This year we will be hosting the Hoboken Nine of the Atlantic Base Ball Club as they play the Brooklyn Atlantics in a game of historic baseball. Their club plays by the original rules – no gloves, underhand pitch, and a sports official wearing a top hat and tails.

Along the canal, Rich Brusco and his son will be working in the historic blacksmith shop, narrating as they heat and hammer iron. We expect to have all in order to continue producing stonground corn meal by water power at Smith Brothers Grist Mill. However, we are subject to the vagaries of weather.

Smith’s Store, the best-preserved Morris Canal store, is fully stocked with vintage merchandise. We will provide narrated boat rides on Waterloo’s section of the Morris Canal, taking visitors back to a quiet time in boating. The Rutan Cabin will be interpreted by a volunteer in period attire. Visitors can view museum exhibits in three buildings, including our New Jersey Canal Museum, which also provides seating for viewers to watch a selection of canal videos. We will offer books and maps as well as our Waterloo T-shirts and hats at the entrance gate and at our sales table by Smith’s Store.

Waterloo Canal Day is held in partnership with the New Jersey Division of Parks & Forestry and the Department of Environmental Protection.
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Canal Walks & Events

This new section will list canal related walks and events that may be of interest CSNJ members. Since these events are sponsored by different organizations, please use the contact information supplied to sign up for walks or to obtain additional information.

Morris Canal Greenway

Throughout 2013, the Passaic County Department of Planning and Economic Development will offer a series of walks to promote the Morris Canal Greenway in Passaic County. For more information: www.passaiccountynj.org/MorrisCanalGreenway or contact Joe Macasek at macgraphics1@verizon.net

Little Falls – Woodland Park

Sunday, May 19 – 12:00 Noon

Meet at the Woodland Park Library and walk the Greenway route from Woodland Park to Little Falls.

Wayne

Saturday, Sept 7 – 10:00 a.m.

Meet at Farmingdale & Dearfield roads in Wayne and explore the feeder lock site and river towpath.

Pompton Lakes

Saturday, Oct 5 – 10:00 a.m.

Meet on Mathes Avenue in Pompton Lakes and explore the northern end of the Greenway.

Industrial History Tours

D&R Canal

The D&R Canal Watch is sponsoring a number of hikes along the D&R, a sampling of which follows. For more information consult the organization’s website www.canalwatch.org or contact Bob Barth at barths@att.net, 201-401-3121.

Baker’s Basin to Trenton

Saturday, May 18 – 10:00 a.m.

Walk a less traveled section of the canal park between Baker’s Basin in Lawrence Township and Mulberry Street in Trenton, a distance of 4.1 miles, or do a shorter walk, 2.9 miles. Meet at the canal parking lot on Carnegie Road in Lawrence. Carnegie Road can be reached from northbound Brunswick Avenue (Route 1), north of Darrah Lane.

D&R Feeder

Sunday, July 20 – 10:00 a.m.

Walk the D&R Canal Feeder between Scudder’s Falls and Church Road in Titusville (3.6 miles), or do a shorter walk of 1.2 miles. Meet at the Scudder’s Falls parking lot.

Industrial History Tours

Ledgewood – Morris Canal Inclined Planes

Saturday, June 22 – 10:00 a.m.

The Morris Canal’s inclined planes were an outstanding engineering achievement, capable of raising or lowering boats up to 100 feet in just a few minutes. Plane 2 East at Ledgewood, one of the best preserved plane sites, has been cleared for visitors to explore. The tour of the plane will include a visit to the underground turbine (Continued on page 3)

On the Level
After taking up the office of president of the Canal Society of New Jersey in 2004, Brian Morrell took this organization in new directions. In 2005, with the help of the Morris Land Conservancy, we created a Morris Canal Greenway Strategic Preservation Plan. Then, using that plan as a guide, we began partnering with local communities across Morris County to fund the acquisition of Greenway properties and secure those properties in public ownership for future generations.

In Ledgewood we worked with Roxbury Township and the Roxbury Historical Society to fund emergency repairs at Inclined Plane 2 East and in Wharton we worked with the Borough on a six-year project that ultimately lead to the restoration of Lock 2 East in Hugh Force Park. In all these cases, Brian was the one who organized the funding that made it possible to accomplish these projects.

Then in 2007, when the Waterloo Foundation for the Arts filed for bankruptcy leaving the future of Waterloo Village in jeopardy, Brian led the way as the Canal Society stepped up to take an active role in keeping the village open to the public. Since then we have become an Officially Recognized Friends Organization and partnered with the State Park Service to bring the village back to life. Although this seemed like a daunting task, Brian rallied volunteers to clean, inventory, and interpret first the Smith’s Store, then the Blacksmith Shop and Rutan Cabin. Since then the Canal Society has expanded its programming to include the Gristmill and White Barn.

Now with Brian is moving on to other endeavors, the Canal Society wishes to thank him for his years of service and for taking us to a new and higher level of involvement in the historic community. We wish him well and hope that, in the future, we will be able to move forward with the projects that he started.
Wharton Canal Day Bigger & Better

Hugh Force Canal Park
270 West Central Avenue, Wharton
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

This year’s Wharton Canal Day will be bigger than ever. In addition to the newly restored Canal Lock and the CSNJ Canal Boat ride there will be more vendors and live music than ever before. The Canal Day site will now include several additional acres of land along West Central Avenue recently acquired by the Borough of Wharton. Rail fans will be interested to know the old Wharton & Northern bridge abutment on that site will be preserved and press back into service as a band shell.

Calendar of Events

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Wharton’s Lock 2 East after the completion of the first phase of its restoration project.

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