

Entry rules for the photography contest will be as follows:

- Entries must be received by **June 30, 2020**. The Canal Watch will submit them to the judges in July.
- Only amateur photographers may submit images to the contest.
- Photos must be sharp and in focus.
- Calendar print size is 12"x12". Original images may be submitted in landscape or portrait orientation but will be cropped square when in print.
- Photo files must be submitted in one of the following formats: jpg., tif., or eps. format, and in sRGB color space.
- Digital photo files must have the following properties: 300 dpi and 3,000 pixels on the longest side.
- Mobile phone files may be sent; however, they must be submitted at their highest resolution. Because the final reproduction size of the calendar is 12"x12", certain mobile files may be disqualified if they are not of the highest quality.
- Printed images will not be considered, nor will they be returned.
- Qualified images should be attached and emailed to barthlinda123@aol.com. You will be notified only if your image(s) are selected for inclusion in the calendar.
- **Each photo must be clearly identified as to the location from which it was taken and the date taken. Photos can be submitted from any year and showing any season.**
- The email must contain the photographer's name, address, phone number, and email address.
- By submitting your image(s), you agree to grant the D&R Canal Watch, a 501(c)(3) organization, the right to reproduce the photo(s) for calendar use in 2021. The D&R Canal Watch reserves the right to use the contest photo entries with entrant's name on the Canal Watch website, www.canalwatch.org, in print, and in promotional materials.

START SNAPPING THOSE PIX!

The Next Step for the East Millstone Bridgetender's Station



The Canal Watch has asked our partner organizations to contribute toward the \$5100 cost of creating a conditions assessment for the East Millstone bridgetender's station, which is the small structure next to the bridgetender's home. Our partner groups, the East Millstone Historical Society, the Canal Society of New Jersey, and the Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition, have all agreed to contribute toward this project. All contributions from friends and members will be gratefully accepted. Thanks to those of you who have already made contributions.

We will keep you informed about the next steps in this restoration process.



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:

- Led history walks along both the main canal and the feeder, pointing out historic structures
- Led history bike rides along the main canal
- Sponsored bird watching walks along the main canal
- 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 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 courses for the maintenance staff.
- 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

CANAL WATCH ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

www.canalwatch.org

www.dandrcanal.com

AS YOU NO DOUBT KNOW, THE CANAL WATCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, AND JULY HAVE BEEN POSTPONED. ALTHOUGH THE PARK IS OPEN, THE BOARD FEELS THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SPONSOR WALKS WITH GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHEN DISTANCING IS NECESSARY.

WE INCLUDE THE ACTIVITIES HERE FROM AUGUST THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR, WITH THE REQUEST TO PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR FUTURE CHANGES:

<https://canalwatch.org/events/>

All Saturday Canal Walks begin at **10 a.m.**, unless noted. Meeting Places are designated with “(MP)” in the walk description. Contact information for Program Leaders is below. If emailing, use “**D&R Canal**” in subject header. Bob Barth, 201-401-3121, bbarth321@aol.com; Chuck Martin, cemart10@gmail.com, 908-420-8711; Jessica Hunsdon, 732-993-4505, jhunsdon@gmail.com; Pamela V’Combe, 609-635-2783; pjvcombe@gmail.com

Saturday, August 8: 10:00 a.m. Bulls Island to Holcombe Jimison Farmstead Museum (MP@ Parking Lot beyond Farm, 1605 Daniel Bray Highway, (Rt. 29) Lambertville, NJ) Hike 5.7 miles or choose the 3-mile walk to Prallsville Mills. Starting where the Feeder Canal begins, we will see the Roebling Footbridge to Lumberville, pass by the 18th-century Prallsville Mills, through Stockton to the farm museum. Leader: Pamela V’Combe, pjvcombe@gmail.com; 609-635-2783

Sunday, August 9: 10:00-4:00. Canal Road Walk and Roll. Canal Road closed from Griggstown Causeway to Route 518 in Rocky Hill. Enjoy a day along the scenic D&R Canal with no cars!

The Canal Road closings are likely to be cancelled, but that decision was not made before we went to press.

Sunday, August 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!

