Andre, Jennifer Leynes, Robert Fort, Jeffrey Totaro, and Trentypo for their wonderful work on the calendars.





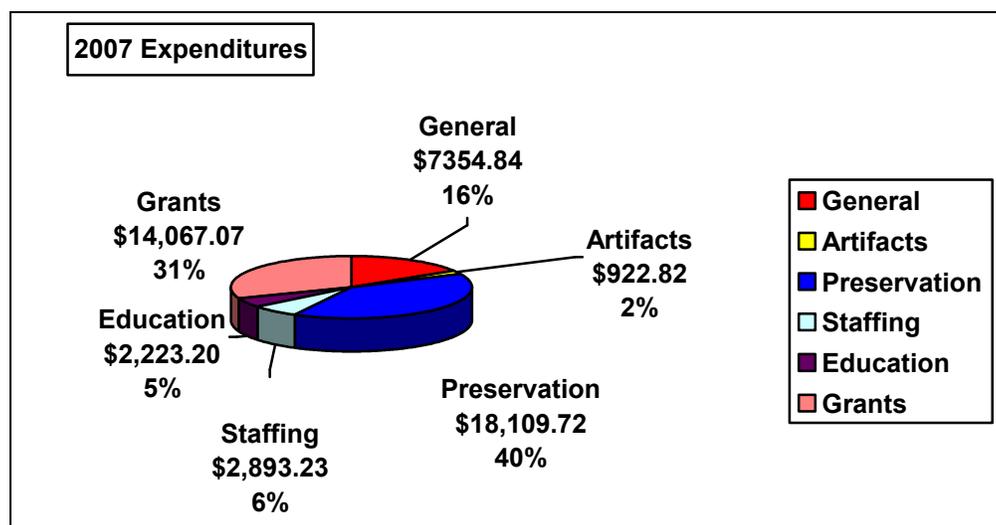
# Budget – Calendar Year 2007

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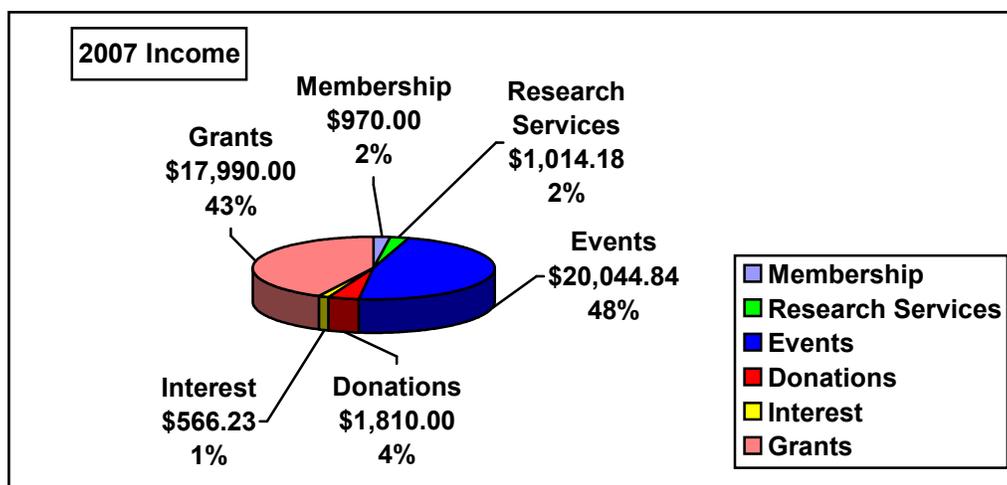
<b>2007 Starting Balance:</b>			<b>\$53,211.64</b>
<b>General Fund</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	
Membership	--	\$970.00	
Donations	--	\$194.00	
Interest	--	\$566.23	
Annual Corporate Filing	\$25.00	--	
Charitable Registration	\$60.00	--	
Postage/Copies/Admin	\$688.01	--	
P.O. Box Rental	\$56.00	--	
Dues/Memberships	\$270.00	--	
Website/Computer	\$25.00	--	
Sunshine Fund	\$171.00	--	
Telephone	\$321.34	--	
Insurance	\$691.00	--	
Annual Dinner	\$1,062.50	\$1,322.00	
Banking Fees	\$87.38	--	
Audit Fees	\$1,800.00	--	
Stationery/Supplies	\$118.96	--	
Donations by THS	\$450.00	--	
Professional Development/Training	\$756.67	--	
Education Committee (Speakers/Brochures)	\$911.05	--	
Tours/Merchandise	\$1,312.15	\$935.15	
Salary	\$2,193.23	--	
Accountant	\$700.00	--	
Federal & State Taxes	\$771.98	--	
NJHC General Operating Support Grant	--	\$7,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$12,471.27</b>	<b>\$10,987.38</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$18,349.34</b>
<b>Artifacts Fund</b>			
<b>Artifacts Fund</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	
Purchases	\$922.82	--	
Research Services	--	\$1014.18	
Donations	--	\$40.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$922.82</b>	<b>\$1054.18</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$583.31</b>
<b>Preservation Fund</b>			
<b>Preservation Fund</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	
Donations / Merchandise	--	\$1,576.00	
Fundraising Events	\$6,351.85	\$16,465.69	
Restore Trenton	\$11,647.96	--	
Publicity / Education	\$109.91	--	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$18,109.72</b>	<b>\$18,041.69</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$32,858.43</b>
<b>Grants</b>			
<b>Grants</b>			
NJHC Project Grant & Mercer Co. Grant	\$14,067.07	\$10,990.00	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>-\$3,077.07</b>
<b>Totals</b>			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$45,570.88</b>	<b>\$41,073.25</b>	<b>\$48,714.01</b>

