

# Lawrence Historical Society

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P.O. Box 6025 - Lawrenceville, Nj 08648

Formed 1975

Incorporated June 15, 1976

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.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Was held on Sunday, November 19, 1995, at the Canal House at Port Mercer. Many came to see the Pratt pen-and-ink sketches and enjoyed the traditional wassail and this year's Victorian cookies by Emmaline. Thanks to the docents who helped to make the afternoon entertaining and informational.

NEW CARETAKER Meet Sally Baxter who moved in before the New Year. The Society is happy to welcome her - and she's looking forward to gardening this spring. David Kimzey, caretaker for five years, has bought a house. Thanks, David, for all your help over the years.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES The following will be sworn in as Trustees at the Annual Meeting on February 11:

Ruth Barringer  
Colette Coolbaugh  
John Halvorsen  
Betsy Harding  
Lori Jakubek  
Martha Logan  
Lisa Rubin  
Mary Tanner  
Jean Stephens

Anyone else who would like to serve a one-year term on the Board is invited to call Ruth Barringer at 883-3462.

FURNITURE ON LOAN Several pieces of furniture, all antique, are now on the first floor of the Canal House on loan. Be sure to come to the June Garden Party and take note.

DONATED FURNITURE The Estate of Ethel Dettman, a former schoolteacher in Lawrence, donated eight pieces of furniture from her family home almost eight years ago, including the piano on which she gave private lessons. Several residents recall taking piano lessons from Miss Dettman. It was Miss Dettman's wish that people enjoy her furnishings, and indeed, that is the case. Also, in the dining room is the table used by the Arrowsmith family. You will recall that Mr. Arrowsmith was the last bridgetender and lived with his family in the Canal House.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Society is always appreciative of help. This includes ideas for projects, addressing historical issues, serving on the Board, or just general interest. Call Ruth Barringer at 883-3462.

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DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1996

TIME: 2 - 4 PM

PLACE: Lower Level  
Lawrence Township Municipal Building  
Route 206

Elevator Available

PROGRAM: Mr. James Male  
Current owner of Theodore Hill House  
previously located on Franklin Corner Road, Lawrenceville

Will show slides and tell about dismantling  
the 1850's farmhouse and moving it to his farm in the Hudson  
River Valley, New York

This will be the first report of this major  
undertaking

FREE ADMISSION

REFRESHMENTS