

# ON THE LEVEL



## THE CANAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

### INITIAL STEPS TOWARD RESTORATION OF TWO IMPORTANT MORRIS CANAL SITES

The Canal Society's Morris Canal Greenway Committee was successful in helping two Morris County municipalities obtain grants totaling nearly \$70,000 from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The grants are being used to fund feasibility studies for the restoration of two significant Morris Canal structures. Aside from periodic clearing of intact level sections of the canal, these grants represent the initial step toward the first major restoration of Morris Canal structures since the canal's closing in 1924!

#### WHARTON

The Borough of Wharton received a grant of nearly \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the restoration of Lock 2 East within Hugh Force Park. This park con-



At Wharton a test trench dug across Lock 2 East revealed that below grade the lock walls are substantially intact. (Left) In the turbine chamber at Plane 2 East in Ledgewood, archeologists examined the tailrace arch to design masonry repairs. (Below).

tains one of the best-preserved sections of the Morris Canal, the archeological site of Lock 2 East, and the adjacent ruin of the locktender's stone dwelling.

The study includes historical background research on the lock site fol-



## MEETINGS

**Friday – January 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. – Refreshments at 7:10**

### Preservation of Morris Canal Sites in Wharton & Ledgewood

Morris County Cultural Center – 300 Mendam Road, Morris Township

MARGARET HICKEY

HJGA Consulting, Architecture & Historic Preservation

During the past few months, historic preservation projects have been underway at the site of Morris Canal Lock 2 East in Wharton and at Plane 2 East in Ledgewood, Roxbury Township. The projects are being supported by grants from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the purpose of preserving and enhancing these two major canal sites. Both locations are considered crown jewels along the growing Morris Canal Greenway.

Margaret Hickey will provide an update on the discoveries made at both project sites. Wharton is hoping to restore Lock 2 East within Hugh Force Park as part of efforts to revitalize its downtown. Archeological excavations have investigated the buried lock chamber and vestiges of associated mechanisms, and assessed the extent of artifacts surrounding the locktender's house. The presentation will include

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lowed by archeological testing to assess the structural condition of the buried lock. Backhoe tests revealed that the lock's walls remain substantially intact. It was the first time in over 75 years that the walls were exposed to the light of day! Archeological testing around the locktender's stone house ruin revealed domestic artifacts that had once been used by the workers on the Morris Canal and the members of the locktender's family.

The Borough of Wharton, the Morris County Park Commission, and the Canal Society of New Jersey encourage a restoration of Lock 2 East as a major Morris Canal attraction. The feasibility study will be a first step toward restoration. Hopefully a boat ride on the water-filled section of canal in the park can be a reality in the future. It would be greatly enhanced by an operating, restored lock.

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the state of preservation of the lock, and the feasibility of reopening and restoring this canal feature.

Activities at Ledgewood's Plane 2 East have focused on masonry structural issues in the turbine pit and stone-arched tailrace tunnel. This spectacular canal feature, excavated more than two decades ago by the Roxbury Rotary Club, requires urgent repairs to ensure its preservation for posterity. Archeological testing and analysis by a structural engineer have been conducted. Included in the project is the design of a public safety system for the turbine pit, penstock, and tailrace that will permit interpretation without compromising these historic features. An update on the project's findings and recommendations will be part of this evening's presentation.

**Margaret Hickey** is an Historic Preservation Specialist with HJGA Consulting, Architecture & Historic Preservation, Inc., Montclair, NJ. HJGA has a long track record of providing high quality professional architectural and historic preservation services for historic sites scattered across New Jersey. Margaret Hickey joined HJGA in 1999 after many years as a Program Officer at New Jersey Historic Trust. She has a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Architecture from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Ms. Hickey and her associates at HJGA are also consulting with the Canal Society regarding potential projects at Saxton Falls on the Morris Canal. See separate article on page 8 for more detail.

**Friday – March 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. – Refreshments at 7:10**

### **The Passaic River: 81 Miles of History**

*Morris County Cultural Center – 300 Mendam Road, Morris Township*

**PHIL JAEGER**

*Former member CSNJ Board of Directors*

Several years ago Phil and Jean Jaeger went on the first of 21 planned trips in New Jersey in search of fine county dining. The idea was to use lesser-traveled roads to discover a little history and some interesting restaurants. In their excursions they frequently crossed the twisting Passaic River and thought it would be interesting to find its origin.