The table on the previous page summarizes the Trenton Historical Society's income and expenditures for 2007. Over the course of the year, the organization spent \$45,570.88 and took in \$41,073.25. The financial activities of the THS have been divided into four basic categories for this report: General Fund, Preservation Fund, Artifacts Fund, and Grants. The General Fund includes program activities, membership, education activities, operating expenses, and other items not specifically covered by the Preservation or Artifact Fund. The Artifacts Fund is used to purchase Trenton related memorabilia or artifacts, which are usually donated to the Trenton Public Library's Trentoniana Collection. The Preservation Committee expenses went towards organizing and supporting various fundraising events and preservation projects, such as the Stop the Wrecking Ball and the Restore Trenton Grant Program.

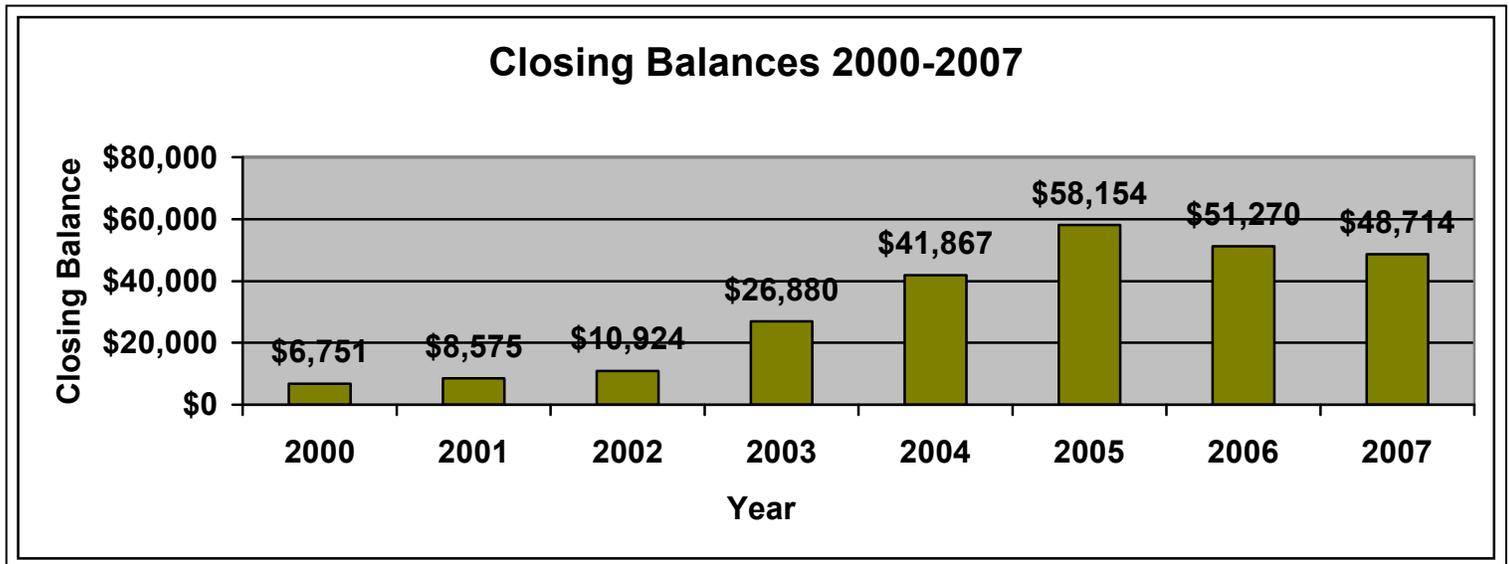
The following graph illustrates the breakdown of the society's major expense categories. Education and staffing expenditures are both portions of the general fund but they have been broken out for the purposes of this graph:



The Trenton Historical Society's 2007 income was taken in through six main sources: membership, research services, donations, fundraising events, interest, and grants. The following graph illustrates the breakdown of the society's income. The Trenton Historical Society would like to extend a very special thanks to the generous folks that made donations to the Society in 2007 and helped to make it another successful year!



As you will see in the following graph, the Historical Society's 2007 closing balance was \$48,714.01. Our strong fundraising activities and successful pursuit of grant funding continue to enable the organization to tackle new and exciting projects such as Restore Trenton!



### **Looking Ahead to 2008**

The Trenton Historical Society's goals for 2008 are:

To continue the highly successful Restore Trenton Historic Rehabilitation Grant Program!

To continue to promote Trenton's history and heritage tourism while also raising awareness of the City's endangered buildings and historic sites.

To continue the Society's series of successful preservation and history oriented events including lectures, tours, workshops, and fundraisers as well as adding exciting new events and programs to the schedule.

To continue to acquire Trenton related artifacts for the Trentoniana Collection.



*We're using our past to build our future.*

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Annual dues:

\$10 - Student

\$20 - Individual

\$35 - Family

\$100 - Business

\$250- Patron

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