School is almost out, but we wanted to let you know about a few special things here at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. While we run fewer programs this season, you are always welcome to come research in our library Tuesday-Friday. Feel free to contact Beth Twiss Houting as well if you are planning ahead for the fall and would like to discuss ways your students could work with primary sources.

Check out the Educators Blog

As you learned earlier this year, HSP has a new website (www.hsp.org) and it features ten (!) blogs. Some feature new finds in the library and archives; others provide informative stories about Pennsylvania history. All could be useful in the classroom. Look for the red button at the top of the home page to access them quickly.

But especially check out the new Educators Blog. This blog is for you! Each week - or as close as we can get to it - a blog focuses on a collection, program, or teaching aid from HSP. The last few blogs have been devoted to how to find primary sources on our website to use in the classroom. So, if over the summer once you have relaxed, you decide to begin lesson planning for 2012-13, take a look.

And please add your comments!

Still Some Spaces Left in HSP Summer Institutes

The first weeks of June are the last chance to apply for our two summer institutes! Check them out at www.hsp.org/events.

Philadelphia History for Teachers
July 16 to 20

This institute is co-sponsored with the Education Consortium of the Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia. Dr. Charlene Mires, Director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities and Associate Professor of History at Rutgers-Camden, is the Scholar-in-Residence.
Still time to apply for Summer 2012 Teacher Institutes

Professor of History at Rutgers-Camden, is the Scholar in Residence for the week. You not only get a crash course in Philadelphia history from local professors but also get a chance to write for the Encyclopedia. This institute is offered for 3 graduate credits through the Professional Institute for Educators at the University of the Arts. Register at http://cs.uarts.edu/pie/classes.

Franklin's Thrift: A Classic American Idea for the 21st Century
July 29 to August 2

Co-sponsored by the Institute for American Values and in consultation with Sally Flaherty of the PA Department of Education, teachers in this institute will be in the rare position of developing new curriculum that will be a model for the country. Registration is directly through HSP. Forty-five Act 48 credits or 3 graduate credits through Arcadia University are available. Click here to view a video regarding Sarah Oberholtzer and the Thrift Movement. Register Now!

Congratulations to NHD Winners

HSP congratulates the winners in National History Day at all levels: school, regional, state, and national. Thanks to the Beneficial Bank, HSP was able to support six students from Philadelphia to travel to the State competition. The funds also will support a Teacher Fellow this summer and a fall kick-off event for NHD 2013. Learn more about these two initiatives in the fall issue of HISTory News.

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