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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank YOU for helping to make 2007 one of the most successful year's we've ever had! NJSS hosted TEN fun and exciting events – we hosted everything from sporting events at the Verizon Center and RFK Stadium to Capitol Hill receptions and policy forums to cultural events highlighting the best

New Jersey has to offer. And I'm equally glad to report that corporate, organizational, family, and individual memberships are at the highest levels in years.

All of us at NJSS are deeply committed to keeping the momentum going in 2008 – our 68th year. Take a look inside this newsletter for a preliminary list of events we have planned for the year ahead and keep a look out for upcoming announcements about the 2009 NJSS Inaugural Ball.

I hope you will join us at our first official event of the year on Super-Tuesday, February 5th, as NJSS joins up with other State Societies having Super Tuesday Primaries to watch the returns come in at the Penn Quarter Sports Restaurant. In March we are looking forward to visiting the new Nationals Park to see the Mets in action. In early April, NJSS will participate in and host several events in honor of the NJSS 2008 Cherry Blossom Princess during the 60th Annual National Cherry Blossom Festival. We recently selected Miss Anita Singh, an exceptionally bright young lady studying at George Washington University, as the 2008 NJ Princess from among a group of extremely talented and well qualified candidates from the Garden State.

I encourage you to contact me, NJSS staff, or any of the NJSS Board Members for more information about these or other events we have coming up. And always feel free to send us suggestions about events that you would like to see NJSS host. After all, it's your state society!

If you are new to the Capitol area, I encourage you to join NJSS and start taking advantage of all the opportunities and events we have to offer.

A very special thanks to our corporate and organizational members whose support makes it possible to provide enriching events and programs for our members.

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers to help with events and other activities. If you or anyone you know would like to lend a hand to NJSS, please give us a call or send us an email.

Thanks for supporting NJSS and I look forward to seeing you in the year ahead.

Donise Cameron, President, NJSS

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A LOOK BACK AT SOME NJSS EVENTS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

NJSS SPONSORS 2007 NJ CHERRY BLOSSOM PRINCESS: MISS KATHLEEN FEEHAN

April 8 – 14th, 2007 -- NJSS was thrilled to again participate in the 2007 National Cherry Blossom Festival and sponsor the 2007 NJ Cherry Blossom Princess, Miss Kathleen Feehan.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival annually commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees to the city of Washington from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo in an effort to enhance the growing friendship between the United States and Japan.

Kathleen was baptized in Paramus, New Jersey and is the daughter of Ronnie and Jack Feehan. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with highest honors from UC Davis, where she was commencement speaker, Prytanean Women's Honor Society President, Cheerleading captain, and member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

NJSS selected New Jersey native Miss Anita Singh to be the 2008 NJ Cherry Blossom Princess during this year's festival which will be held April 6 – 8 in Washington.

Miss Singh was born and raised in Wayne, New Jersey and is currently studying Anthropology and International Affairs at George Washington University. As an active leader both on campus and off campus, Miss Singh is a member of the founding charter DC Alpha class of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, an avid literacy philanthropist, a service coordinator at the Neighbors Project Secondary Education at George Washington University's Office of Community Service, and Director of the Raas Chaos 007 Dance Competition. Miss Singh is an outstanding student and community leader, and NJSS is proud and honored to have her represent the Garden State.



Kristina Hilboldt, 2006 U.S. Cherry Blossom Queen, Dan Katz, Chief of Staff to Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, and Kathleen Feehan, 2007 NJ Cherry Blossom Princess, with Tokyo Officials at the 2007 National Cherry Blossom Festival.



Cherry Blossom Princess Representatives from the States, territories, and embassies honored at the 2007 National Cherry Blossom Festival.

NOTHIN' BUT NETS



April 10, 2007 – NJSS members came out to support their NJ Nets as they powered to a 96-92 victory over the Washington Wizards at

the Verizon Center. Richard Jefferson and Vince Carter combined for an unbelievable 67 points! NJSS was pleased to host this event along with Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

HAPPY HOUR – JERSEY STYLE

June 6, 2007 – NJSS members gathered at the Top of the Hill Bar on Pennsylvania Avenue to enjoy good company and NJ-themed cocktails.





NJSS HOSTS FALL CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION

September 6, 2007 – About 100 NJSS members, including members and staff of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation joined NJSS at the Fall Congressional Reception in the Rayburn House Office Building.

NJSS CO-HOSTS THE NEW JERSEY BOOTH OF THE 2007 NATIONAL BOOK FAIR

September 29, 2007 – It was a beautiful sunny day this year at the National Book Festival where NJSS and the NJ Center for the Book co-hosted the NJ Booth. 2007 Caldecott Award-winning Author and NJ native David Wiesner was honored for his latest achievement, the award-winning book *Flotsam* - A photographic journey through the hidden depths of the ocean.