The program will begin with their trip to the river's headwaters in Mendham Township. The slide show will follow the river through seven counties, from its source to its end at Newark Bay, with an emphasis on activities and structures along the river in past centuries. Topics include early mills, Glacial Lake Passaic, canal/railroad/trolley crossings, the first successful test of a submarine, extant Lenape art and constructions, the country's first planned industrial city and the heroic exploits of the hero Sam Patch, known as The Great Descender.

**Phil Jaeger**, a resident of Cedar Grove, is a retired math and computer science teacher. He and Jean have been members of the Canal Society for twenty-five years. Over those years Phil's involvement has included leading tours along the Morris Canal, three terms on the Board of Directors, and membership on the Morris Canal guidebook committee and the speakers bureau. He is the author of *Montclair: A Postcard Guide to Its Past* and *Cedar Grove*, both published by Arcadia Press in the Images of America series. Phil is a trustee of the Passaic County Historical Society and Jean serves on the Cedar Grove Board of Education.

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In September, CSNJ Vice President Joe Macasek presented a program for Wharton school children, focusing on their community's Morris Canal heritage. Students later had the opportunity to visit the archeological excavations at the canal lock site. While there, children were allowed to assist with the digging and were able to experience first hand the thrill of uncovering relics associated with their community's history! It was a wonderful opportunity for these budding historians. Joe's program was so well received that he was asked to return for a repeat performance with another group of school children.

### **LEDGEWOOD**

A \$20,000 grant awarded to Roxbury Township is supporting an archeological and structural engineering assessment of Plane 2 East's turbine pit and arched stone tailrace. The inclined plane is located within the municipality's Morris Canal Park in Ledgewood. The turbine pit, tailrace tunnel, and associated features were excavated and interpreted by the Roxbury Rotary Club more than 20 years ago. However, some deterioration of the structural masonry has occurred in recent years.

The funded study will culminate in a design to permanently repair the turbine pit's masonry walls and to add protective measures to ensure public safety at the plane's turbine pit, tailrace and penstock openings. The upper Ledgewood plane is one of the four best-preserved planes along the entire site of the Morris Canal.



*Many iron artifacts, including possible hardware from the drop gate wickets, were discovered at the lock site in Wharton.*

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Canal Society of New Jersey rings in the new year with a redesigned *On the Level*. Professional services were donated by our vice president, Joe Macasek, a career graphics designer known for his crisp business style. His past efforts for CSNJ include the award-winning brochure, *Canals of New Jersey*, and the more recent *Morris Canal Greenway* brochure, which took first place in the New Jersey League of Historical Societies' annual competition.

Our new design features a three-column format, which allows for greater flexibility, particularly for incorporating photos and other graphic material. The body text has been standardized in the classic Goudy font, a 1915 design adapted for digital imaging, which offers high readability and a family of fonts for titles and headers to provide visual interest while minimizing reader distraction.

In this issue of *On the Level* we feature three pieces on the Morris Canal Greenway written by CSNJ President Brian Morrell. The Greenway Committee, which meets year round on a weekly basis, interfaces with local municipalities and agencies that provide grant monies for historic research and preservation as well as land acquisition for open space.

Brian also provided a synopsis of the current state of Waterloo Village, a topic that has confronted many CSNJ members this fall as queries from friends and acquaintances. Members who volunteer as docents or have ever mentioned Waterloo have been expected to provide insight into news accounts that lacked fair balance. There has also been concern about the future of our museum. We hope this article answers your questions.

Bierce Riley  
Managing Editor



*The Mahler house, located along Waterloo Road immediately adjacent to a well-preserved section of the Morris Canal, consists of several additions surrounding an original canal store structure.*

## SOCIETY EXPLORES POSSIBILITY OF LEASE AT SAXTON FALLS

The Canal Society is examining the possibility of leasing a structure owned by the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry in Allamuchy Mountain State Park. The building, formerly ranger housing, is being considered for use as an office and canal interpretive center. Located adjacent to a well-preserved section of the Morris Canal, it is just west of Saxton Falls. The layout of the house and surrounding grounds offers great potential for the Society's use.

The site also provides direct access to the Morris Canal Greenway trail. Both the Highlands Trail and the Liberty-Water Gap Trail hope to use the alignment of the Morris Canal Greenway Trail on this property. If a lease can be negotiated, the Society will need to undertake some renova-

tions to bring the house into compliance with use code requirements. Electrical and plumbing upgrades will be necessary, as well as accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Society is seeking members who are carpenters and licensed electricians and plumbers who would be willing to donate professional services to assist with the necessary upgrades. Interested parties should contact the Society's Administrative Assistant, Phyllis Stanaback at 908-832-2888, to let her know of their willingness to help with this potential project.



