

LHS Update

It's been a while since the last LHS newsletter so we are bringing you a brand-new one called *The Nugget* in remembrance of James Wilson Marshall's discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill. In it we plan to provide updates of LHS happenings and brief glimpses into the past. Because this is a revived endeavor we would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Please send them to lhs1816@verizon.net or drop a note to LHS, P.O. Box 2, Lambertville, NJ 08530.

Here's a brief summary of we've been up to in 2012.

- In January our Annual Meeting and "The World Came to Lambertville" presentation drew more than 100 attendees. We also elected a new board and officers to continue our efforts through the year.
- A few days later at WinterFest we opened the Marshall House for the weekend and hosted scores of visitors there as well as on town tours each day.
- The 31st Annual Art Show with Coryell Gallery was a great success.
- Our 2011 Autumn House Tour Brochure won first prize in the Kevin M. Hale Publications Awards competition of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.
- At Shad Fest LHS staffed a booth which included some board members in period costume (see photos on page 3); the Marshall House opened for the season and will continue its schedule each Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm through the end of October.

And the year is not even half over yet.



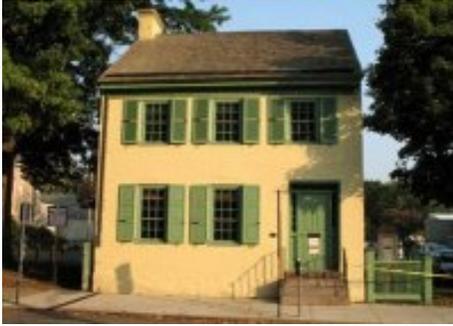
Membership Summer Social



Sunday, June 3rd, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Kalmia Club, 39 York Street

Join your fellow LHS members for a relaxed get together at the Kalmia Club where you can enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink, some snacks and pleasant conversation with neighbors old and new. RSVP to 609-397-0770



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Officers

- President** Suzanne Gitomer
- Vice President** Irene Rudolph
- Treasurer** Laurie Weinstein
- Secretary** Naomi Drew

Trustees

- Lauren Braun-Strumfels Michael Menche
- Fred Eisinger Ursula Mento
- Nora Linderman Irene Rudolph
- Jeff McVey Karen Taylor-Ogren
- Mark Weinstein

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Our Mission

The Lambertville Historical Society promotes, inspires, and encourages the preservation and appreciation of Lambertville's architecture and history through education, community involvement, as well as preserving and maintaining the James Marshall Museum.

The Marshall House is open from 1-4 pm on weekends between ShadFest (normally the last weekend in April) and the end of October. Free admission.

Summertime Dates in Lambertville History

June 1778 - General George Washington makes his headquarters at the Holcombe House off of today's North Main Street, where he planned and set off to what became the Battle of Monmouth. His troops encamped in what is now the heart of town at Bridge and Union Streets.

June 25, 1834, Delaware and Raritan Canal officially opened

June 15, 1905 - First trolley begins service to Trenton through Pennsylvania across the new steel bridge.



(Looking south on Union Street , August 1955 - photo courtesy of John Felso)

August 18, 1955 - In the aftermath of Hurricane Connie, Lambertville suffers flooding throughout the downtown area with waters reaching Main Street at some points.

Sights No Longer Seen



The Belmont House hotel at Church and North Main Streets, c. 1900. The site is now occupied by the Verizon building.

ShadFest: Great Fun and Great Success



Dressing for the part (and the past) Lauren Braun-Strumfels (top left) and Karen Taylor-Ogren (top right) add an historic flavor to the LHS booth. Mark and Laurie Weinstein provided smiles and information to the many passersby. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on ShadFest weekend especially Mike Menche who took the lead on the booth.

