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**COUNTY LAUNCHES NEW ON-LINE
CULTURAL & HERITAGE RESOURCES DIRECTORY**

(SALEM, NJ)—Deputy Freeholder Director Beth Timberman today announced that the County has published a new on-line directory of cultural and heritage resources in Salem County. The directory, which is accessible through the County's government and tourism websites, is the first time this resource guide has been published on-line.

"It's been over ten years since the County last updated and published the cultural and heritage directory," said Freeholder Timberman. "By publishing the current version on-line we can continue to add new listings and keep information up-to-date and accurate."

The publication lists arts and history organizations, museums and historic sites as well as artists, studios, galleries and arts services. The site also includes a registry of pipe organs located throughout Salem County. Listings are searchable by category and keywords and the format allows for user feedback. Links are provided, where available, to related websites.

"We encourage all the County's arts and history organizations, artists and arts service providers to submit their listings for publication," Freeholder Timberman added. "Our intent is to make the Directory as comprehensive as possible."

That the arts community is growing in Salem County is evidenced by a report Rutgers University's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy released on New Jersey's Creative Sector. As reported in that study, Salem County experienced the largest growth percentage in the arts of any county in New Jersey between 1998 and 2007. Increased visibility since then has been particularly effective in drawing attention to the County's artists, especially through well-attended gallery and studio tour weekends in 2008 and 2009 presented under the auspices of the Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Department of Public Information & Tourism.

To add a listing and view the Directory go to www.salemcountynj.gov/onlineDirectory/. There is no fee to be listed. Questions may be directed to James F. Turk, Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission (james.turk@salemcountynj.gov; 856-935-7510 Ext. 8384).