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Superintendent Patricia Kalleser Announces Her Departure

As of April 1st, our superintendent, Patricia Kalleser, will transfer to the Spruce Run Recreation Area as superintendent. Patricia served the D&R Canal State Park for sixteen years, working closely with the Canal Watch to help us through permitting and projects all along the waterway. As D&R Canal Park superintendent, Patricia worked diligently with the Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition to garner permits necessary to restore the Griggstown Bridgetenders home into the Visitor Center for the Millstone Valley National Visitor Center.

Patricia has worked for the State Park Service for 23 years, serving at Fort Mott and Voorhees state parks before coming to the D&R.

We will miss her strong leadership and willingness to work with the nonprofit groups that support the canal.



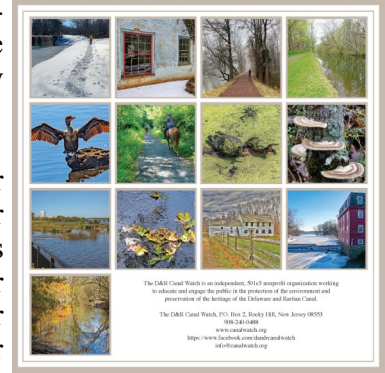
Canal Photography for Annual Calendar

Please note these suggestions from our judges

Interest in taking photographs that can be submitted for inclusion in the annual D&R Canal Watch calendar has been very encouraging. The judges who view the submitted photographs and select the ones that will make up the calendar each year have put together this brief essay to offer suggestions that will hopefully increase the variety and quality of the photographs submitted.

Initial considerations:

- (1) The calendar pages are 12" by 12." In order to print an image this size from your digital camera at a resolution necessary to make a quality print (300 pixels per inch), your image needs to measure 3,600 pixels by 3,600 pixels, i.e., 300 pixels per inch times 12 inches = 3,600 pixels. You should check your smart phone for information about the number of megapixels that are in the photos taken with your camera. Most are 12 megapixels in the 4:3 format, i.e., not square as is required for the calendar, but would produce a print 13 1/3 inches by 10 inches. Currently, most smart phone cameras do not provide an image that will print a 12" by 12" image at a required print resolution of 300 ppi (pixels per inch).
- (2) Plan your photos to tell a story (of course, have your camera ready while you are on the towpath for an unusual shot that will need to be taken immediately). Planning your photos to tell a story means learning something about the canal. Visit the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission website (<https://www.nj.gov/dep/drcc/>), the state park website (www.dandrcanal.com), and the D&R Canal Watch website (www.canalwatch.org). From the Commission webpage under **about the canal**, click on the map of the canal and also click on the Historic Map of the canal. The Historic Map of the canal includes Bordentown, where the canal originally began. Plan to visit some parts of the canal, both the main and feeder canals, that you have not seen and include a visit to Bordentown from which location you can walk to the beginning of the canal at Crosswicks Creek. At this location you are able to see the original wooden lock. However, check the tides for the Delaware River at Crosswicks Creek and make sure to go at low tide or you will not be able to see the original lock. You can walk about two miles of towpath from the lock at Bordentown. Excellent resources for learning more about the canal are books written by Linda Barth and Bill McKelvey.¹
- (3) Since the canal is a place that you can visit often, plan to visit the canal in different light, especially early morning and at dusk: sunrise at New Brunswick², sunset on the feeder canal at Bull's Island. Also plan visits at different seasons of the year: spring when flowers start to bloom; summer for sunrises and sunsets; fall for the change in leaf color and their reflections in the canal; and, of course winter, especially after a new snow and/or after several days and nights of below freezing weather when the canal freezes over.
- 4) Be aware of the structures needed to make a functioning canal: locks; bridges—both car and railroad; bridge and lock tender houses; aqueducts; culverts through which existing streams flow under the canal; spillways (if you are interested in geology, the rocks used to make spillways, such as the one you walk across on the towpath from Kingston to Carnegie Lake and the one seen by going to the towpath behind the Rutgers Preparatory School, provide excellent examples of New Jersey's geological history, turning basins, and floodgates.³



¹Barth, Linda. *The Delaware and Raritan Canal* (NJ); *The Delaware and Raritan Canal at Work*; and *The Millstone Valley Through Time*. All are available on Amazon. The canal follows the Millstone River from Carnegie Lake until the Millstone River flows into the Raritan River near Lock 10.

