

Lawrence Historical Society

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**CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE:**

Our Christmas Open House was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves. Personalized gingerbread men were a hit thanks to Lori, Drew and Sandra. The house was decorated for the holidays and refreshments were served, including Milton's famous Wassail. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this a pleasant afternoon.

**ANNUAL
MEETING:**

At our annual meeting in February, a program on the history of Colonial Heights in Lawrence Township was presented by area resident, Gary Saretsky. Mr. Saretsky and his family live in an historic house in Colonial Heights. The house was formerly owned by John and Winona Nash, who spent years of hard work restoring it. Mr. Saretsky presented a very interesting and informative slide and lecture program. The meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed the program.

**TRI-CENTENNIAL
CENTENNIAL:**

Lawrence Township will be celebrating its Tri-Centennial in 1997. A Canoe The Canal event will be held Columbus Day weekend in October, 1991 to kick off a series of events celebrating 300 years of history. The canoe trip will finish at the Canal House and refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in participating should contact Steve Groeger, Recreation Department, at Town Hall.

**HISTORICAL
SOCIETIES
MEETING:**

The Historical Association of Central Jersey will meet Sunday, April 21st, at 2 p.m., at the Griggstown (Canal) Barracks. The meeting is sponsored by the Van Harlingen Society and the Griggstown Historical Society. Anyone needing more information can call Sue Rightmire (908) 359-6288 or Liz Palins (908) 874-3820. Members of our Board have found it very beneficial to attend these meetings with other area historical societies and organizations. Experiences and information are shared on restoration projects and the trials and tribulations of non-profit organizations.

**OUTHOUSE &
TOOL SHED:**

Work continues on bringing the outhouse and tool shed to the Canal House. We're in the final stages of approvals and bids. We're still thinking positive the outhouse will be in place before our June Open House. Before making the final decision to build a replica, the Outhouse Committee investigated the possibility of moving an old outhouse to the site. There were two possibilities. Both were eliminated - one was in very poor condition and the other too far away to make it cost effective. The house moving company we consulted didn't return our telephone call at first....they thought the message left on their answering machine inquiring about the cost of moving an outhouse was a prank call!

**1,000 FOOT
GREENWAY:**

The Society has written a letter to the West Windsor Planning Board in support of the request by the Port Mercer Civic Association for a 1,000 foot greenway (buffer zone) to protect Port Mercer from future development on the corner of Route #1 and Province Line Road.

