This past year the Morris Canal Greenway has taken enormous strides forward. With Greenway initiatives taking shape in both Passaic and Hudson Counties, the Morris Canal Greenway Working Group has formed an executive team made up of major stakeholders including the CSNJ. The goals of this organization, sponsored by the New Jersey Transportation and Planning Authority, are to build public awareness of the project by creating a state-wide Greenway identity and to create synergy by bringing communities with Greenway projects together under a common cause. Early this year the Working Group will be holding county meetings to show community leaders how the project can help them with their open space, education, and heritage tourism goals.

Since the 1980s, the CSNJ and the Warren County Morris Canal Committee have been working to preserve the route of the Morris Canal. In 2005, the Canal Society created a Greenway plan that established goals and identified canal assets in Morris County. Although a lot has been accomplished, efforts have been centered in Morris and Warren Counties.

A new level of interest in the project began in 2012 when the Passaic County Department of Planning and Economic Development completed a Greenway study that has since been adopted as an element of the county’s master plan. With the support of the county freeholders, the Planning Department has been aggressively supporting Greenway projects across Passaic County. The Canal Society’s role has been that of consultant, advisor, and advocate. We have provided the history, shown how it could be interpreted, and given numerous walks and talks to build community support.

Since then, Jersey City has completed a Greenway Plan in 2013, the subject of the presentation at January’s membership meeting. Essex County has also undertaken a canal resource study.

Early this year, the Greenway Working Group will be holding its public meeting in Morris County. Although the meet-

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many transportation systems to establish a foothold on the New Jersey
side of the Hudson River.

In 2013 the City of Jersey City announced the completion of its Morris
Canal Greenway Plan to create a bicycle and pedestrian greenway that
follows, to the greatest extent possible, the former route of the Morris Canal.
In her presentation, Transportation Planner Naomi Hsu will tell how this
plan has re-identified the route of the canal and established goals that will
make the canal an important part of a growing urban community.

Naomi Hsu, AICP, PP is the transportation planner for the City of
Jersey City, Division of City Planning. The division is committed to
creating a vibrant urban environment where people have mobility
options, including walking, bicycling, and transit. She holds a Master
of City Planning degree, and is a certified planner of the American
Institute of Certified Planners as well as a licensed professional planner
in the state of NJ. She is also proud to be a life-long resident of
New Jersey.

Friday – March 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. – Refreshments at 7:10

The Joint Companies: Part Two
The D&R Canal and Camden & Amboy Railroad

JOE MACASEK, PRESIDENT, CANAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

In part one we learned how the Delaware & Raritan Canal and the
Camden and Amboy Railroad formed a joint company that created
an enormously powerful transportation firm that dominated New Jersey
business and politics for almost 40 years. In this talk we will look at the canal
and the railroad in detail to see how they worked, what made them different,
and how they fit into the growing web of business and technology that was
changing the way the world worked. We will also find out what happened to the
Joint Companies after their monopoly privileges expired in 1869 and how the
canal has transitioned into a new and important role in today’s changing world.

Joe Macasek is a self-employed graphic designer with a Bachelor of
Fine Arts in design from the Pratt Institute. He is currently President of the
Canal Society of New Jersey; President of the Roebling Chapter,
Society for Industrial Archeology; and Director of Communication
for the Friends of Historic Speedwell. He is the author of Guide to
the Morris Canal in Morris County and offers lectures on local
history topics and industrial archeology.

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 Delbar-
ton School and Lewis Morris County Park on the left. After the wide left curve, look
for a sign for the MUA on the right, pointing toward the driveway, which is marked by
a street light and lighted 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 Wash-
ington St. (County Route 510, formerly Route 24). Continue as described above.

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Waterloo – 2014

With the 2013 Waterloo season hardly over, we are already planning for this coming summer. Last year the CSNJ’s expanded programming brought in more visitors. Winakung at Waterloo’s school programs brought hundreds of children into the Village and contributed funds to help support the state’s new administrative and maintenance staff. The Friends of Waterloo Village hosted sold-out events that raised money for special projects. This year plans are moving forward to lease some non-historic portions of the Village to a private catering concern. Terms of the lease will bring in much-needed funds that will be used stabilize and restore Waterloo’s deteriorating streetscape. To minimize effects on the historic areas, the Village entrance will be relocated to bring visitors from the parking area directly onto the unpaved main road. Portions of the Seymour Smith house will be brought back into service as state park office space and a visitors information center.