McKelvey, William J. *The Delaware and Raritan Canal: A Pictorial History and Champlain to Chesapeake*.

²Getting to the canal in New Brunswick is somewhat tricky. You have to be on Route 18 heading from Route 1 toward New Brunswick and turn off before reaching the central district on the road that takes you to the Rutgers Rowing Team Dock in Boyd Park. Here you will be able to park and walk along the old double locks. Sunrise from here is spectacular!

³An excellent source to locate all these different structures along the feeder and main canals is the publication: *Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park: Historic Structures Survey*. Pages 9-16 list all of the structures by mileage along the canal starting from the entrance to Bull's Island. However, the information concerning Lock 1 at Bordentown is not included in this publication.

Bearing these ideas in mind, we urge you to start shooting and send your images to Linda Barth at barthlinda123@aol.com. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR, EACH PHOTOGRAPHER MAY SEND NO MORE THAN 5 IMAGES, SO CHOOSE WISELY.**

Thanks to the Wednesday Work Group for Its Service in 2022

The D&R Canal Watch has put over 575 hours of work time into the D&R Canal State Park. Starting with flood cleanup from Hurricane Ida on September 4, 2021 and continuing to November 2, 2022.

We helped clean out the Griggstown bridgetender's home; the Mule Barracks; and the East Millstone bridgetender's home, station, and outhouse. We helped to reopen the Demott Lane walking bridge and other small cleanup projects.

We rescued docks that had floated away and restored them to their original locations. We helped restore the walking bridge over the Millstone River at the aqueduct.

We even opened the East Millstone bridgetender's home and station for Somerset County's "Journey Through the Past."

A big thank you goes out to all who helped.

We are looking forward to reviving the Wednesday Work Crew in the spring!

From our superintendent: "What a wonderful gift to the park. Very grateful for the Wednesday Work Groups."



New and renewed members

Dennis Anderson
Bob and Linda Barth
Michael and Lauren Bird
William and Clare Bohnett
Peter Boughton
Terry and Paul Cooper
Glenn and Helen Davis
Yvonne DeCarolis
Bill and Mary Doran
Miriam Douglass
Annette Earling
East Millstone Historical Society
Tom and Sandy Egan
Heidi Furman
Susan Goldey
Robert Graul
Joyce Grygo
Gary and Marlene Heller
Patricia Sofran and John Herrling
Frank and Lois Higbie
Maxine Jacqmin
Hank Kaminski
Charles Kaplan
Nora Kashinsky
Susan Koval

Bob and Barbara Krisak
Thomas Lederer
Margaret Leitz
Elizabeth Levin and Arthur Schwartz
John Loos
Carl Loutzenheiser
Keith McNeill
Jeffrey McVey
Ray and Mary Ann Merrell
Craig Miller
Wayne and Marge Petko
Mr. and Mrs. David Pinto
Sherry Pitkofsky
Richard Polk
John Prieto
Ronald Quade
Barbara Ross
Tim and Barbara Roth
Kate Smith
Chris and Jim Sturm
Ellen Terry
Lee and Melinda Varian
Sarah Verbeke
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D & R CANAL WATCH 2023 ACTIVITIES

www.canalwatch.org; www.dandrcanal.com

Program Leaders: Bob Barth, 201-401-3121, bbarth321@aol.com; Wayne Petko, 732-371-3514, wpetko02@gmail.com; Pierre Lacombe, pjlacombe25@gmail.com; Herve and Anne Barrier, 908-670-5743, hb9955@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 1: 10:00 a.m. Towpath Walk, Weston Canal lot to East Millstone, 4.2 miles roundtrip. See the spillway at Somerset County's Colonial Park and the newly restored bridgetender's station in East Millstone. Leader: Bob Barth, 201-401-3121, bbarth321@aol.com.

