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KEY INGREDIENTS ARRIVES

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to issue a reminder that the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit “Key Ingredients: American by Food” will be opening in Woodbine this weekend, following a ribbon cutting on July 19. The exhibit will be open in Woodbine until August 28.

The main exhibit will be housed at the Woodbine Branch of the Cape May County Library/Woodbine Elementary School, located at 801 Webster Street, Woodbine, with hours of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays noon to 4 p.m. Also at this location will be a local component, which will include text, audio, and visual images from oral history interviews about the importance of food and family throughout various area cultures.

Additional exhibits, including one by the Cape May County Department of Agriculture, will also be at the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage, 610 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, with hours of Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m., and Sundays noon to 4 p.m.

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) is the New Jersey sponsor for this Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition which delves into the historical, regional and social traditions that merge in the everyday meals and celebrations of the American table. The exhibition will tour New Jersey from May 2008 through March 2009 and will give New Jerseyans an opportunity to celebrate their state's local food heritage.

Through a selection of artifacts, photographs and illustrations, **Key Ingredients** examines how culture, ethnicity, landscape and tradition influence the foods and flavors we enjoy across the nation. “Offering our state's residents access to the cultural resources of our nation's premiere museum is a priority of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities,” said Jane Brailove Rutkoff, NJCH Executive Director. “With this special tour, we are pleased to be working with communities throughout our state to help develop local exhibitions and public programs to complement the Smithsonian exhibition.”

Sites hosting **Key Ingredients** in New Jersey are developing programs and local exhibits that explore the changing culinary traditions of our state's diverse populations and the regional products of the Garden State. From long-treasured family recipes to pork roll and tomato pie, **Key Ingredients** in New Jersey shows that our state's history is intricately tied to food. As one of the most diverse and densely populated states in the country, New Jersey's food history is really the history of America.

“We are pleased and proud to have Woodbine with its rich agricultural history serve as the chosen exhibition site for our tri-County area, and wish to thank all those whose efforts have produced the extensive local components to this exhibit. Programs, many in conjunction with the Cape May County Library system, will be offered to correlate with this exhibit before, during, and after its visit to Woodbine. These will also serve to celebrate the cultural diversity of our area. A complete list is available at www.njch.org/keyingredients, which is accessible as a link on the homepage of the Borough’s own site www.boroughofwoodbine.net, “related Mayor Pikolycky.