Welcome New Members

(since January 1st)

Marilyn & Kenneth Cummings

Jessica Kelley

Jean & Patrick Mihich

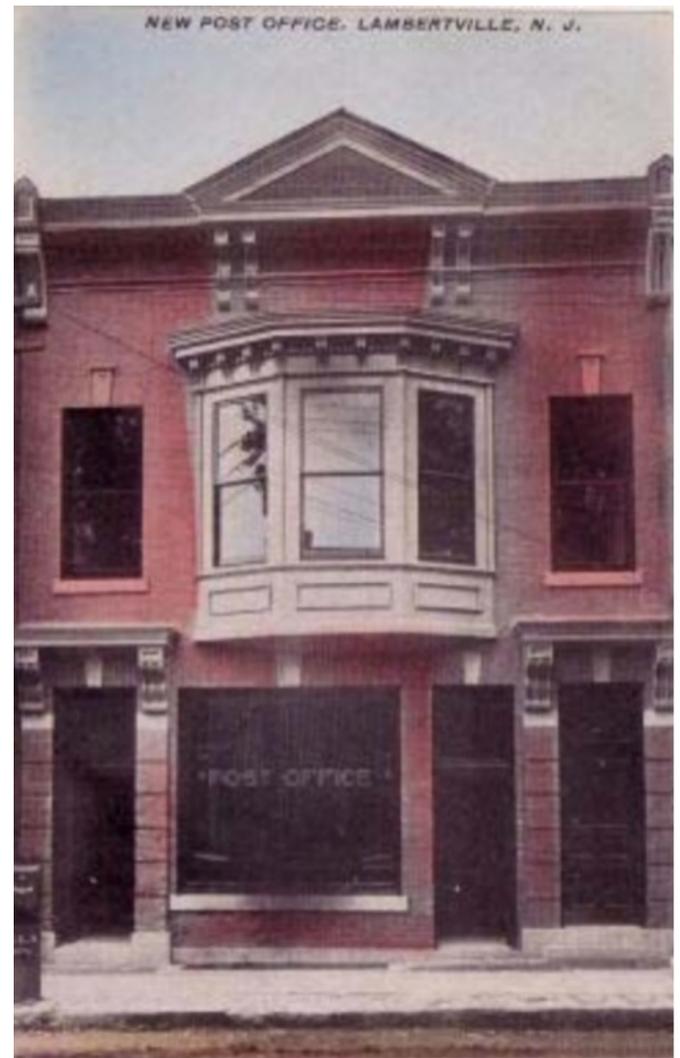
Diane & Edward Pratt

The Lambertville Post Office

Now that Lambertville's postal delivery has been permanently relocated to Ringoes, we hear talk lately about the post office moving from its 50+ year home at York and Clinton Streets to another setting in town where it will continue to provide retail services and P.O. boxes.

While we are all familiar with the current building, long-timers may recall the previous space was at 9 North Union Street, occupied by the Bear Apothecary since 1961. Although it was a convenient location for foot traffic, getting mail to and from the post office was a challenge. Trucks backed into the Lambertville House parking lot to access the rear of the building, a maneuver that would cause even greater problems today with the regular flow of traffic along Bridge Street.

The 1912 Sanborn insurance map shows the post office at 9 North Union (see photo below c. 1908) while the 1902 edition places it further north in the space currently occupied by the Phoenix Book Store.



LHS Calendar	
Sunday, June 3	LHS Membership Summer Social, 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Kalmia Club, 39 York Street. RSVP 609-397-0770.
Sunday, September ??	To be announced. An event is in the planning stage; members will receive a mailing with details.
Sunday, October 21	Autumn House Tour, 11:00 to 5:00 pm. Sites throughout town. Advance sale tickets will be available after Labor Day on our website www.LambertvilleHistoricalSociety.org and through some local merchants.
First Sunday of each month through October	Guided town tours leave the Marshall House at 2:00 pm. Free but donations are welcomed.

Congratulations Henchecks!

Long-time LHS members Barbara and John Hencheck received the Distinguished Achievement Award for Historical Scholarship from the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission on Tuesday, May 15, at a special ceremony at the Historic Courthouse in Flemington. While they are acknowledged Revolutionary War historians, particularly for the events in our area, the nomination specifically referenced their Power Point presentation and program which we hosted at the Justice Center last December.

We heartily congratulate Barb and John on this well-deserved recognition!

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