Saturday, April 8: 2:00 p.m. Nature Walk: Meet at the historic Van Wickle House off Easton Avenue at the foot of DeMott Lane (GPS 1289 Easton Avenue, Somerset NJ 08873). See and hear Baltimore and Orchard Orioles and other nesting songbirds as we walk along the D&R Canal and identify the nature around us. Leaders: Herve and Anne Barrier, hb9955@gmail.com, 908-670-5743.

Sunday, June 25: 2:00 p.m. Canal Watch Annual Meeting. Our speaker will be Pat Coleman, president of the board of directors for Friends of Abbott Marshlands. In an introductory presentation on the Abbott Marshlands, Pat will reveal the marshlands to be an unfolding treasure of both cultural and natural history, and a place worthy of continued research, interpretation and preservation. Pat is the President of the Board of Directors for *Friends for the Abbott Marshlands*.

The event will take place in the Fellowship Hall behind the Griggstown Reformed Church. Use the GPS address of 1065 Canal Road, Princeton (even though it is nowhere near Princeton). For information, call Linda Barth, 908-240-0488; barthlinda123@aol.com.

The canal dinner cruise fundraiser has been postponed until 2024 because the lock at Easton is not working.

Sunday, July 30: Canal Road Walk and Roll. 10:00-4:00. Canal Road closed from East Millstone to Butler Road. Enjoy a day with friends and family along the scenic D&R Canal with no cars!

Sunday, August 27: Canal Road Walk and Roll. 10:00-4:00. Canal Road closed from Griggstown Causeway to Route 518 in Rocky Hill. Enjoy a day with friends and family along the scenic D&R Canal with no cars! **George Washington may show up in Griggstown!**



Saturday, September 2: 10:00 a.m. to noon. Solar observations, Lock 11, South Bound Brook. across from the post office on Canal Road (11 Madison Street). Leader: Wayne Petko, 732-371-3514, wpetko02@gmail.com.

Saturday-Sunday, October 7-8: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Somerset County's Journey Through the Past. Canal Watch members will open the East Millstone bridgetender's home and station (and the historic outhouse, for observation only). Barbara ten Broeke, 732-930-1776; barbara-tenbroeke@gmail.com

Saturday, November 11: 10:00 a.m. Towpath Walk, Demott Lane to Landing Lane, 4.2 miles roundtrip. Meet at the historic Van Wickle House off Easton Avenue at the foot of Demott Lane (GPS 1289 Easton Avenue, Somerset NJ 08873). Leader: Bob Barth, 201-401-3121, bbarth321@aol.com.

In addition to the above activities sponsored by the D&R Canal Watch, you can see the D&R Canal State Park programs at this link: <https://www.dandrcanal.com/programs>.

Hey Bikers!

Has your bike ever broken down while you are out riding? If you need help, just contact Brian Clissord, the Bike Guy Mobile! For an immediate problem, text him at 269-274-3883; if he's available, he'll help. To make an appointment for a repair at your home, visit <https://bikeguymobile.com/> and scroll down to "online appointments."



ARIOVISTUS PARDEE AND THE DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL

Ario Pardee was born in 1810 in Chatham, NY, to a struggling farming family. He had no intention of becoming a farmer like his father, and when he was 19 years old, he applied to work on the Delaware-Raritan Canal in 1830. At first, he was turned down, as the company had a policy of hiring only men from New Jersey. But two days later, as he was out in the field plowing, another letter came saying that if he came *immediately* he could have the job.

"You may well believe I lost no time, receiving the letter on leaving home before daylight on Monday morning – joining Mr. Douglas and his corps on the preliminary survey a few miles above Trenton," recounted Ario.

As the canal work moved northward, Ario was stationed next in Princeton where G. T. Olmstead had charge of the middle section of the canal, and by 1831 he was sub-assistant to Ashbel Welch, famous canal engineer.

Ario proved himself to be a good worker, and after the canal was completed, he was sent to Hazleton where he was put in charge of the railroad that was being built to ship coal out of the mine region. He was Superintendent of the Hazleton Railroad & Coal Company until 1840, when he went into business as a coal operator. By 1860 he was the wealthiest coal operator in the Hazleton area.