Hundreds of people visited the NJ Booth which was decorated in a Jersey-shore theme. Festival goers were treated to NJ salt water taffy and shells from the Jersey shore.



New Jersey State Society and the New Jersey Center for the Book



<http://njcenterforthebook.org>

2007 Book Selection:
Flotsam
by David Wiesner

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2007 NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL



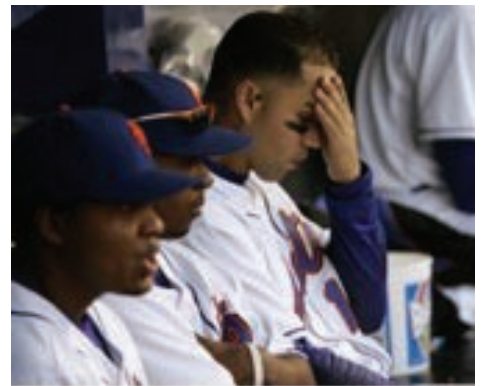
DAVID WIESNER

David Wiesner studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, where professors Tom Spouros and David Macaulay not only taught him the fundamentals of drawing and painting, but fostered his imaginative spirit. He has published more than 20 award-winning books for young readers. Two of his works were Caldecott Honor Books, and he received the Caldecott Medal for *Tuesday* (1992), *The Three Pigs* (2002), and *Flotsam* (Clarion, 2006). He is only the second person to win the Caldecott Medal three times. He lives outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



THERE'S ALWAYS THIS YEAR

September 17, 2007 – More than 50 NJSS hopefuls trekked to RFK stadium to watch New York Mets play the Washington Nationals. Sadly the Mets fell to the Nationals 12-4. The season of the then first place Mets collapsed shortly after when they failed to make the playoffs. We'll get 'em this year!!!



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NJSS HOSTS CAPITOL HILL POLICY FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE

November 1, 2007 – NJSS again joined forces with Rutgers University to host a policy forum in the Cannon House Office Building entitled Climate Change: Environmental, Economic & Social Implications for New Jersey. Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. and Rep. Rush Holt both represent Rutgers University and addressed the audience serving as the event's congressional sponsors.

Jennifer Francis, Ph. D., Research Professor at Institute of Marine and Coastal Science at Rutgers University gave a thought provoking presentation covering how Global Warming will affect New Jersey.



Rutgers University Research Professor Jennifer Francis, Ph. D., explains the science behind climate change.



Congressman Rush Holt (NJ- 12th) addresses the audience.



Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ- 6th) offers his perspective.





NJSS HOSTS 2007 HOLIDAY RECEPTION

November 27, 2007 – More than 150 people packed the Phoenix Park Hotel for the 2007 NJSS Holiday Reception. Party goers enjoyed live holiday music as well as great food and drink.

Most importantly, NJSS collected toys from attendees that were donated to the patients of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, NJ.

A very special thank you to PSEG, FirstEnergy & MWW for their support of the NJSS Holiday Reception.

2008 PRELIMINARY LIST OF EVENTS

- February 5** Super Tuesday: The New Jersey Presidential Primary Watch Party
Starts 6:30 pm
Penn Quarter Sports Restaurant
(639 Indiana Ave. NW)
RSVP to jersey@njss.org
- March 6** Mets vs. Nationals at the new Nationals Park
Starts 7:05 pm
- April 6-12** Annual Cherry Blossom Festival
Featuring NJSS' 2008 Cherry Blossom Princess
- June 5** Health Policy Forum on Capitol Hill
- September 9** Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill
- September 29** NJ Booth at the National Book Fair on the National Mall
- October** Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) Race
- November 25** Holiday Reception at the Phoenix Park Hotel

Please keep a look out for details about these and other exciting events.

Sponsors: Contact us about the benefits of sponsoring specific events.



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

NJSS has updated its website! Take a moment to visit and see what the State Society has to offer at www.njss.org.

Sign up to become a member or a sponsor today! And be sure to check back frequently for information on upcoming events and society news!

NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY HONORARY DIRECTORS

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WANT TO BE LISTED IN THE 2008 NJSS DIRECTORY?

The annual NJSS Directory lists all our Members, Sponsors and other important information about the Society. The directory is mailed to over 1,000 people. Please make sure to call our office or visit the website to sign up as a Member or update your current information by May 31st, 2008 to ensure that you are included in our 2008 Directory.

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The New Jersey State Society sponsors or co-sponsors 10 to 12 events a year including New Jersey Day at the National Cathedral every four years, and various networking and sporting events. The Society also co-sponsors the New Jersey booth at the National Book Fest and helps to raise funds for charitable organizations.