

Lawrence Historical Society

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LAWRENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - FALL, 1990

GRADUATION AWARD:

A \$150 cash award was presented to Masahiro Yamada in June who was the outstanding graduating history student at Lawrence High School.

JUNE 10th OPEN HOUSE:

It was a beautiful sunny day and the turnout of visitors was just great. The homemade ice cream was enjoyed by all. A big thank you for the following volunteers who assured the event's success: Ruth, Barbara, Milton, Kevin, Lois, David, Gordon, Joe, Janet, Denise and Frances.

Wheat weaving, calligraphy, model ship building, broom making, whittling of staffs were exhibited and demonstrations enjoyed by everyone. The Howell Living History Farm also participated in demonstrating corn threshing and lent us their circa 1923 ice cream maker.

CARETAKER:

Our new caretaker, David Kimzey, is busy getting settled in the upstairs apartment at the Canal House.

SIERRA CLUB PROJECT:

The Sierra Club successfully sold 25 of 30 planned descriptive signs along the Delaware & Raritan Canal. A reception was held at the Stockton Inn in July by the Sierra Club to give recognition to those who supported this project. The Society's recognition was presented Denise and Frances. Mr. & Mrs. Milton Levin and Gordon Keith also attended this event.

PLASTERING:

David has volunteered to do the minor plaster repair work of the parlor and dining room ceilings at the Canal House. This represents a savings as it is costly to hire someone to do this.

PAINTING:

The upstairs apartment at the Canal House has received a fresh coat of paint.

GARDEN PROJECT:

David has finished the steps leading to the road and mailboxes. Lee Marchesi, our Canal House neighbor, helped David with the step project. Frances has finished the courtyard. The brick path leading to the outhouse will be completed after the outhouse is in place.

OUTHOUSE PROJECT:

A \$850 donation has been received from Bristol-Myers Squibb for the outhouse. Final plans are being drawn and approvals sought. Look forward to the outhouse coming to Port Mercer before our June Open House!

TOOL SHED PROJECT:

A small tool shed is being planned and donations for this project will be pursued.

TRI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

Lawrence Township will be celebrating its Tri-Centennial in 1997. The Township Council has recently appointed a committee to begin preparations. The Society anticipates planning a photography show. Details will be given at a later date.

CENTRAL N.J.
HISTORICAL
SOCIETIES:

The Contemporary Club located on West State Street in Trenton hosted the meeting of the various Historical Societies and Organizations on Sunday afternoon, September 16th, 1990. As always, the meeting was well attended and informative. Each Society is taking a turn hosting a meeting in order that everyone become acquainted with each one's headquarters. Meetings are held twice a year. The purpose is to be aware of problems, issues and general information involving Mercer, Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth Counties and Trenton.

FIFTEENTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY: Circle your calendar for May 5th, 1991!
We have planned a very special event in honor this landmark anniversary.

W.J.B. STOKES, III OPEN HOUSE: An open house will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W.J.B. Stokes, III, on Sunday afternoon, May 5th, 1991, from 2:30 - 5 P.M. Many thanks to the hundred of volunteers for the thousands of man hours that have brought us to this milestone. More details on this exciting celebration will be forthcoming in the Spring.

NOMINATION REPORT: Gordon Keith has submitted the following recommendations for nomination of serving on the Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Historical Society.

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES FOR 1991

President: Denise McCarthy Hall

Vice President: Milton Levin

Treasurer: Ruth Barringer

Secretary & Membership: Frances G. McCarthy

Assistant Secretary & Treasurer: Gordon Keith

Trustees: (One Year)

Barbara Burnett
Kevin Connell
Drew Jakubek
Lori Jakubek
Mary McHale
Nick Loveless
Lois Richard
Kenneth Rubin
Lisa Rubin

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: On Sunday afternoon, December 9th, our Christmas Open House will be held at the Port Mercer Canal House. The house will be decorated, refreshments served, and handcrafted items will be for sale. Our famous gingerbread men will be decorated to be purchased to eat on the spot or to take home for later enjoyment. The time is from 1 - 4 P.M. The whole house will be open for tour. David is excited to show off his apartment. Come join us and bring family and friends.

MEMBERSHIP: It is membership time for 1991 and, as always, your support is vital to continue the growth and goals of the Society. It would be appreciated if you would take the time to mail your dues in early. It helps us to set up our budget and constructively plan what can be accomplished within the given year. Your support is the inspiration that sparks the Trustees to be proud to serve on the Board and to be a part of the stewardship of the Lawrence Historical Society and its responsibilities.

ANNUAL
MEETING:

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, February 10th, 1991, in the Lounge Room, The Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church, located on Main Street in the Village. Parking is available in the north parking lot. Refreshments will be served. The time is from 2 - 4 P.M. Our guest speaker will be Gary Saretsky who lives in the Colonial Lakes section of our Township. He will speak about the history of that area as well as current issues. Colonial Lakes section is bordered by Whitehead Road, Brunswick Pike and the D & R Canal.

The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Historical Society wishes one and all a happy holiday season and the best for 1991. A big thank you for your support, loyalty and friendship. Because of you, we are proud of many accomplishments and able to celebrate our 15th year anniversary.