Ariovistus Pardee worked on the canal from 1830 to its completion and surely must have worked his way through the Van Wickle property in Franklin Township, Somerset County. Many years later, in 1882, his daughter, Bessie Pardee, married Augustus Stout Van Wickle*, direct descendent of Simon Van Wickle, who built the Van Wickle House in Somerset. Together Bessie and Augustus Van Wickle built Blithewold**, and Bessie developed the gardens and arboretum of this magnificent property.

* Augustus was born and raised in New Brunswick and met Bessie when his father sent him to Hazleton to manage a Van Wickle coal mine.

** Blithewold (pictured right), in Bristol, Rhode Island, is a 33-acre summer estate with grand views of Narragansett Bay and is nationally significant in American history as one of the most fully developed and authentic examples of the Country Place Era. The property features a 45-room mansion filled with family heirlooms, and is framed by a series of lovely gardens.



There has always been confusion about the two Van Wickle homes that were side by side along what is today Easton Avenue. Here is an explanation from Sue Ann Derkach of the Meadows Foundation:



Van Duyn-Van Wickle House

I cannot vouch for the validity of the family tree, but the house they are referring to in the statement above is not our house, the Van Duyn-Van Wickle house. The Symen Van Wickle House is indeed still standing, sort of. It is next door to us and is currently part of the administration complex for Rutgers Prep.

The confusion began two ways: In the early-mid 1800s, two well-known maps of the area clearly show our house as belonging to "Van Wickle." The Van Wickle at the time was a Nicholas Van Wickle, a descendent of Symen, who lived in the house for about 25 years. He is the only Van Wickle to have resided there. Our farm was purchased in 1703 and settled by the Van Duyn family. Over the years it changed ownership many times, one of the owners being Nicholas.

The additional point of confusion occurred when the HABS study was completed on the house in 1938. A woman who had lived next door on the Wells Farm (now Rutgers Prep) told the researchers that our house was the Symen Van Wickle house, as she had been influenced by the map and family lore that arose from the map. The irony is that she had actually lived in the Symen Van Wickle house.

News from the D&R Canal Commission meeting, February 15, 2023

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Hutchison noted that he conducted a site visit with Superintendent Kalleser to the Manville Causeway in Franklin Township, Somerset County, and visited portions of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in the City of Trenton and West Windsor Township related to Commission projects. He also noted that as of February 15, there were 34 active projects undergoing staff review.

With respect to significant events and meetings, the Director reported that on January 27 he attended a meeting with DEP colleagues, staff from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Mercer County, the Municipality of Princeton, and officials from Princeton University regarding the planned replacement of the bridge that conveys Washington Road (Mercer County Route No. 571) over the canal in Princeton and West Windsor Township. He noted that the current bridge was constructed in 1954 and widened in 1996, at which time improvements to the sidewalks and parapets were undertaken. He reminded the Commissioners that most recently, he issued an emergency General Permit No. 1 to NJDOT to address abutment bowing and timber pile movement issues that required the bridge to be closed and traffic detoured from July 22, 2022, until July 27, 2022 (DRCC #22-4721C).

The Director reported that on January 30 he and Superintendent Kalleser met with Somerset County Engineer Matthew Loper to discuss pedestrian access to the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park and the multiuse trail crossing on the Manville Causeway in the vicinity of the Weston bridgetender's house in Franklin Township. He noted that the residents of the Canal Walk age-restricted residential development have called for the installation of marked crosswalks and pedestrian-activated beacons at the site.

Park Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Kalleser reported that applications for summer seasonal staff are available on the Parks website. She noted her attendance with Director Hutchison and Somerset County Engineer Matthew Loper to discuss pedestrian access to the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park and the multiuse trail crossing at the Manville Causeway in the vicinity of the Weston bridgetender's house in Franklin Township. She stated dialogue would continue among the parties.

The Superintendent reported that the capital improvement project to restore the exterior of the mansion at the Rockingham Historic Site in Franklin Township, Somerset County, was underway and that she anticipated its completion in August 2023. The project was one of 10 announced to restore historic sites associated with the Semiquincentennial anniversary of the American Revolution, which will take place in 2026, and will mark the signing of the Declaration of Independence and our nation's 250th year of independence.

