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STATE AWARDS GRANT TO BUCKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DOYLESTOWN, PA (May 24, 2010) –The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) has recognized the work of the Bucks County Historical Society with a \$10,000 grant. These funds will support quality educational programs for school children and family visitors at the Mercer Museum in Doylestown. Grant funds also provide some support for education staff to make the programming possible. The Bucks County Historical Society annually sponsors the National History Day Bucks-Mont Competition which involves some 400 students.

The above PHMC grant has been matched by the Bucks County Commissioners recognizing the BCHS as the official county historical society for Bucks County. BCHS's research library houses and makes available to researchers 18th and 19th century County archives including deed and court records. The extensive library is used by many people conducting their genealogical research on ancestors who once lived in Bucks County.

About the Mercer Museum

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County's premier tourist attractions, offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America as seen through the implements used in everyday life. The Museum's collection includes more than 40,000 objects exhibiting the tools of more than 60 different crafts and trades, providing one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of material culture in America. The museum is completing fundraising for a \$12.5 million expansion and renovation program to expand changing exhibition space and visitor services, as well as enliven existing spaces within the museum. The expansion will open in late June 2011. The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street in Doylestown and is open for self-guided exploration 7 days a week. For more information, call 215-345-0210 or visit mercermuseum.org.

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