With these changes in the works, the Canal Society is working with state parks officials and other Waterloo stakeholders to develop a strategic plan that will help keep efforts to revitalize the Village on track.

We also plan to reorganize our Waterloo summer programming around a canal town theme and develop two new interpretive areas. Watch for the lead story in the next newsletter for more details.

Captain Bill McKelvey Retires from CSNJ Board

At the end of 2013, after over 30 years of service, Captain Bill will be leaving the CSNJ Board of Directors to focus on some of his many other interests and activities. Bill is widely known as a life-long proponent of transportation history. He is a life member of the Society and has served as board member and vice president.

Throughout the years Bill has taken on the role of author, publisher, tour director, collector, and leader in the effort to preserve all forms of New Jersey’s transportation history.

We thank him for his dedication, generosity, and tireless enthusiasm. Although he is stepping back from a leadership role, our loss is tempered in the knowledge that he is still an active member and a supporter of our organization.

Member News

Richard W. Craine

Richard W. Craine, 81, passed away on Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, at Cedar Crest Village in Pompton Plains, NJ. Born in Altoona, Pa., Richard grew up in Marietta, Pa.; he lived most of his life in Nutley, NJ, and the last 3-1/2 years at Cedar Crest. Dick graduated from Penn State with a degree in electrical engineering and completed a masters in physics at Rutgers, where he was a teaching assistant. He was employed by ITT and held four patents relating to his work there. He was the loving husband of Marilyn Woodham Craine; father of Megyn and Richard, and grandfather of Alexandra Elizabeth. Dick was a long-time member of the Canal Society, and a regular at meeting and on trips. Dick and Marilyn were volunteers at the museum for many years, and participated in Waterloo Canal Day since its inception in the 1990s. He will be missed by all.

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ing date is not yet set, we are announcing it here because it is so important. It you live along the route of the canal in Morris County let your community leaders know that the Greenway is winning awards and receiving grant money in other counties. We can do the same here.

We hope to attract town officials, community planners, historical society leaders, and concerned citizens. The meeting date, time, and location will be announced in the Canal News.

Wharton

Phase Two of the Lock 2 East reconstruction project is moving forward this year. Cap stones will be added to complete the lock walls and new wooden lock gates will be built and installed.

Wharton has also received a grant from the Morris County Preservation Trust to create new interpretive panels and replace old, deteriorating signage.

Clifton Canal Park

Clifton Canal Park, established in the mid-1980s by Canal Society member Jack Kueper, is in danger. A power transmission line redevelopment project will temporarily close the park while work is in progress. However, new power company regulations may prohibit fu-
These walks are sponsored by the D&R Canal Watch. The walks are free, but donations are welcome and appreciated. For additional information contact Bob Barth at 201-401-3121 or bbarth@att.net.

Sunday, January 26 – 2:00 p.m.
Two-Canal Walk. Meet outside of the Lambertville Station restaurant, near the caboose. We will begin on the D&R Feeder on the New Jersey side and then cross the Delaware River to walk along the Delaware Canal in New Hope. Cookies and hot chocolate await at the locktender’s home.

Saturday, February 8 – 10 a.m. (Walk 1)
D&R Canal towpath from Landing Lane bridge to Lock 11, 5.3 miles. Meet at South Bound Brook, Lock 11, across from the post office on Canal Road; then we will travel to the starting point.

This is the first of a series of interpretive hikes that will connect Landing Lane in New Brunswick to the northern end of the feeder canal at Bull’s Island.

Saturday, March 22 – 10 a.m. (Walk 2)
D&R Canal towpath from Lock 11 in South Bound Brook to East Millstone, 5.8 miles. Meet at East Millstone, where the canal intersects Amwell Road; then we will travel to the starting point. A shorter, 3.1-mile hike will be available.

Saturday, April 12 – 10 a.m. (Walk 3)
D&R Canal towpath from East Millstone to Griggstown, 5.6 miles. Meet at the Griggstown Causeway; then we will travel to the starting point.