Superintendent Kalleser reported that a two-wheeled harness racing sulky was observed trotting at a high rate of speed down the park multiuse trail in the Titusville area. She noted that the cart, horse and driver had also been seen on the loose in Pennsylvania. She noted that the New Jersey State Park Police were aware of the incident and were investigating it. She asked the public to notify the DEP's WARNDP hotline if they observe the rider. However, the Superintendent advised members of the public not to approach the individual.

She also noted that on March 18, 2023, a Delaware River cleanup would be held at Bulls Island Recreation Area, hosted jointly by the Park Service and Delaware Township. Information will be posted on the Park Service social media accounts and the park website.

She reported that she planned to meet with the Park Police and concerned residents about illegal all-terrain vehicle (ATV) incursions into the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in the Glen Afton neighborhood of the City of Trenton. Commissioner Palmer asked how the Park Service would address the issue. The Superintendent stated that the installation of an offset gate or bollards are examples of the types of barriers that could be employed, but that further investigation of the incursion sites and ATV access points would be required.

Vice-Chairman Stout stated that he observed a number of park multiuse trail gates had been taken or were otherwise absent in the Stockton area of the park, as well as one gate immediately south of U.S. Highway Route No. 202 in Lambertville. Superintendent Kalleser stated she would follow up with the Vice-Chairman on his concerns.

New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) Report

Mr. Sellar reported that work continued on the rehabilitation of the Landing Lane Spillway in New Brunswick and that, thus far, no date had been scheduled for review of the stone spillway mockup, which is to be reviewed by Director Hutchison pursuant to the condition in the Commission certificate of approval for the project (DRCC #19-3300B).

he stated that the advertisement for bids for the Six-Mile Run culvert rehabilitation project had been sent out and were due back from prospective bidders by March 23, 2023. He anticipated that the project could begin as early as the summer and reminded Commissioners that the project will involve closure of Canal Road at Blackwells Mills and excavation of the road with a backfill of low-strength concrete.

Mr. Sellar reported that the design and specifications for the Phase 1 of the project to repair the canal's western embankment in Stockton Borough were being finalized, and that the project will be put out to bid. Vice-Chairman Stout inquired when the bids would be awarded, and the work started. Mr. Sellar replied that Phase 1 of the project would be bid in 2023, with work starting shortly after the bid was awarded. He reminded the Commissioners that Phase 2 of the project would be treated as a separate bid package by the authority.

Mr. Sellar reported that he expected the lock sluice gates replacement project would be approved at the March 2023 meeting of the NJWSA, and then the project contract would be awarded April. He noted that a five-month lead time is required for the gate manufacture

You may take part in the monthly commission meetings either in person or online. Visit www.nj.gov/dep/drcc and click on "Meeting Information." Then click on "Upcoming Meeting Notice." The D&RCC meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The public is allowed to comment on the proceedings. In-person meetings have resumed; they are held at Prallsville Mills on Route 29, just north of Stockton Borough.

THANKS

To the Meadows Foundation for the post about our Wednesday Work Group:

We cannot thank the WONDERFUL Wednesday Work Crew of [D&R Canal Watch](#) enough for all of the excellent work they do maintaining the [Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park!](#) 😊

♣️ This park and its miles of beautiful towpath are truly a unique treasure. 💖 Would YOU like to join Workday Wednesdays?! Reach out to our friends at [D&R Canal Watch](#) to find out how!

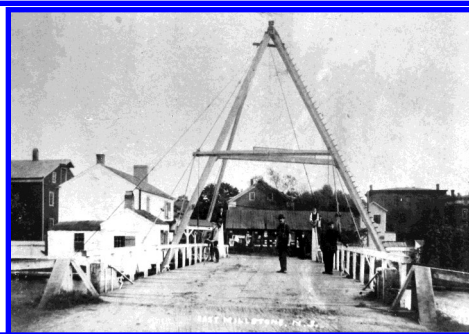
THANKS...

To Carl Hemmingsen for his service on the board, representing Bordentown. Carl is stepping down to tend to family issues.

If you know of someone who would like to serve on the D&R Canal Watch board, please contact Linda Barth at barthlinda123@aol.com.