*The first floor of the Mahler house contains several spacious rooms that are ideal for interpretive exhibits. (Left) A smaller room at the far side of the house would make an excellent Canal Society office. (Above)*



## UPCOMING TRIPS

### SPRING FIELD TRIP

#### DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL NEW BRUNSWICK TO TRENTON

Join us on April 21, 2007 for a combined Canal Society of Pennsylvania and Canal Society of New Jersey weekend tour of New Jersey's Delaware and Raritan Canal, one of the most successful towpath canals in the Northeast. We will visit the only working lock in New Jersey! Ride NJ Transit's River Line light rail past the rarely-seen southern section, then follow the canal from its terminus in New Brunswick upstream past original locktenders' and bridge tenders' houses.

Call (908-722-7428) or email (barths@att.net) for a complete description.

### D&R CANOE TRIP

There will be a canoe outing on the D&R with the Canal Watch group joining. The date isn't definite, but it will be April 14 or 28. The one way route will be Princeton to Griggstown. Canoe rentals are about \$35, with an extra \$5 change for leaving canoes in Griggstown. Call Mark Hamill 908-561-1250 or e-mail hamill-123@comcast.net

### FALL FIELD TRIP

#### A TOUR OF THE CANALS IN EASTERN NEW YORK STATE

In the fall of 2007 the Canal Society of New Jersey is sponsoring a four-day bus tour to the canals in eastern New York State. The trip will be on Columbus Day weekend (Friday, October 5, through Monday, October 8), and will cost approximately \$600 per person, based on double occupancy. This is a rare opportunity to see many of our sister canals in the Empire State, enhanced by the fall colors.

To register for this trip, please send a deposit of \$100, payable to the Canal Society of New Jersey, to:

**Jakob Franke**  
424 Tappan Road  
Northvale, NJ 07647

If you have any questions, please call Jakob at:  
201-768-3612 (Evening)  
212-342-0178 (Day time)  
E-mail: jf31@columbia.edu

Participation requires membership in the CSNJ (\$25/yr). See the Canal Society website:

<http://www.canalsocietynj.org>

## FALL EVENT IN 2006

### Membership Meetings

In September, CSNJ met at the Morris County Cultural Center (MCCC) for the first time. While Honeywell has graciously hosted our meetings for more than twenty years, new security measures require pre-registration of all attendees. This has had a negative impact on attendance, and non-registered members had been turned away at the gate. Further, we were required to leave the site promptly at 9:30 p.m.

The two fall 2006 meetings that were held at the MCCC confirm the Board's suspicion that a more accessible location would increase turnout. The September meeting on canal restoration projects in Great Britain by Roger Squires was well attended. In the audience were several members who hadn't been to meetings in a while, as well as 15 guests from the World Canals Conference held earlier

that week in Bethlehem, PA. In November, Dave Rutan's presentation on the Sussex Branch Railroad & Waterloo attracted the rail fans among our ranks and several guests from the Tri-State Railroad Historical Society.

### Field Trips

#### JERSEY CITY

In October, Ron Rice led a bicycle tour of the Morris Canal in Jersey City that was attended by five determined riders who left Liberty State Park at noon and returned at 5 p.m. The group biked 12 miles over three separate sections of the canal route, taking their bikes as baggage on the light rail between canal segments. The weather was perfect and the group enjoyed this very interesting field trip.

#### WEST PATERSON

A November walking tour of the West Paterson section of the Morris Canal was attended by about two dozen hik-

ers, many of whom were new faces. Led by Ron Rice, this hike was previously led by Frank Mentone, who also attended the hike. The group covered about four miles. Ron stopped many times to show historic photographs and explain changes to interested participants.

#### WATERLOO & SUSSEX BRANCH RAILROAD

In early December, 20 hikers met near Waterloo to explore vestiges of the Sussex Branch Railroad in that area. Brian Morrell met the group near the old Waterloo Station, providing interpretation of the remains of the rail bed, station, and turntable pit. Dave Rutan led the group up the grade of the mule-powered tramway, and returned on the grade of the steam railway, across the Musconetcong River, and on to Inclined Plane #4 West, opposite Waterloo Village, to view remnants of the canal era.

All three field trips were coordinated by program chairman Mark Hamill.

