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The Brooklyn Historical Society Remembers September 11th

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 7, 2006, New York, NY – To commemorate the fifth anniversary of September 11th, 2001, BHS is inviting members of the community, to go online to ***Tell Us Your Story*** at www.brooklynhistory.org, to share their reflections about the events that took place on that tragic day. The passing of time has a way of adding perspective and insight to memories and BHS will record these memories for our permanent collection and will also post selected comments on our website.

BHS also joins the Brooklyn Arts Council to present the photography exhibit ***Here Was New York: Twin Towers in Memorial Images*** to mark the fifth anniversary of September 11th. *Here Was New York: Twin Towers in Memorial Images* will be on view from September 7 - September 30. *Here Was New York* will show photos that document homespun expressions of the Twin Towers as they appeared in interior and outdoor spaces throughout the New York Metropolitan region. Community responses included wall murals, homemade shrines, fridge or mantle displays, custom painting on trucks, logos, graffiti, tattoos, merchandise display, window stickers, and T-shirts. The exhibition will include the photographs of Martha Cooper. Curated by BAC folklorist Kay Turner, the impetus for the exhibit stems from a wish to acknowledge local forms of remembrance that keep the Twin Towers visible to us as we go about our daily post-9/11 lives. In addition to the exhibition at the Brooklyn Historical Society, other components of this exhibition will be on view at 5+5 Gallery, Safe-t-Gallery, and Gloria Kennedy Gallery, all in DUMBO, and City Reliquary in Williamsburg.

The Brooklyn Historical Society is open Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children and children under 12 are free.

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Founded in 1863, the Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) is a museum, library, and educational center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's rich 400-year past, while recording and reflecting upon the future of our culturally rich borough. BHS houses a treasure trove of materials relating to the founding of our country and the history of Brooklyn and its people. We draw from all of these holdings to create interpretive exhibitions illuminating the past and informing the future. BHS hosts over 9,000 members of the general public at its exhibitions each year. In addition to our general programming, BHS serves over 70,000 public school students and teachers annually by providing exhibit tours, educational programs and curricula, and making its professional staff available for instruction and consultation. The exhibits at BHS are dynamic learning experiences for audiences of all ages.

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