CANAL HISTORY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

If you would like to read some great history of the D&R Canal, just visit the park's website, www.dandrcanal.com, to see the well-researched articles written by our park historian, Vicki Chirco. Under the heading of "A Historic Place," you can find Vicki's articles on bridges, houses, locks, and women workers.





The D&R Canal Watch is asking for your support for our activities that protect, maintain, and promote the recreational, historical, aesthetic, and environmental qualities of the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park. Over the past years, the Canal Watch has:

- **Restored the Kingston canoe/kayak boat launch**
- **Paid for the conditions assessment and the engineering drawings for the East Millstone and Griggstown bridgetender stations.**
- **Working with the park, we posted signage at six locations to help visitors find their way through Trenton.**
- Led history walks along both the main canal and the feeder, pointing out historic structures and Light Rail study tours
- Led history bike rides along the main canal and star-gazing events
- Sponsored bird watching walks along the main canal and bilingual nature walks
- Installed and facilitated canal interpretive signage at locks and spillways
- Activities in 2009 marking the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Delaware and Raritan Canal. These included “Meet the Canal Authors Day” and “The D&R Canal: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow,” by Richard Hunter” walks, bike rides, canoe and kayak rides, “Hands Along the Canal,” and proclamations from our legislature.
- Examination of Lock 9 to determine the feasibility of reopening the lock to navigation
- Post-flood cleaning of canal structures in Griggstown, Zarephath, and East Millstone
- Painting over graffiti in East Millstone
- Repair of shutters on the East Millstone bridgetender’s home
- Straightening and painting of the outhouse at the East Millstone bridgetender’s home
- Staffing the East Millstone bridgetender’s home during the village’s Canalfest in October
- A photographic exhibit of the homes of bridgetenders and locktenders.
- Services of an information technology consultant for the park’s computers
- Funded classes to certify maintenance staff in small motor repair, applying herbicides, etc.
- Contacted legislators and the governor’s office to keep the parks open and retain the commission
- Facilitated the mothballing of an empty bridgetender’s home by buying lumber and painting the windows.
- Installed Kaya-Arms on docks to facilitate entering and exiting kayaks
- Funding the park’s website and continued updating
- Paying the dues for the Meetup site used for announcing park activities

Sponsored lectures on topics such as “The Role of the Delaware and Raritan Canal in the Growth of Trenton’s Industrial Potteries,” “The Operation of the Joint Companies and the Interrelationship of the canal with

Canal Watch Achievements (continued)

- the state's first railroad," "The Roebling Story," "Photography Along the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park: Treasure in Central New Jersey," "Meet Ashbel Welch, the second chief engineer of the Delaware and Raritan Canal," and Jim Amon on how the canal and the park changed during his tenure with the commission.
- Purchased gifts that the park budget could not provide. These include a digital camera, seven picnic tables, several benches, a laptop computer and software, a desktop computer, an LED projector, an inflatable screen for outdoor viewing of videos, a subscription to the Meetup website, a scanner, printer ink, a water testing kit, an external computer drive, lumber for canoe dock at Griggstown, folding tables and twenty chairs for Bulls Island, development of a new park website and maintenance of the site at the rate of \$50 per month, and professional courses for the maintenance staff.

Renew your 2023 Membership

We would like to remind our members to please renew their membership. You can do so online by visiting www.canalwatch.org and clicking on "Join" at the top right.



Please wait a few seconds for the membership form to appear. When you click "Submit," you will be taken to the payment page. If you prefer to pay by check, please make it payable to D&R Canal Watch and mail it to the Canal Watch at P.O. Box 2, Rocky Hill, New Jersey 08553.

D&R Canal Watch 2023 Membership Renewal Form

Membership year: January 1 to December 31

Nonprofit Org \$10 _____ Individual \$15 _____ Family \$25 _____ Organization \$40 _____
Supporter \$100 _____ Patron \$250 _____ Business member \$500 _____ Benefactor \$1000 _____

Name _____

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Phone(s) _____

Email address _____

Please send this form and your check, payable to the D&R Canal Watch, to D&R Canal Watch, P.O. Box 2, Rocky Hill, New Jersey 08553-0002. Dues can also be paid online at <https://canalwatch.org/join/>

For reasons of fiscal and environmental responsibility, newsletters will be posted on the Canal Watch website, www.canalwatch.org, and emailed to members for whom we have email addresses. If you require a paper copy, please check here _____.

