



Lawrence Historical Society

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SPRING NEWSLETTER.... 1994

Christmas At Port Mercer

The house was beautifully decorated to greet one and all who came to enjoy the holiday season with us. Bill Manning successfully sold beautiful Christmas trees, wreaths, maple syrup, etc. that he brought from Vermont. Many of us enjoyed an added specialness to our holiday season because of Bill. The Board of Trustees is most appreciative to all who helped assure the success of our "Christmas at Port Mercer."

Annual Meeting

Due to poor weather, the annual meeting was postponed. Our guest speaker, Dr. Guthrie, will be rescheduled for another time. The Board of Trustees for 1994 is as follows:

President	Robert Glover
Vice President	Nicholas Loveless
Treasurer	Milton Levin
Asst. Sec. & Treas.	David Kimzey
Trustees (1 Year):	Ruth Barringer
	Kevin Connell
	Denise Hall
	Frances McCarthy

There are several vacancies on the Board at this time. If anyone is interested in serving for the balance of 1994, contact Bob Glover (evening) 609-987-8196.

Hill House

Denise Hall undertook the project of trying to find someone interested in saving the Hill House. Joe Pintinalli purchased the property and was unsuccessful in pursuing rehabilitation of the house for a commercial purpose. The building was too far gone to make it financially feasible. Denise and Frances checked to see if the house could be moved to Port Mercer. Only conceptual plans have been presented, to date, by the developer of houses at Port Mercer. Limited open space is available due to wetlands. In the event existing structures need to be relocated, priority must be given to houses already in Port Mercer. In view of all this, the project to move the Hill House to Port Mercer has been dropped. Moving the house to the Brearley tract was also rejected as total effort must be given to the Brearley House at that site. Joe Pintinalli, Denise Hall and Frances McCarthy have worked closely with the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to save the house from demolition. Alison Roth, handling public relations for the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee successfully attracted several interested parties. May 11th is the deadline to receive information from interested people willing to move the house and restore it. At this time of writing, three inquiries have been received. The most qualified person will become the new owner of the Hill House.