Sunday, April 13 – 10 a.m.
History Bike Tour on the towpath from Griggstown to Kingston and back, 10 miles round trip. Explore the structures along the D&R Canal with Canal Watch trustee Bob Barth. Meet at the parking lot on the Griggstown Causeway.

Saturday, May 17 – 10 a.m. (Walk 4)
D&R Canal towpath from Griggstown to Kingston Lock 8, 5.0 miles. Meet at the Kingston Lock; then we will travel to the starting point. A shorter, 3.1-mile hike will be available.

Sunday, June 8 – 2 p.m.
D&R Canal Watch Annual Meeting. Meet Ashbel Welch, chief engineer when the canal opened in 1834. Actor Bob Gleason will portray this important Lambertville resident, who instituted many changes on the canal. The meeting will be held at the old Lawrence Township Municipal Building, across the parking lot from the police headquarters, Route 206, just south of I-95.

Saturday, July 5 – 10 a.m. (Walk 5)
D&R Canal towpath from Kingston Lock 8 to Alexander Road, 3.8 miles. Meet at Turning Basin Park on Alexander Road; then we will travel to the starting point. A shorter, 2.2-mile hike will be available.

Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair
Saturday, May 10 – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Washington Crossing State Park. Visit the tables of the D&R Canal Watch, the Canal Society of New Jersey, and many other historical groups. Take a boat ride on the feeder canal. Listen to canal troubadour Roy Justice. Reenactors, vintage cars, games, vendors, demonstrations from all periods of our state’s history.

Come and celebrate New Jersey’s 350th anniversary.
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Winter Weather Alert!
The society’s winter program meetings are subject to cancel-
lation if weather conditions make it unsafe for members to attend. We will make every effort to post any meeting can-
cellations on the society website by 10:00 a.m. on the day of
the meeting. If access to our website is not convenient, call 973-292-2755 for meeting cancellation information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE!
You have recently received a notice that it’s time to renew your membership with the Canal Society of New Jersey. In the coming year we will have more tours and programs and will continue our involvement with Waterloo and the Morris Canal Greenway. We hope that we can count on your continued support. If you have not already sent in your dues, we ask you to do so as soon as possible. Please remember that membership runs for a calendar year from January to December. However, if you joined over the summer you will not receive a dues notice until next fall. We greatly value your support! Together we can do great things to preserve and enhance New Jersey’s canal heritage!

2014 INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE WALKS
March thru June 2014
SIXTEENTH YEAR

March 29
– Oreland: Morris County’s Only Ghost Town

April 12
– Industrial Archeology in the Farny Highlands (NEW)

April 26
– Long Pond Iron Works

May 10
– Morris Canal Inclined Planes: Ledgewood

June 7
– High Line: Manhattan (NEW)

June 21
– Upper Rockaway River Forges

Industrial Heritage Walks are sponsored by the Morris County Park Commission

For Information & reservations, please e-mail: macgraphics1@verizon.net or call 973-292-2755

BOOK SALE
This winter the Canal Society will continue selling a wide selection of books on canal history and technology. Many of these books are rare and out of print. Take this opportunity to round out your collection. Selections are limited. Get the books you are look-
ing for while they last.

Be sure to check out the sales table at the upcoming January and March meetings or e-mail macgraphics1@verizon.net

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This fall the CSNJ was contacted by PBS (Public Broadcasting System) seeking partners to add material to their new American Experience, Engineering Map of America. The map, featuring landmarks of American engineering history, will become part of the PBS website early in 2014. Visitors to the site will be able to click on map locations to view photos and facts, take a virtual tour of related sites, or view collections of information on related topics. Starting in January, the Canal Society will be posting images and text to the site to help PBS viewers learn about New Jersey’s historic canals.

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**Morris Canal Greenway**

Mt. Olive Township

Mt. Olive Township and Givaudan, a worldwide manufacturer of fragrances and flavors, are teaming up to create a Braille trail along the township’s section of water-filled Morris Canal. Although this is not quite the Greenway partnership we envision, it nonetheless creates a public pathway along a very important section of canal.

Canal Society’s New Jersey Canal Museum at Waterloo.

The Canal Society of New Jersey received an operating support grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.