# MORRIS CANAL GREENWAY

## GREENWAY PLAN PRINTED

In September the Greenway Committee completed a printing of 235 copies of the *Morris County Morris Canal Greenway Strategic Preservation Plan*. This plan was collaboratively produced by the Canal Society and Morris Land Conservancy. The publication was made possible through a \$3,720 grant administered by the Morris County Heritage Commission for the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and was funded by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a Division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State. The Plan is to be distributed to state, county, municipal and non-profit entities to build advocacy for implementation of the Greenway concept.

## MORRIS CANAL HIKES

In the spring and fall of 2006, the Morris Trails Conservancy and the Canal Society collaborated on a series of day hikes along the route of the Morris Canal in Morris County. The series of six hikes commenced last March and continued in the spring and fall, ending in October at Saxton Falls. All of the hikes were fully subscribed and highly successful. Leadership was handled by Joe Macasek and Brian Morrell of the Canal Society, while Tom Edmunds of the Morris Trails Conservancy handled registration and logistics.

## ALONG THE GREENWAY

In October members of the Greenway Committee participated in two State Trail Plan visioning workshops to promote the Morris Canal Greenway. Other activity by the Greenway Committee is summarized below:

**Mount Olive Township.** Meetings have been held with the Open Space Committee, testimony was provided during hearings on the municipal Master Plan and a tour of Greenway  
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*An outstanding historic landmark, Waterloo Village contains some of the best-preserved examples of Morris Canal engineering in the State. For 31 years the village has been the site of the Canal Society's New Jersey Canal Museum and more recently the venue for our annual Waterloo Canal Day.*

## NEW START FOR WATERLOO VILLAGE

Lately Waterloo Village has been in the news on a regular basis. The State of New Jersey is rescinding the lease held by the Waterloo Foundation for the Arts due to the Foundation's lack of financial resources to operate the village as a historic and cultural attraction.

More than forty years ago, the Foundation had the remarkable foresight to acquire and preserve Waterloo Village as a true gem of New Jersey's history and transform it into a major tourist attraction. A largely intact canal town, Waterloo is an exceptional site, with an extensive array of original Morris Canal structures, although the primary interpretation by the Foundation has been the colonial period. Waterloo is also a site of great serenity and beauty, situated along the Musconetcong River, with woodland along the opposite bank and hillside.

For 31 years the Canal Society of New Jersey has operated its New Jersey Canal Museum at the village as part of a cooperative endeavor with the Foundation. The Society developed a self-guided tour and interpretive signage for the unique collection of Morris Canal features in the village. In recent years the Society has organized an annual Canal Day event to focus on the canal heritage of the village.

Now after 40 years of operating the museum village and sponsoring an extraordinary array of cultural events, the Waterloo Foundation for the Arts

no longer has the resources to properly run the village and maintain its historic structures. Anyone familiar with the village can readily recognize that its venerable buildings, scenic landscapes and extraordinary Morris Canal structures have been steadily deteriorating over recent years. Still a beautiful and serene landscape, the village now presents a sad visage due to its visibly time-worn buildings, many of which are in need of repair.

It's time for a change. The State needs to make Waterloo a priority, committing resources to bring new energies, funds, and approaches for restoring the village and bringing new vitality to its programming. The Canal Society is dedicated to seeing that vision come to fruition. It is time for the canal lock to be restored, a regular boat ride operated on the canal, the towpath bridge rebuilt across the Musconetcong River, and extensive preservation and interpretation undertaken at the inclined plane site. Our canal museum should be maintained and updated. Most importantly the Canal Society should become a major player in ensuring that the canal heritage of the village is the predominant theme throughout all of the site's programming.

Waterloo Village is truly a remarkable resource that should be a source of pride to all of New Jersey and its residents. Let's all pull together to see that vision become a reality!

### **Nancy Vroom Retirement Luncheon**

Nancy Vroom was honored in October with a retirement luncheon attended by 25 long-time CSNJ members and eight members of the Vroom family. Nancy served as Corresponding Secretary to the CSNJ Board for many years and her contributions are greatly appreciated. Marilyn Craine and Linda Barth organized the event.

### **Search for New Treasurer**

After many years of dedicated service, our Treasurer Clarence Eich is retiring. We are currently searching for a replacement to fill his position. Interested parties should contact our Administrative Assistant Phyllis Stanaback at 908-832-2888.

