

FANTASTIC LHS WINTER EVENTS

History of Local Transportation at Lambertville Historical Society's Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 20th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Justice Center (Acme), 25 S. Union Street



"Going Places: A Brief History of Transportation in Lambertville" will be presented after the brief business portion of our annual meeting. Fred Eisinger, a member of the LHS board and urban transit fan, will discuss, with numerous images, the changes in getting around and away from town over the past 300 years. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.



Participating Artists:

Lauren Andreach
Al Barker
Susan Blubaugh
Robert Bohne
Larry Chestnut
Christyl Cusworth
Kit Dalton
Nathan DiStefano
John Ennis
Ellen Gavin
Joseph Gyurcsak

LAMBERTVILLE EN PLEIN AIR AUCTION

Saturday, January 26, 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Rago Arts & Auction Center
Cherry Street at North Main, Lambertville
Parking lot behind the building, accessed via
Cherry Street

A silent auction featuring over 30 plein air paintings celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Autumn House Tour. Proceeds to benefit the Lambertville Historical Society & James Marshall House Museum.

- Music, hors d'oeuvres & beverages •
 - Bidding closes at 8:00 pm •
 - Winners announced 8:30 pm •
- Free admission •

Come enjoy the fun. Walk away with a piece of art you'll be proud to hang on your wall.



Participating Artists:

Gordon Haas
Ty Hodanish
Peter Hunt
Bill Jersey
Lisa Mahan
Paul Matthews
Paul McGinn
Jo-Ann Osnoe
Materese Roche
John Slivjak
JC Turner
Eleanor Voorhees

Winter Festival Weekend, Saturday, January 26 and Sunday January 27

The Marshall House will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Town tours will be given from Lambertville Station at 2:00 pm each day. Free but donations welcomed.

Annual Art Show Opening Reception Lambertville and the Surrounding Area

Co-sponsored by Janet Hunt and the Lambertville Historical Society

Sunday, February 10, 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Robert Beck Gallery, 204 North Union Street

The show will run from February 10 through March 28

Hours: Thursdays to Sundays, 1:00-5:00 pm



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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 1:00 to 4:00 pm on weekends between ShadFest (normally the last weekend in April) and the end of November. Free admission.

CD release party



On Saturday, December 1, local musicians, LHS members and the public converged on River Queens Artisans for a fine and fun time at the LHS Holiday CD release party. As seen above, many of the CD contributors performed their numbers from the CD as well as others for the happy, festive crowd. It was a perfect start of the holiday season.

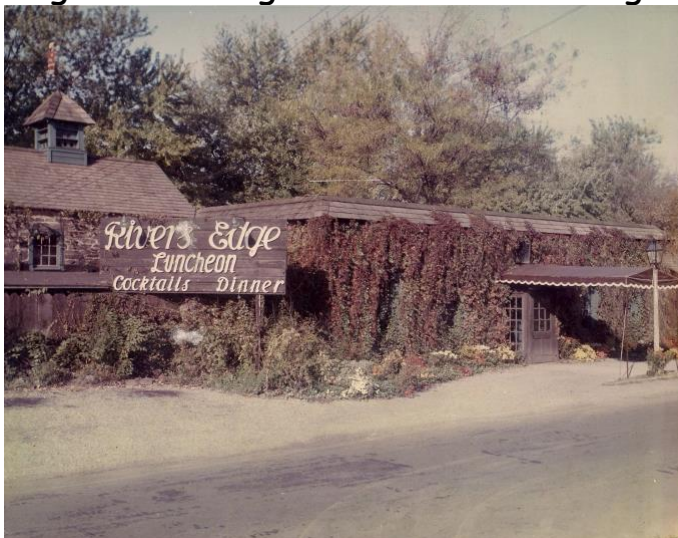
CDs are still available and are enjoyable throughout the year. The cost is \$15 for non-members and \$8 for members and they may be purchased online at <http://www.lambertvillehistoricalsociety.org/holiday-cd-fundraiser/>.

"New" Old Spinning Wheel for The Marshall House



Board members Laurie and Mark Weinstein recently donated the spinning wheel above to the Marshall House Museum. It is a marriage piece from about 1800 and believed to be from this part of the country. The Weinstains are part of a committee which is endeavoring to furnish the parlor with more era-specific pieces. Thank you Mark and Laurie.

Sights No Longer Seen - River's Edge



Posh supper clubs were commonly located in large cities during the big band era where formal dining and dancing were readily available. Sometimes they were found in more suburban or even rural areas in road houses and hotels. Lambertville was home to such a place until 1975 where even nightly dancing to a live band was offered to patrons.

River's Edge, located on Lambert Lane, welcomed its guests in a courtyard which featured decorative fowl (fancy chickens?) roaming free. Equally exotic was its original hostess - Stella Dallas - the long-running soap opera radio star (a working-class heroine and beautiful daughter of an impoverished farmhand who married above her station in life) legally known as Anne Elstner Matthews who along with her husband also owned the establishment.

River's Edge was a destination and special occasion place. Gentlemen were expected to wear jackets and were provided with one if not properly attired.

In 1973, the Matthews sold River's Edge to John Walsh, a former professional ice skater and then a success in New York public relations. Despite his schedule, he made it to Lambertville to play the piano almost every night. His future wife, Sylvia acted as the hostess.



This sign promoting River's Edge may currently be seen at the Stoneking Physical Therapy and Wellness Center on Cherry Street.



The dining room had a stunning view of the river and bridge as seen above with "Stella Dallas."

Unfortunately, Walsh's tenure was relatively short. The restaurant suffered a disastrous fire shortly before Thanksgiving 1975 forcing many with sold out holiday reservations to abruptly change plans, and worse, leaving more than 100 employees without jobs. Despite his intention to rebuild, Walsh ran into obstacles for several years and eventually sold the property. The River's Edge townhouses were built on the site in the mid-1980s. Both the restaurant and the current homes incorporated some walls of the mill originally located there. The 1912 Sanborn insurance map indicates it as the Joseph G. Lear Flour Mill.

Thanks go to Richard Stoneking for providing most of the images and to Sylvia Walsh for sharing her reminiscences of this part of Lambertville's 20th century past.



Ad from "Welcome to South Hunterdon" a 1973 publication of the South Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce.

Welcome New Members

Jane Abitanta
Yvonne & Rick Adkins
Nancy Janyszeski
Ross Mitchell family

LHS Calendar

Sunday, January 6	RESCHEDULED: Home Renovations Program. A panel of three former house tour participants will discuss their experiences in renovating their own homes. Justice Center (Acme), 25 S. Union St., 2:00-4:00 pm. Free for members - \$5 for non-members.
Sunday, January 20	Annual meeting and presentation – Going Places: A Brief History of Transportation in Lambertville, Justice Center (Acme), 25 S. Union St., 2:00-4:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.
Saturday, January 26	Silent Auction fundraiser of Plein Air pieces created during the house tour, with food, beverages and live music, Rago Arts & Auction Center, Cherry and N. Main Streets, Lambertville, 6:00-9:00 pm. Free.
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