Volunteers are needed to lead walks/trips. Do you have computer, photography, or design skills that you are willing to use for the organization? Would you like to join the Wednesday Work Crew? May we call on you? Yes ____ No ____ Try me ____ (circle your skill)

Canal Watch Calendar of Events

To see our events for 2023, please check this issue or the Canal Watch website, www.canalwatch.org

We have been sending the Canal Watch newsletter by email so that you can read it in **COLOR**. You also have one less item to recycle. If you would like a black-and-white paper copy, please write to Linda Barth at barthlinda123@aol.com and she will mail a printed copy to you.



The mill at Kingston
Photo by Summer Praner

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Our Mission

The D&R Canal Watch is an independent, nonprofit organization working to engage the public in the protection of the environment and preservation of the heritage of the D&R Canal.

Class of 2020-2023

Theodore Chase (Griggstown)
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EVENTS YOU MAY WISH TO ATTEND

**Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2 -- Hunterdon County
SPRING FINE ARTS & CRAFT SHOW**

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.



The Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Show at Pralls-ville Mills is a highly anticipated event for art enthusiasts and collectors alike. Taking place on April 1st and 2nd, this event is an excellent opportunity to discover a

unique collection of fine crafts and artwork from some of the area's most accomplished artisans. Visitors will have the chance to browse through a variety of items, including handmade jewelry, pottery, textiles, paintings, and more. Whether you're searching for a special piece to add to your collection or looking for a gift for someone special, there's something for everyone at this event. In addition to the incredible artwork and crafts on display, visitors can also enjoy a light lunch and refreshments available for purchase. This is the perfect way to take a break and relax while soaking in the ambiance of the show. Whether you're an art lover or simply looking for a fun and inspiring day out, the Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Show is an event not to be missed. Make sure to mark your calendars and get ready to be inspired by the creativity and talent of the local artisans.

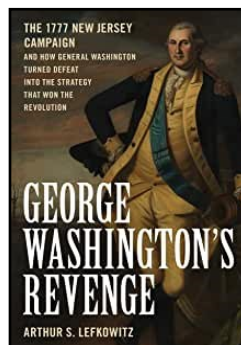
Route 29 just north of Stockton.

**Thursday, April 13 -- Mercer
County — 6-8 pm**

**Arthur S. Lefkowitz "George
Washington's Revenge"**

Arthur Lefkowitz will join us to discuss his book concerning George Washington's epic 1777 New Jersey campaign and how it was crucial to turning the tide of the Revolution, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat.

Lectures begin at 6pm and will be followed by a Q&A and book signing. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be available. Copies of his book are available for



purchase in-store or at www.barracks.org. All proceeds go towards supporting the Old Barracks Museum and its mission. 101 Barrack Street, Trenton

Saturday, April 15 -- Somerset County

The Dr. John Vermeule House, one of Green Brook's historic links to its early settlers, was built as a farmstead. Construction began in 1799 and became occupied by the Vermeule family in 1805. Dr. Vermeule practiced medicine and operated a farm on the original 113 acres of his property. The home is based on a blending of English and Dutch architectural traditions with Georgian and Federal style influences.

Vermeule ownership of the property ended in 1824. Various families bought and sold the property over the years, namely, Vail, Cohen, Voorhies and lastly, Mundy. The farmstead continued to function as a dairy farm into the mid-20th century. The township of Green Brook acquired the house and remaining 2.2 acres of the property in 2008. Necessary preservation renovations have been made to some structural elements, but the house is virtually unchanged from its original construction.

**The Dr. John. Vermeule House at 223 Rock
Avenue, Green Brook will be open for visitors on
Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

There you will meet several of its volunteer members to give you a glimpse into 19th-20th century rural living. There are some interesting outbuildings and farm equipment to see, on the 2-acre property.

For additional information, please contact 732-968-7696. Please leave a brief message with your name and number, and you'll receive a call back.

