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"Come Home to History" Fair Announced; Call for Participants and Exhibits

June 8, 2010. Hudson County History Advocates announce "Come Home to History: Celebrating 350 Years of Hudson County Heritage," a history fair to observe the 350th anniversary of the founding of the first European settlement, Bergen, in what later became Hudson County.

"Come Home to History" is scheduled for Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 11 am to 6 pm, at the Hudson County Community College Culinary Institute Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. The fair will showcase many organizations throughout the County dedicated to keeping local history alive. Exhibits, speakers, tours, and workshops for all ages and diverse interests will be featured. Related events are planned for before and after the Saturday fair.

A ceremony will mark the 350th anniversary of the settlement of Bergen by the New Netherland colony, under the leadership of Peter Stuyvesant, in what is now Jersey City.

Sponsors are Thomas A. DeGise, Hudson County Executive; Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Hudson County Cultural & Heritage Affairs/Tourism Development; Hudson County Community College; and Hudson County History Advocates (HCHA), which include the Hudson County Genealogical Society, Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery, Jersey City Free Public Library, New Jersey City State University, Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy, and Embankment Preservation Coalition.

HCHA is issuing a call for exhibitors. Organizations with a history perspective are encouraged to download and fill out the application available at www.visithudson.org and send it via email to Bob Murgitroyd, bobmurg@gmail.com . Deadline: July 15, 2010.