

# Lawrence Historical Society

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## FALL NEWSLETTER - 1994

*Holiday Greetings to all the friends of the Lawrence Historical Society! Enclosed you'll find a list of our upcoming events and a review of this year's activities at the Society.*

### Christmas House

We are sorry to announce that there will be no open house and Open Christmas tree sale at the Canal House. Recent and ongoing repairs to the house and construction along Quakerbridge Road have forced us to cancel our annual event.

On the bright side, the necessary repairs are near completion, and our headquarters have never looked better. Tom Ferrello, an expert in historical restoration, has done a fine job in replacing the porch and foundation plaster, as well as painting the house. Hopefully, we'll be able to show it off later this spring.

### Annual Meeting

The Society's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 1995, from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Lawrence Library, located at Darrah Lane and Route 1. There will be a brief business meeting, followed by a talk by Dr. William Guthrie, Dean of Graduate Education at Rider University. His topic will be "Who Lived in Lawrence 600 Years Ago?". Dr. Guthrie is an expert on New Jersey Indian history and culture. This talk was originally scheduled for last year's meeting, which was cancelled due to the severe winter weather. Let's hope for better this year.

Our nominees for the Society board of trustees for 1995 are:

President:	Kevin Connell
Vice President:	Bob Glover
Secretary:	David Kimzey
Treasurer:	Ruth Barringer
Board members:	Jean Carver
	Colette Coolbaugh
	Mary Berlin

There are some vacancies on the board. If you are interested in being a trustee, please call Ruth Barringer at 883-3462.

### Passages

We are sad to note that longtime officers Frances McCarthy and Denise Hall will not be serving on the board this year. After years of dedicated service to the Society, they will be relocating to Nantucket. They will be sorely missed.

## Art Exhibit

The Society will be sponsoring an exhibition of the works of Harry Pratt at the Lawrence Gallery. Dates are tentatively from late February-beginning of March. Mr. Pratt was a former superintendent of schools in Lawrence and did a fine series of pen and ink drawings depicting historic homes in our community. (One of his works adorns our mug and postcard.) An opening reception is planned for a Sunday afternoon at the gallery and we hope to see you there. Five of the exhibited works will go into the Society's permanent collection. More information will be sent out at a later date.

## Looking Back

### June Open House

Our annual open house was a bit soggy this year, but a success nonetheless. It is always a pleasure to host the Cultural & Heritage Committee on Canoe Day, and we had the usual summer amenities, visitors from the Howell Living Farm, homemade ice cream, and a steady stream of visitors.

### Community Day

The Society manned a table at Lawrence Community Day on October 2 of this year. Ruth Barringer and David Kimzey helped drum up new membership while selling Society mugs, notepaper, cards, preserves and books. Don't forget these items are available year round. For information contact Kevin Connell at 882-7002.

### Awards

The outstanding history student award for 1994 was given to Clarissa Bielmowicz of Lawrence High School. Nick Loveless presented the award.

The Society's current president, Bob Glover, was the recipient of the Distinguished National James Madison award and will be studying in Washington next summer. Congratulations, Bob!

### Thanks

We'd also like to thank our docents:

Lois Richard  
Barbara Burnett  
Chantel McCarroll  
Palmer Uhl  
Lisa Hullfish  
David Kimzey  
Cindy Walker  
Eleanor Whitehead

for their assistance at our events in the past year. Their support is invaluable to the success of our activities. The Docent Committee, spearheaded by Frances McCarthy, will now be under the direction of David Kimzey.

Denise Hall and Frances McCarthy are busy taking inventory and cataloging acquisitions and contents of the Port Mercer Canal House.

Bill Manning will be selling Christmas trees and related Christmas items at the Village Shopper Center in Rocky Hill. The location is just past the junctions of 518 and 206 in Rocky Hill. (Mrs. Chow's Chinese restaurant is located in this shopping center.) Bill's telephone number will be 609/921-9162. He will be in business early December and we wish him well in this new location.

We are actively seeking new members for the Society. Your continued support is vital to our survival. Please tell your friends about us. We have a lot planned for 1995, but it takes you to make it happen. Thanks for your continued support.

## The Hill House

Denise Hall and Frances McCarthy, members of our Board, were instrumental in helping save the Hill House from demolition and further neglect. James Male, a New York landscape architect, is now the owner of this building. The house was dismantled and moved to Mr. Male's farm in Columbia County, New York. At present, all materials are stored in his barn. Reconstruction of the house will begin in the Spring. The house will be the private residence of Mr. Male. Although the township lost this historic house, it is rewarding to know the house will enjoy a new and appreciative function in its new ownership and surroundings.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**