

Lawrence Historical Society

P.O. Box 6025 - Lawrenceville, Nj 08648

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ANNUAL MEETING Will be SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1996, from 2-4 PM in the Lower Level of the Municipal Building. There is an elevator. There will be a brief business meeting and installation of the new Board of Trustees, followed by an illustrated report by Jim Male, the new owner of the Hill House. He will show slides and give an update on the progress of rebuilding the house. He tells us he cooked his 1995 Christmas dinner in the Hill House!

Do you remember the story? He was watching TV at 1:30 AM one morning and saw the offer to acquire the Hill House by moving it. Owning a fruit farm in Columbia County, NY, about 100 miles north of NYC in the Hudson River Valley with a large barn, he had been looking to own a house for the farm - and he couldn't wait to come to Lawrence Township to see the house. He was delighted with the house, and in June, 1994, he, his dog Clem, and a three man crew dismantled the house, labeled each piece, and trucked it to his barn to await preparing a foundation.

Everyone who is interested in how a house built using the post-and-beam technique can be dismantled is invited. Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served following the talk.

BREARLEY HOUSE The Society has been reporting on the progress of the fund-raising effort by the Society to raise private funding to be used in the restoration project. A final report cannot be made at this time as some corporate donation commitments have not been received, but to date \$5,286.00 has been received and is held in a separate, interest-bearing account. Town Council has decided not to apply in 1996 to the state for a matching grant but will further consider the matter in 1997 which will allow more time for raising additional monies. All donations will be held at this time as they were specifically for restoration.

T-SHIRTS Are still available at the Four Star Video on Main Street and Manor's Deli in the Manors Shopping Center in children's and adult sizes. The sales are a fund-raiser for the restoration of the Brearley House. Call Colette Coolbaugh at 771-0711 to place an order.

