

Lawrence Historical Society

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FALL NEWSLETTER -- 1993

Coming Events

Christmas at the Canal House

This year, once again, Bill Manning will be at the Canal House selling trees, sheepskins, yarn, maple syrup, bird houses and other Vermont products. He will be open from the first weekend in December. Open House at the Canal House will be on December 11 and 12, from 12:00 to 4:00 each day. Wassail and punch, decorated gingerbread people and holiday crafts will be available. When you come in, be sure to notice the restored furniture; almost all the pieces generously donated by the estate of Ethel Dettman are glowing afresh. If the weather during the next few weeks is cooperative, and the workmen's schedules permit, the outhouse will acquire a new roof, a window and perhaps one coat of paint. It will certainly be sporting a fresh, bright wreath by December 11.

Annual Meeting, February 13

The annual meeting of the society will be held on February 13, from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Lawrence Library, Darrah Lane at Route One. After a brief business meeting, our speaker will be Dr. William Guthrie, Dean of Graduate Education at Rider College; he will speak on "Who Lived in Lawrence Township 600 Years Ago?" Dr. Guthrie is an expert on New Jersey Indian history and culture. His talk should be of interest to young and old. There will be refreshments and plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

The society board of trustees for 1994:

President: Robert Glover

Treasurer: Milton Levin

Corresponding Secretary and Archivist: Frances McCarthy

Asst. Secretary and Treasurer: David Kimzey

Board members:

Denise Hall

Ruth Barringer

Kevin Connell

Nick Loveless

(There are some vacancies on the board; if you are interested in being a trustee, call Denise Hall at 396-3925.)

Garden Award

The Garden Gate Garden Club of the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church has chosen the garden at the Canal House for an award. The presentation will be at the first town council meeting in December. The society joins with the garden Club in recognizing that the garden is primarily the product of many hours of dedicated work by Frances McCarthy, Denise Hall and Kevin Connell (former caretaker) with able assistance from the house caretaker, David Kimzey.

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Looking Back

June 13
Open House

The June 13 Open House was an enormous success. A sunny day, the garden in full bloom, fresh ice cream, the high school jazz band, and a splendid crowd all contributed to a memorable event. A fine band of canoers joined in the festivities. The climax was Mayor Teti's dedication of the pre-Civil War outhouse which had been given to the society by Mary and Thomas McHale. Mayor Teti was joined by the other township council members in cutting the ribbon and welcoming this addition to the township's historic attractions.

