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**Brooklyn Historical Society
Invites Brooklynites to Take Over Its Walls
Announcing Open Call for Exhibit Proposals**

Brooklyn, NY – BHS issues its 3rd annual call for proposals for the 2008-2009 season of the *Public Perspectives* exhibition series that gives Brooklynites the opportunity to create an exhibit at the Society.

Any Brooklyn-based individuals or groups may submit their creative ideas for an exhibit that furthers the BHS mission: to connect the past to the present and make the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant and meaningful for today's diverse communities. Full guidelines and the application (attached) are available as a pdf online at www.brooklynhistory.org or at the Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street during public hours, Wednesday – Sunday, 12 – 5 p.m. The application receipt deadline is April 30. Informational meetings for applicants will be held at BHS on March 26 at 6 p.m. and on April 10 at 3 p.m.

Three recipient groups will be selected by a panel of distinguished cultural and community representatives and will receive a \$1000 honorarium plus up to \$1000 for exhibit expenses. Awardees collaborate with BHS professional staff to develop and mount their exhibitions for a three month duration in the Independence Community Gallery on the lower level at BHS.

Public Perspectives encourages community involvement in the content of exhibitions and in the selection process. The *Public Perspectives* Exhibition Series is made possible by a generous grant from the Lily Auchincloss Foundation. The Independence Community Gallery is sponsored by the Independence Community Foundation.

The **current season of *Public Perspectives*** indicates the broad range of possible exhibit themes:

- ***Sacred Hearts: A Journey of Italian Catholics in the Borough of Churches.*** Curator: John L. Heyer II, in cooperation with Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen Parish and the Italian Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn.
- ***Lost in Transition: South Brooklyn, Williamsburg and Coney Island.*** An exhibition of high school student photography. Curators: Rebecca Krucoff & Ain Gordon (Urban Memory Project). *Currently on view through April 27.*
- ***Gowanus – Transformations: Celebrating 150 Years of Manufacturing.*** Curators: Christine Mackellar & Margaret Maugenest, with Friends and Residents of the Greater Gowanus, the Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corp., and the South Brooklyn Local Development Corp. *Exhibit dates: May 9 – Aug. 24, 2008.*

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) is a museum, library and educational center dedicated to connecting the past to the present and making the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant and meaningful for today's diverse communities and visitors, and for generations to come. BHS hosts over 9,000 members of the general public at its exhibitions each year and over 80,000 public school students and teachers annually by providing exhibition tours, educational programs and curricula, and by making its professional staff available for instruction and consultation. BHS is open Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children. Children under the age of 12 are free.

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