Saturday, September 12: 9:15 a.m. Light Rail Trip, Bordentown to Trenton and back. Join Pamela V’Combe for a tour by light rail into the 19th century. MP Meet at the Bordentown River Line light rail station at 9:15 a.m. (Turn left into parking lot at 100 W. Park Street at Prince Street, above the boat landing.) Purchase your tickets and receive a brief introduction before boarding the train for Trenton. The train follows the D&R Canal path from Crosswicks Creek to Trenton. See the abandoned canal, Watson’s Creek, and the Abbott Marshlands. In the City of Trenton where Route 129 is on the former route of the canal, remains of the industrial and commercial buildings can be compared with earlier photos. Participants will get an overview of places that are difficult to see any other way, but on the train. In Trenton, participants may opt for a guided walk (¾-mile round trip) to the State Street Bridge over the former canal (now the Trenton Freeway). Tickets are \$1.60 (\$.75 for seniors); **the current one-way-only provision may apply so be prepared to pay double the amounts.** Please bring exact change. Pre-registration is strongly advised. Pamela V’Combe; pjvcombe@gmail.com; 609-635-2783

Saturday, October 10: 10:00 a.m. TBD to Holcombe Jimison Farmstead Museum (MP meeting place @ Parking Lot beyond the Farm, 1605 Daniel Bray Highway (Rt. 29) Lambertville, NJ), Hike 5.3 miles or choose 2.6-mile walk to Fireman’s Eddy. Passing by working and closed Sourlands’ diabase quarries, we’ll see a turning basin, converted mills, a restored meadow and the Lambertville lock. Leader: Pamela V’Combe, pjvcombe@gmail.com; 609-635-2783.

Saturday, October 17: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Bilingual (English/Spanish) Nature Walk. Enjoy a casual 3.2-mile walk on the D&R Canal towpath between Lock 11 in South Bound Brook and DeMott Lane. Please meet at Canal Park in South Bound Brook, across from the post office on Canal Road at 11 Madison Street. We will enjoy conversation in English and Spanish as we identify various wildlife and vegetation. Please RSVP by email to Jessica Hunsdon at jhunsdon@gmail.com or call/text her at 732-993-4505.

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Friday, November 6 – 7:00-11:00 p.m. Griggstown Star Gaze. The Canal Watch is sponsoring an astronomy star gaze on November 6, 2020 from 7-11p.m. This year will be an excellent opportunity to view the planets. Saturn with its magnificent rings and giant Jupiter will be sinking in the southwest during the early part of the evening. The red planet Mars’ close approach to the Earth this season will make it optimally placed for viewing and the distant gaseous planets Uranus and Neptune will be visible in the constellations Aries and Aquarius. Overhead we will look at the many star clusters and nebulae in the summer Milky Way. Later in the evening the Moon will rise in the east, displaying its distinctive craters and mountains. Please pre-register for the event by contacting Wayne Petko at wpetko02@gmail.com. Participation is limited and the event is weather dependent.

Saturday, November 14: 10:00 a.m. Whitehead Road to Ellarslie, The Trenton City Museum in Cadwalader Park (MP meeting place, located in center of park) **Hike 5.5 miles** or choose the 3-mile walk to the Trenton Battle Monument. Pass by an aqueduct along the way to twists and turns of the canal through Trenton. We will pass by the original Coalport section of Trenton and see current urban infrastructure related to the canal. Leader: Pamela V’Combe, 609-635-2783; pjvcombe@gmail.com

Saturday, December 12: 10:00 a.m. Washington Crossing to Ellarslie, The Trenton City Museum in Cadwalader Park (MP meeting place, located in center of park), **Hike 6.2 miles** or take the 3-mile hike to West Upper Ferry Road. Pass by the place where a parallel canal ran along the Delaware, historic areas by West Upper Ferry and Wilburtha Roads, and over an aqueduct. The museum is free and open until 5:00 p.m. Leader: Pamela V’Combe

Below is an invoice from September 19, 187_. It was issued by the Citizens’ Line Steamboats, which operated between New York and Troy. The invoice indicates that the Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in Somerset County was charged \$322 for the transportation of the church bell from Troy. It is likely that the steamboat carrying the bell came down the Hudson River and then took the D&R Canal to Bound Brook. From there, the bell was carried by horse and wagon up the Watchung Mountains to Liberty Corner.

— Submitted by Gayle Canary, Martinsville, New Jersey

CITIZENS' LINE STEAMBOATS,
Between New York and Troy.
JOS. CORNELL, Gen'l Supt. G. W. HORTON, Gen'l Ag't,
Pier 49, North River, N. Y. Troy, N. Y.

Leave New York Daily (Saturdays excepted,) at SIX o'clock P. M., from Pier 49, N. R., foot of Leroy Street.
Leave Troy Daily (Saturdays excepted,) on arrival of evening trains of R. & S. and T. & B. R. R. and connections.

