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Summer Fun at the Historic Liberty Hall Museum in Union

UNION, NJ — Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University will host several activities for children and visitors of all ages in June.

Now through December, children will enjoy a new interactive exhibit, *Once Upon a Time: The Story of the Children of Liberty Hall*. Open during regular museum hours, this extraordinary display explores five distinct generations of children who grew up at Liberty Hall during the Revolutionary War, New Nation, Civil War, Late Victorian and Modern Age eras.

Through the use of artifacts, reproductions and hands-on activities, children will discover the evolution of education, recreation and technology and grasp how a child's world constantly changes. The exhibit features photos, clothes, toys and furniture of the times, as well as a newly created interactive nursery *circa* 1899.

Experience the art of Victorian dining and hospitality with a decadent five-course meal, wine and music at Liberty Hall's elegant *Victorian Luncheon* on **Sunday, June 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Guests will dine in the Great Hall, where many important family events took place, including the 1774 marriage of Sarah Livingston, daughter of Liberty Hall's founder Governor William Livingston, to John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Cost is \$80 per person, formal attire suggested. Reservations are required. Seating is limited.

The *Father's Day at the Firehouse Craft Workshop* will be held on **Sunday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to noon**. Children will make unique gifts for dad, explore the Liberty Hall Museum Firehouse, and play special firefighting and fire safety games, including the infamous bucket brigade game. Admission is \$8 per child with one adult free and includes all workshop materials. Reservations are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The *Summertime Afternoon Tea* is served **every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** in June. Set in the glass-enclosed porch, guests enjoy a selection of sandwiches, pastries,

scones and clotted cream, jams and choice of two teas. Cost is \$33 per person and includes a house tour. Reservations are required.

Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University chronicles more than 200 years of American history. Built in 1772 by William Livingston, New Jersey's first elected governor, the Victorian style mansion is a treasure trove of historic riches. Along with forgotten letters from Thomas Jefferson, Liberty Hall also houses extensive collections of antique furniture, ceramics, textiles, toys and tools owned by seven generations of the Livingston and Kean families. The Firehouse is the latest addition to the Museum's complex housing two antique fire engines and a collection of fire memorabilia.

Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Avenue in Union, New Jersey. It is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. For more information or to make reservations, call (908) 527-0400, e-mail libertyhall@kean.edu or visit www.kean.edu/libertyhall.

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