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BURLCO ANNOUNCES 2010 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Eight Recipients Recognized During National Historic Preservation Month

In recognition of National Historic Preservation Month, the Burlington County Freeholders today approved the presentation of special recognition awards to local residents and organizations for their outstanding contributions to the preservation of the County's rich history.

Presented each year in May, the awards program is administered by the Division of Cultural Affairs and Tourism and this year recognizes projects completed between Jan. 1, 2004 and Dec. 31, 2009.

Formal presentation is expected to take place at the freeholder meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

"We're proud to recognize individuals and organizations who have invested so much time, interest, energy and other resources in uncovering and preserving our rich history and heritage," said Freeholder Director Bruce D. Garganio.

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The award recipients include:

Outstanding Accomplishment in Restoration – Chesterfield Baptist Church for the restoration, expansion and preservation of the 1848 Church. Plans to restore the original section of the structure included a decision to increase the seating capacity. The front entrance and balcony were extended, incorporating design features from the original church that resulted in a seamless, integrated restored church building.

Outstanding Accomplishment in Archival Records/Documentation – Bob Kenney of St. Peter’s Parish, Riverside for preserving the 155-year history of St. Peter’s Parish. When St. Peter’s Parish merged with other Catholic parishes in a Diocesan-wide reorganization, Mr. Kenney assumed the responsibility of chronicling the history of its people, priests, nuns and activities for posterity. The publication “Remembering 155 Years of St. Peter’s Parish, Riverside, NJ” resulted, lovingly compiled and edited by Bob Kenney.

Outstanding Accomplishment in Preservation Leadership -St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Beverly for the restoration of the bell tower, steeple and main entrance of the 1865 church. Leveraging three New Jersey Historic Trust Site Management Grants, a major fundraising campaign, and parishioner and community support, the congregation undertook this massive restoration project, completing it in a relatively short period of time. Their strategies and management skills serve as a model for similar projects and organizations.

Outstanding Accomplishment in Published History - George Flemming for the publication “Shamong” in the “Images of America” series. The publication consists of hundreds of captioned photographs, many of which have never been published, that tell the story of Shamong Township. Mr. Flemming coordinated the selection of photographs from residents, organizations and his personal collection, and captioned them for future generations to enjoy.

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Outstanding Accomplishment in Published History -The Mansfield Historical Society for the publication “Mansfield Township” in the “Images of America” series. The publication consists of hundreds of captioned photographs, many of which have never been published, that tell the story of Mansfield Township. Members of the Mansfield Township Historical Society, with support from Columbus Grange # 58, coordinated the selection of photographs from residents and organizations, and captioned them for future generations to enjoy.

Outstanding Accomplishment in Achievement and Leadership - Floss Jennings for preserving through art the images of South Jersey historic homes, churches, barns, streetscapes and natural pinelands scenes. Floss Jennings' passion for the history and beauty of our region is reflected in her art, which is displayed in galleries, homes, and public buildings and in her published recipe book. Her creativity and generosity are an inspiration to other artists to preserve these images for posterity.

Outstanding Accomplishment in Education - Gail Astle for her research and the raising of public awareness of the Timbuctoo Community. Ms. Astle has conducted extensive research into the Timbuctoo Community of Westampton Township, particularly the African American Civil War Veterans interred there. Her efforts, supported by events at the cemetery, have raised awareness of Burlington County African American History.

Outstanding Accomplishment in New History: Websites – John S. Flack, Jr. for his websites: Evesham Nostalgia and Reflections at Woodstream of Marlton. Starting with his personal website describing his boyhood neighborhood of Woodstream, John Flack's internet skills led to a second website on Evesham and Marlton nostalgia. His vintage photographs on the sites catalogue the dramatic changes that have taken place in the landscape of this community.

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