New York, Sep 19 1877

Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church
Bound Brook N.J. To Steamboat City of Troy, Jr.

For Transportation of	Advance Charges,	WEIGHT
1 Bell, Yaker & Clapper	1125	187
		135
		322

Received payment for the Company,
T. D. ABRAMS, Treasurer.

The bell was probably manufactured at the Jones foundry, which was started in 1852 by James Harvey Hitchcock and Eber Jones, in the industrial city of Troy, on the eastern bank of the Hudson River. James Hitchcock had previously worked in Andrew Meneely’s bell foundry in West Troy, NY, on the western bank of the Hudson River. Hitchcock was related by both descent and marriage to the Meneely family, and at the time of Andrew Meneely’s death in 1851, he was foreman of that bell foundry. James Hitchcock retired from the business in 1857, after which the name of the firm was changed to “Jones and Company, The Troy Bell Foundry.”

The Gas Pipeline and the Compressor Have Been Stopped

Did you hear the BIG news? In separate decisions late on Friday, May 15, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation both denied key permits for the Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) project, a proposed 23-mile-long natural gas pipeline on the bottom of Raritan Bay and compressor station in Franklin Township.

On top of that, the company cannot reapply again—**which means the project is stopped FOR GOOD!** Thousands of community members, elected officials, and local environmental groups spoke up and worked together for years to stop this project.

We are so proud of all the hard work we put in with dozens of allies to stop this project that would have created dangerous air pollution and emissions that could hurt New Jersey families. It's a huge blow not only to Williams Transco, but to all big polluters and the lawmakers they've bought off across the country.

We are also grateful for Governor Murphy and New Jersey DEP Commissioner McCabe's environmental leadership. Even in the face of pressure from major corporations, Governor Murphy has demonstrated his commitment to our 100 percent clean energy future by rejecting projects that are not needed and could derail efforts for a decarbonized New Jersey.

Good things can happen when you work hard and stick to what you know is right. **It's through the power of people that we will continue to stop more fossil fuel projects like this one across the country.** Thank you for being a part of this fight.

Ed Potosnak
Executive Director, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters

Here is what people have been opposed to for many years.

Stop the Williams-Transco Gas Pipeline & Compressor Station

- The Williams/Transco pipeline is carrying *fracked* gas from the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania across Mercer, Somerset and Middlesex Counties into the Raritan Bay to New York. The added pipeline will cut through Old Bridge and Sayreville. *None* of this product is for use by NJ residents.
- The process of fracking injects toxic chemicals into the earth, pollutes precious water no longer available for drinking and bathing, destroys farmland, contaminates the environment, and causes earthquakes and tremors. It also intensifies global warming and climate change.
- A new gas-powered compressor station is being planned at the site by Trap Rock Quarry, near the Delaware and Raritan Canal in Franklin bordering on South Brunswick, where active dynamite blasting occurs. Compressor stations pressurize the gas, which will risk leaking toxic gases like methane and benzene into the air and groundwater. Methane will worsen global warming.
- The pipeline will run into and under the Raritan Bay, which will jeopardize the ecology of coastal and marine life, and threaten the livelihood of those who depend on healthy and safe seafood.
- The danger of fires, explosions, and serious injuries from leaks and ruptures is a real threat and has already occurred in Edison and Branchburg, NJ.
- The future lies in renewable sources of energy that do not threaten our health and safety, our environment, and our ability to survive on this planet.

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Theodore Chase (Griggstown)
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Jeff McVey (Lambertville)
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Michael Kaplan (Griggstown)
Ellen Kaplan (Griggstown)
Pamela V'Combe (Trenton), activities chair
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Officers

President, Linda Barth
Vice President, Barbara Ross
Secretary, Wayne Petko
Treasurer, Tom Lederer

Elections: Later in the summer the board will choose a new date for the annual meeting. The elections will be held at that time to choose trustees for the current class of 2019-2020 to serve three-year terms, ending in 2022-2023. The election of officers will also take place at that time.

LOCAL EVENTS YOU MAY WISH TO ATTEND

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, MANY EVENTS THAT HAD BEEN PLANNED HAVE NOW BEEN CANCELLED.

Sadly, there are no upcoming historical society events to share for this issue. Most if not all have been cancelled or post-

poned. Watch this space in future issues when we can all gather once again.

If we hear of July or August events in nearby counties, we will send the information via our email list.

Stay well. We hope to see you on the towpath soon.

D&R Canal Watch 2020 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 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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.

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