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"Come Home to History" Fair October 9 To Feature Workshop on Researching the History of Your Home

Cynthia Harris will offer a workshop, "How to Research the History of Your Home in Hudson County," at a history fair at Hudson County Community College Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, on Saturday, October 9. Harris will give tips ranging from determining a home's age to who previous inhabitants may have been. The workshop, scheduled for 2:45 pm, is just one offering in "Come Home to History," a program of events running from 10 am to 6 pm.

Harris is co-author, with Leon Yost, of *Changing Jersey City: A History in Photographs* (Schiffer Publishing, 2010, 144pp.). She holds a Master in Library Science degree and is manager of the New Jersey Room at the Jersey City Free Public Library, where she has previously conducted this workshop.

"Come Home to History: Celebrating 350 Years of Hudson County Heritage" is a full-day history fair. The fair features more than 30 exhibitors, plus illustrated talks, presentations, films, children's activities, and a tour. It observes the 350th anniversary of the founding of the town of Bergen, now Jersey City, by the New Netherland colony led by Peter Stuyvesant. Other key moments in Hudson County history will also be addressed.

Admission to the workshop and other activities is free. Discounted parking is available across from the Conference Center, and refreshments may be purchased on site. A full schedule and more information is available at www.hudsoncountynjgenealogy.org/historyfair2010.

"Come Home to History" is sponsored by Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise; Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Hudson County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and Tourism; City of Jersey City, Jerramiah T. Healy, Mayor; Jersey City Municipal Council; Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs; Hudson County Community College; Hudson County History Advocates; and the Jersey City Historical Project.

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