### **Special Thanks to Volunteers**

The Society extends a special thank you to all of the members who worked so hard this past year as volunteers during Waterloo Canal Day, planning for Wharton Canal Day, South Bound Brook Canal Day, and guiding at our Waterloo Museum. We especially wish to acknowledge Mark Hamill

who spent months planning and implementing the events for Waterloo Canal Day and to Richard Draper who overcame numerous obstacles to successfully launch our mule-towed pontoon boat on the canal at Waterloo.

Also thanks to those who contributed, edited, produced, assembled and mailed this issue of *On the Level*.

### **Bill McKelvey Retires as Tour Leader**

Over a period of 23 years Bill McKelvey organized and managed ten successful study tours abroad, some with as many as 35 participants and chartering up to ten canal boats. The trips included the United Kingdom 1982, 1987, 1990, 1996, and 2005; Ireland in 1991 & 2001; the South of France in 1993; Holland in 1995. All were wonderful, interesting, and memorable journeys that included side trips to canal restoration projects, archeology sites; canal boat rallies; scenic railways; museums and historic sites; among others. The Society developed many fine friendships in foreign lands that enhanced the travel experience. Further, participants were stimulated by canal restoration projects, local

enthusiasm, government support, and many accomplishments as well as ideas for future projects in New Jersey.

We thank Bill for nearly a quarter century of leadership on study tours abroad and look forward to future trips led by our current trips committee consisting of Fred Heide and Jakob Franke.

### **Linda Barth Retires as Editor of On the Level**

This fall Linda Barth announced that she was retiring as Managing Editor of *On the Level*. Linda took over the job from Past President Bill Moss and for many years has kept the membership up-to-date on upcoming programs, trips, events and Society news. Together with Board Member Dick Simon, Membership Chair Marilyn Craine and many volunteers, she has sent out three issues a year describing Society activities and events. We wish to thank her for her years of dedicated service.

### **World-wide Canal Enthusiasts Visit Pennsylvania and New Jersey Canals**

In mid-September approximately 200 delegates from across the U.S., Canada and Europe gathered to share information about their respective canal sites and parks as part of the annual World Canals Conference. This year the conference was held in Bethlehem, PA with the main sponsors being the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and Hugh Moore Historical Parks and Museum.

The Canal Society was a partial sponsor. Bob and Linda Barth served on the conference planning committee and coordinated bus trips to portions of the Delaware & Raritan Canal and Plane 9 West on the Morris Canal. In recognition of the conference, the NJ State Legislature passed resolutions designating Delaware & Raritan Canal Day and Morris Canal Day for the visiting delegates. As always the conference was a valuable experience and a great opportunity to network on canal preservation issues.

## **Directions to the Morris County Cultural Center**

**FROM THE MORRISTOWN GREEN**, turn right onto Washington St (County Route 510, formerly NJ Route 24). Travel 3.5 miles west toward Chester. Pass the roads to the Delbarton School and Lewis Morris County Park on the left. After the curve and long white picket fence, look for a sign for the MUA on the right, pointing toward the driveway, which is marked by a street light and lighted directional sign. Make a sharp left turn and drive uphill to a Spanish-style stucco building at the top. Parking is in the lot to the left at the top of the hill. Once inside the main entrance hall of the Cultural Center, the auditorium is to the left. Restrooms are upstairs, with elevator access.

**FROM ROUTE 287 SOUTH**, take Exit 35, Madison Ave. Turn right at the top of the ramp onto Madison Ave (Route 124). Bear right at the next light onto South Street, continue straight through a series of traffic lights and around the Morristown Green. Turn right onto Washington St. (County Route 510, formerly Route 24). Continue as described above.

**FROM ROUTE 287 NORTH**, take Exit 35, South Street/Madison Ave. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto South St, continue straight through several lights and travel around the Morristown Green. Turn right onto Washington St, (County Route 510, formerly Route 24). Continue as described above.

## Wilma (Billie) Hogue - 1906/2006

Born and raised in Yellow Frame, Warren County, NJ, Billie Hogue was 100 years old when she passed away in October 2006. She was a private duty nurse before retiring well into her 80s. She attended the Wyoming Seminary and received her nursing degree from Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing in 1929. During World War II, Billie participated in the war effort as a nurse at Newark Airport, and remained an active member of the American Red Cross throughout her life. She was predeceased by her husband, Oliver David Hogue, with whom she had traveled worldwide.

