

Lawrence Historical Society

Fall 1992

P.O. Box 6025, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Garden Gate Garden Club:

On Monday, May 18th, the Garden Gate Garden Club held their meeting at the Canal House. Frances McCarthy gave a tour of the garden. Milton Levin and Gordon Keith gave a slide presentation of the restoration and history of the Canal House.

June Open House:

Our June Open House was a winner. The weather was great! Activities included a Flag Ceremony, including a presentation by Mayor Gloria Teti, music by the Lawrence High Jazz Band, and a program entitled "So You Enjoy Antiques" by appraiser, Martin Winar. Kathy from Howell Living History Farm demonstrated corn threshing. Children enjoyed coloring pictures of the house. Homemade ice cream and refreshments were enjoyed. Our garden was in full bloom for all to enjoy its beauty. Betsy Porter sold her handmade jewelry and scarves. Betsy Hullfish, from the Lawrence Road Quilters demonstrated quilting. As a result of our antiques program, an ironing board was donated by a lady who lives in West Windsor. It is made of wood and appropriate to the period of the house. We are very appreciative of this donation.

Graduation Award:

Drew Jakubek presented the Society's award of \$150.00 to the outstanding graduating history student, Lawrence Brown, at the Awards Ceremony held Wednesday evening, June 10th, at Lawrence High School. Lawrence is attending Harvard University and we wish him the very best.

Lawrence Community Day:

Despite windy weather, the Lawrence Community Day held at the Lawrence Municipal Building was well attended. The Society participated in this event along with many other Township organizations.

Outhouse:

Frances McCarthy received an extra present for her birthday. Elric Endersby and his crew transported the outhouse from the McHale property to the Port Mercer Canal House site. Plans are underway for building a foundation and placing the outhouse on the original location of the outhouse. True to her promise, a wreath will be on the outhouse door in time for our Christmas Open House. Again, a big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. McHale for this most generous donation. The outhouse is a gem!

Membership:

Membership is most important for us to continue and further goals of the Society. At our Christmas Open House, all renewals and new members will enjoy receiving the booklet of Carrie Arrowsmith's memories of living at the Canal House. It is the Board of Trustees way of showing appreciation to our friends who have been so supportive of the Society through the years and to continue making new friends.

Slate of Officer and Trustees for 1993

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Mary McHale
Ken Rubin
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Committee: If you have an interest in being part of a committee, please contact Frances McCarthy...telephone...882-9032 (evening).

Christmas At
Port Mercer:

Our Christmas Open House will be held Saturday and Sunday afternoon, December 12th and 13th, from 12 - 4 p.m. The house will be decorated and refreshments will be served. Betsy Porter will sell her beautiful handmade jewelry and scarves. Tradition will continue to sell and decorate freshly baked gingerbread men. Mugs, cookbooks and other items by the Society will be available for purchase. A big important fundraiser will be the sale of Vermont Christmas trees, garland, wreaths, maple syrup, wool, sheepskins, Vermont cheese and birdhouses. Bill Manning will be open for business the first weekend of December and will be selling up to just before Christmas. This money the Society receives from this joint venture will be put into our house fund. Painting the house, finishing restoration of furniture, making necessary repairs to the outhouse is all part of "House Funds". We sincerely hope you will support us and encourage your friends to purchase a tree and greenery from us. Don't forget to renew your membership. Make time to enjoy sharing a bit of the holiday season with us by joining us over a cup of wassail or punch and cookies.

The Board of Trustees thanks you for your loyal support and wishes one and all the very best during the holidays and coming year.

Annual Meeting:

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, February 7, 1993, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Lawrence Library, Route #1 and Darrah Lane. After a brief meeting which will include installation of the new Board for 1993, a program will be presented by past Board member, Gordon Keith. He will show slides and talk about life at Port Mercer as well as cover other interesting facts on the Delaware and Raritan Canal. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.