

# Lawrence Historical Society

P.O. Box 6025 - Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

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**EARLY HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL**

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** Will be Sunday, **NOVEMBER 19, 1995**, from 1-4 pm. There will be the Premier Display of five original pen-and-ink sketches by the late Harry Pratt recently donated by his daughter, Ruth Pratt Fenner. The late Harry Pratt lived in Lawrenceville for decades, was a former Superintendent of Lawrence Public Schools, and began sketching local scenes upon his retirement. The Society is indebted to Mrs. Fenner for this generous donation. There will be Victorian cookies by Emmaline and the traditional wassail. Free admission. Holiday and gift items will be available.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to construction, please use Route 1 North to the exit for Provinceline Road

**BREARLEY HOUSE** As we have told you before, as our contribution to the 300th birthday of Lawrence Township, the Society in July committed to a fund raising effort to restore the Brearley House at the end of Meadow Lane. The house and 40 acres is owned by the town, purchased with Green Acres Funds. The house, unoccupied for more than a decade, is in surprisingly good condition, especially considering it was built in 1761. BUT it is not habitable and needs restoration. The funds raised will be earmarked to make it possible for the township to apply for a matching grant from the State. The deadline for this application is early January. Knowing that this Newsletter is going to those who have an interest in historical restoration (the Canal House was restored), the Board of Trustees invites you to be a part of the Brearley House restoration by making a contribution. All funds received are in a separate account earmarked exclusively for the Brearley House. Enclosed is a flyer regarding this. Volunteer help is always welcome. Call Ruth Barringer at 883-3462.

**PASSIVE PARK** Plans have been made for a passive park surrounding the Brearley House and on October 15 about 30 interested citizens walked a route over the Shipetaukin Creek to the Delaware & Raritan Canal which will be improved in the spring with volunteer help from the students at Lawrence High School and Lawrenceville School. The firm of Clarke Caton Hintz donated the planning for the trail which will be handicap accessible. Watch for visible progress in the spring. With all the surrounding development in the area, take advantage of hiking the completed trail where there are no traffic lights, telephone poles, parking lots or shopping malls and try to image life in 1761.

