



Salem County Historical Society Summer Camp 2010

The Salem County Historical Society hosted its annual summer camp the week of July 19-23, 2010. This year, eight campers spent the week with Society staff and volunteers experiencing the county's history. Each year the camp is a highlight of the Society's community programs. "In part, the mission of the Society is to perpetuate Salem County's heritage for the benefit of future generations" stated Society President Barbara Smith Duffy, "what better way to bring the experience of past generations to the young people than through a week of historically based stories and hands-on activities."

This year's camp complemented the Society's newest exhibition, *Palettes of the Past: Salem County Art and Artists*. Following this theme, campers learned how art is all around them in both the natural and created. Through an exploration of the region's native people, nineteenth-century portraiture, and life during the eighteenth-century, campers learned about the role of art in their lives.



A trip to the historic Jarman House (Left to right: Jeff Parker, Nancy Parker, Haley Hunt, Jasper Taylor, Ana Williams, Charis Williams, Marissa Giovanetti, Sarah Kennedy, Matthew Santiago, Mary Katherine Taylor)

The week featured two field trips, the historic Jarman House in Alloway and Salem Community College's Samuel H. Jones Glass Education Center. At the Jarman House, owners Nancy and Jeff Parker showed campers what life was like in the 18th century. The day's activities included lunch cooked on an open

hearth and a tour of the Parker's herb garden. Campers also spent a day at the Samuel H. Jones Glass Education Center where director Dennis Briening walked them through the basics of glass working. Each camper experienced the craft hands-on, creating a blown ornament.



Left to right: Haley Hunt and Matthew Santiago learn the techniques of glassblowing.

The week concluded with a graduation ceremony held in Salem's restored courthouse. In front of an audience of proud family members and friends, each received a medallion and diploma. This year's camp was a great success and the Society looks forward to next year. Mark your calendars and contact the Society at (856) 935-5004 to join the summer camp mailing list for 2011. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this unique summer program.



SCHS Summer Camp Class of 2010 (left to right: Sarah Kennedy, Haley Hunt, Marissa Giovanetti, Ana Williams, Mary Katherine Taylor, Charis Williams, Jasper Taylor, Matthew Santiago)

The Society thanks all of the participating staff and volunteers, especially members of its volunteer Education Committee who truly made this year's camp a great success. President Barbara Smith Duffy expressed the Society's gratitude, "I am very proud of the program Diane Wohlrab and the Education Committee were able to provide this year's campers and thank them for all of their hard work."

This year's camp was made possible in part by support from the Delaware River and Bay Authority's Community Contribution Program, Mr. Walter Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Lippincott, L.S. Smick Lumber, the Nanticoke and Lenape Confederation, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, the Rotary Club of Salem, St. John's Episcopal Church, the Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission, and the Samuel H. Jones Glass Education Center.

The Society's Summer Camp is held each July and is open to campers entering 3rd through 5th grade. The Salem County Historical Society is located at 83 Market Street, Salem, NJ. Please contact us at (856) 935-5004 or visit our website www.salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com for more information.