

**Southampton Historical Society
Programs for Fall and Winter, 2010**

**All programs held in Old Town Hall, Plum Street, Vincentown
Short meeting begins promptly at 7:30 – Program at 8:00**

March 7, 2011 – Jennifer Bulava – Naturalist, Burlington County Parks System - "**The Ever Expanding County Parks System**" - Jen will present a surprising overview of the Burlington County Parks System. "Surprising" because most residents are unaware of the many new parks popping up throughout the county, and the amazing plans for the future. Whether you are into outdoor activities or not, there's something for everyone in the new County Parks system and Jen has all the "inside information".

With more than 1,000 acres of developed parkland and 3,500 acres of land slated for park development, there are plenty of things to do close to home. Jen will introduce you to places like Rancocas Pointe and Newton's Landing; Crystal Lake and Boundary Creek and tell you about the exciting developments underway at nearby Smithville. Most exciting of all, is the growing Rancocas Greenway from the Delaware to the Pinelands.

April 4, 2011 – Joe Laufer and Dot Best – **Vincentown and the Civil War – Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the War between the States.** Our own historians, Dot and Joe will kick off the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War by focusing on the extensive involvement Vincentown heroes played in the war between the states. Dot has uncovered much about the roles of George and Thomas Eayre, heroic brothers and sons of Vincentown. She will also demonstrate how the Irick Family was instrumental in the recruitment and support of the local militia. Joe has discovered war artifacts related to the Bryan family of Mill Street (Guy II and III and Timothy) and the local roots of Elijah Burdsall Woolston, who was a surgeon at the Beverly Civil War Hospital. He will also showcase some newly found information about the important role the City of Beverly played in the Civil War. You will be hearing a lot about the Civil War over the next four years, and you may be surprised to learn how important a role Vincentown played in the war effort.

May 2, 2011 – Paul W. Schopp - Regional Historian – **Rollin' on the Rancocas.** Among many other things, Paul Schopp is a collector of historic post cards and images. You can pick up almost any pictorial history of Burlington County communities published in the past fifteen years or so and find something attributed to Paul's collection. He is also an avid historian. He knows more about Burlington County history than just about anyone living here. His fascination with the old steamboat era inspired him to put together a presentation about the Rancocas Creek and the communities that line it, including Southampton, which has the distinction of being bordered by the North Branch, and dissected by the South Branch through Vincentown. Paul will take you back to the golden era of riverine navigation on the Rancocas, and explain how this historic waterway impacted the communities that grew up on its banks from the Delaware River to the cedar waters of the pines. No matter how long you've lived here, be prepared to leave Paul's presentation with new information, and a greater awareness and respect for this natural treasure we call the Rancocas Creek.

June 6, 2011 – Pot Luck Dinner