

Lawrence Historical Society

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SPRING, 1990 NEWLETTER

- CHRISTMAS BY THE CANAL:** Our open house held Sunday afternoon, December 10th, 1989, was enjoyed by all who attended. The house was beautifully decorated and special thanks are given to Joe Powers, a Board Trustee, for the beautifully decorated fireplace mantels and wreaths that he created for the house. The gingerbread men decorated by our talented Barbara Burnett and Janet Bickal had individual personalities and quickly found happy homes with the purchasers. Milton Levin is becoming famous for his Wassail Punch. Trustees Ruth Barringer, Mary McHale, Marilyn Sikora, Lois Richard, Denise Hall and Frances McCarthy all did a great job in welcoming all those who came to share a pleasant afternoon at the house. Kevin Connell, our past caretaker, also made sure that the event ran smoothly.
- ANNUAL MEETING:** Our annual meeting held Sunday afternoon, February 11th, was well attended and the program presented by Winnie Nash and Mary Tanner was interesting and informative. The program of our early road system was enjoyed by all.
- CARETAKER:** Kevin Connell, who has been caretaker of the Port Mercer Canal House, for nearly four and one-half years, has moved nearby. He will be a Board Member the beginning of May. We are happy he is able to remain active in the Society.
- Our new caretaker, David Kimzey, will be moving in the end of May. You will have a chance to meet David on June 10th when we have our open house. David is a Senior Designer for CUH2A.
- REFRIGERATOR:** A new frost-free refrigerator was purchased for the new caretaker as the cost of repair for the old refrigerator was not practical to consider.
- BRICK WORK:** The brickwork will be completed in time for our open house. Frances McCarthy will have laid over 4300 bricks to complete this project. P.S. The weather has to become more cooperative on the weekends!
- RETAINING WALL:** John Nordgren extended the retaining wall in the rear yard where the sloping ground meets the brick courtyard area.
- PORCH ROOF:** A new porch roof was installed by John Nordgren. A replacement was necessary as moisture was being trapped between layers of old roofing and was damaging the porch ceiling. New flashing was also installed.
- OUTHOUSE & TOOL SHED:** This project is underway and, hopefully, will be realized next year. Estimates have been received for building new buildings. The committee is also exploring the possibility of locating old buildings that would be suitable. If you have any information that could be helpful, call Frances McCarthy (609) 882-9032 or write her a note in care of the Society.
- PLASTERING AND PAINTING:** Plastering repair has been done upstairs prior to painting and, at a later date, plaster repair to the parlor ceiling will be completed.

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PROJECT:

later date, plaster repair to the parlor ceiling will be completed. The Lawrence Historical Society is sharing a sign at the Port Mercer Site with the Cultural & Heritage Committee, the D & R Canal Watch, and Mercer County Friends of New Jersey Wildlife. The interpretive sign is one of many to be erected at different sites along the Canal.

MEMBERSHIP
DUES:

If you have not paid your dues for 1990, it would be appreciated if you would do so. We want to complete our 1990 goals which originally did not include a new porch roof!