Billie was a long-standing member of the Canal Society of New Jersey and served as a docent at our museum at Waterloo. She was known for her graciousness, and was always quick to include a new member or guest in a conversation, or offer a seat at her table to anyone who appeared to be the slightest bit hesitant at a social event. Billie conceived the idea of an annual winter social gathering, organizing the first Canal Society Brunch in the Conservatory at the Madison Hotel/Rod's Ranch House in the early 1990s.

## Bob Shandor - 1943-2006

A noted advocate for open space, historic preservation, and the Morris Canal Greenway in Warren County, Bob Shandor died in October 2006, at age 63. He was a member of CSNJ, a trustee of the National Canal Museum, and sat on the board of directors of the New Jersey Transportation Heritage Center. He also belonged to numerous other organizations dedicated to canals, astronomy, and community service. Bob served as a trustee of the Warren County Community College, was past chairman of the Warren County Planning Board, and served on the county's Board of Recreation.

Doing what he loved and believed in, Bob died of a heart attack at a meeting of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He was pressing

the board to reverse their decision to remove 20 parcels of land from their list of properties targeted for open space preservation. While he was a man of vision, zeal, and dedication, Bob was also a consistent voice of reason. He is best known in the Canal Society for his work in identifying and working to preserve segments of the Morris Canal for the Greenway.

## Bart Wallin - Friend of CSNJ

The Canal Society was greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bart Wallin this past spring. Bart had been a long-time superintendent of Hopatcong State Park, Lake Musconetcong State Park, Allamuchy Mountain State Park, and the Grover Cleveland birthplace. He was one of our earliest partners in the Morris Canal Greenway project.

He helped in many ways to facilitate the improvement of the towpath trail within Allamuchy Mountain State Park. His staff constructed bridges to span gaps in the towpath, and he participated in the development of the General Management Plan for Saxton Falls, and served on the team that developed the interpretive signage for the Greenway at Saxton

Falls and Waterloo. He had retired from New Jersey State Parks & Forestry a few years ago and had relocated to Florida. The Society extends its sincere sympathy to his family.

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sites was conducted for municipal officials. It is hoped that the Canal Society can partner with the Township to preserve several key Morris Canal sites.

**Roxbury Township.** Greenway Committee members met with the municipality's Open Space Committee to encourage preservation of important canal sites in Port Morris and adjacent to the Wharton border. Greenway Committee members have also been participating in the historic preservation project at Plane 2 East, Ledgewood.

**Wharton Borough.** The Committee continues to encourage borough officials in their efforts to restore Lock 2 East in Hugh Force Park. Two presentations on Morris Canal heritage have been presented to Wharton school children.

**Montville Township.** A meeting was held with the Open Space Committee to encourage a partnership to acquire and preserve key Morris Canal sites.

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# CALENDER OF EVENTS

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| <b>Friday, Jan. 19</b>          | 7:30 p.m. | Membership Meeting<br>Morris County Cultural Center                       |
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 28</b>          | 1:00 p.m. | Roebing Chapter SIA<br>Annual Meeting<br>Drew University Hall of Sciences |
| <b>Friday, Mar. 16</b>          | 7:30 p.m. | Membership meeting<br>Morris County Cultural Center                       |
| <b>Saturday, Mar. 17</b>        |           | Canal History & Technology<br>Symposium<br>Lafayette College, Easton, PA  |
| <b>Wed. – Fri., Jun. 13-15</b>  |           | World Canal Conference<br>Liverpool, U.K.                                 |
| <b>Saturday, April 21</b>       |           | D&R Canal Trip  |
| <b>Saturday, April 14 or 28</b> |           | D&R Canoe Trip  |
| <b>Fri. – Sun., Oct 5-8</b>     |           | Field Trip – Canals of Eastern<br>New York State                          |

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## Saxton Falls Project Meets Its Match!

Thanks to the generosity of our Society members we have raised the \$13,000 match required to have our application considered for a New Jersey Historic Trust grant. The Canal Society submitted its grant application to the Trust last spring, seeking \$39,000 to support a feasibility/planning study for the Saxton Falls area of the Morris Canal. The project focuses on Locks 4 and 5 West, the historic locktender's house at Lock 4 West and the towpath linking the two locks.

The Canal Society has long targeted this section of canal within Allamuchy Mountain State Park as a priority area for preservation, restoration and public interpretation. A grant award from the Trust will help launch that process. The Trust will be making its decisions on grant awards late this coming winter. We greatly appreciate the support of our members who rallied to raise the required match in record time.

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