

# The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society

## NEWSLETTER



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Celebrate our Nation's Independence

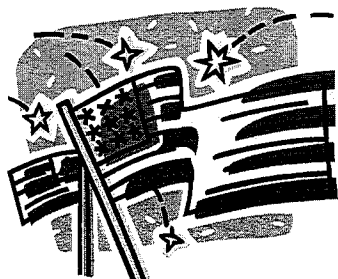
### A FABULOUS FOURTH ON THE 5TH!

The Historical Society and the Cranbury Township Cultural & Heritage Commission present a summer concert and fireworks display featuring the Mercer County Symphonic Band in Village Park on Saturday, July 5th.

Please plan to join us along with your friends and family to celebrate our great country's independence in patriotic style. So bring along a picnic dinner, blankets, lawn chairs — and bug spray — to enjoy an evening of summer fun beginning at 7:00 PM, followed by fireworks at dusk.

In the event of rain, festivities will be held on Sunday, July 6th. Huzzah!

Lisa Beach, Vice President & Program Chair



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE PATTI LONG

One of the legacies of our recent CHPS House Tour is the theme that we chose to represent our efforts in historical preservation: "Then and Now." I invite you to consider these words for a moment and appreciate what our society is committed to accomplish.

Let's begin by asking a pertinent question today: What makes Cranbury unique? Now I realize that I may be 'preaching to the choir' and that this may seem a bit too obvious. When you think about it further, this question is currently of great importance given the recent proposals for extensive housing development in Cranbury. One undisputed attribute of Cranbury is our history, which dates back to the 1600's and earlier, if you consider the Lenape Indian artifacts in our collection. Our history is a gift of an amazing variety of lives: native Americans, European settlers, farmers, entrepreneurs, Revolutionary War heroes, African American slaves, heroes of every war, and ordinary citizens like ourselves: all those who took the time to celebrate, to reflect, and to preserve the past. This is the "Then," if you will, of our House Tour theme.

How many of us truly appreciate our National Historic District status? This achievement didn't happen to evolve by accident: No indeed! The historic nature of our town was hard won by the efforts of patriots from every walk of life since the 1700s. Our historic

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district was preserved and created in large part by the charter members of CHPS. Furthermore, our Museum and History Center were saved and preserved to continue to give homage to the "Then" by making valuable archives and artifacts of Native Americans, farmers, entrepreneurs, heroes of war, and ordinary citizens available to everyone on a regular weekly basis.

On the other hand, our celebration of NOW enables our preservation of THEN. Ridiculous as it may seem to state the obvious, you need a "Now" to have a "Then." In other words, the present in a sense serves to define and interpret the past. We need to pause from time to time to ask ourselves some very important questions concerning what are we doing NOW, meaning today, to contribute to Cranbury's survival as an historic district. Are we working as Cranbury's Historic Society to preserve open farmland? Are we saving historic buildings from destruction? Are we educating children about our local history? Are we encouraging both "old-timers" and new residents to appreciate and preserve our past? (that's another then and now, but I digress!)

I am proud to say that the answer is a resounding "yes." The Society is working hard with an impressive group of Cranburians who have devoted countless hours to sitting in on COAH meetings, writing letters to our state officials, researching historic structures and land preservation issues in our town, expanding our museum collections, enhancing History Center archives, and enjoying Cranbury's history with Civil War re-enactors, art appraising, folklore experts, story tellers, oral history projects, historic gardens, Eagle Scout projects, and historic activities that we create for our Cranbury Community annually.

The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society plans to continue the theme of "Then and Now" in the months ahead by continuing with our traditional events of the year and including a few new ones. For example, we celebrated our 5th Annual Lynn Green Tea on May 31<sup>st</sup> and are preparing for a new "antiques road show" Cranbury style in the fall around house tour time to build on our appraiser's night last fall. Don't forget to visit the Cranbury Museum on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM and the History Center on Tuesdays from 11 to 2. Here you can learn about local history, research family trees, and see exhibits that celebrate both the recent and more distant

past. We are planning a new exhibit in our museum this summer celebrating political campaigns in honor of America's 2008 Elections. What a great way to relate Then and Now!

We have several new Boy Scout Eagle projects in the works including creating historic gardens, producing a virtual tour, and documenting our collections at the Museum and History Center. We are very proud of our new historic slate sidewalk and gristmill stone, the latest completed Scout Eagle projects by Bob and Sam Venanzi at the History Center. We celebrated their accomplishments June 8th at Troop 52's Court of Honor Ceremony.

As you read through this issue you'll learn more about new and on-going projects and ways to become involved. Please do!



## ORAL HISTORY PRESERVATION

### ROI TAYLOR

One of the projects of the history center is re-transcribing the early oral histories that were done in the days before the computer. Some of these early oral histories were typed on onion skin paper with fuzzy type from old manual typewriters. These are fading and do not copy well. Also, some early transcriptions excluded the questions. The cassette tapes are wearing out and need to be preserved in another format. While re-transcribing, additions were made with photographs if possible, and in parentheses dates of events and addresses of houses are included. A slow process, re-transcribing involves going back and listening to the original tapes, inserting the questions and other information into the existing transcriptions, and saving the files to CDs. The following is a sample of the oral history of Elizabeth and Mary Perrine:

#### *Sleigh Races*

*Mary:* In the early days, about 1910 1912, after church it was quite the custom or the desire of some very ambitious citi-

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zens to have a sleigh race in Cranbury from Butcher's corner [Cranbury Neck Rd.] to Brainerd Institute for that was considered a mile. It was quite a challenge. They'd get their horses and they'd all be ready and they'd race just two at a time.

My dad and my Uncle Dyke [Arthur Perrine's brother] were two quite competitors in that and, especially, I remember one Sunday when Uncle Dyke was here to church and they said, "Well, lets have a race on Sunday." and somehow or other, I don't know why, I got to go along because I sure didn't have much weight. Dad had a horse, Prince, and he used to be on a race track and whenever he had a horse near him or slightly ahead of him he'd kink that tail and away we'd go - Whee!

#### *Automobiles*

**Mary:** When my dad was first married [April 21, 1908 Ella May Stults, Mary's mother who died the day Mary was born; Mary's twin brother died then also.]

Dad rented a car from Trenton to start off on his honeymoon. This was quite unusual because in 1901 there were not very many cars. There was a chauffer and they rode through town and on either side of the street in Cranbury people were lined up to see them go through. They took the train from Trenton to Niagara Falls.

About 1914 1915, my dad was the very proud owner of a roadster, De Tambell. It had little brass lights on it. You had to shine those up so they would shine just like your brass andirons in your fireplace today. Also the lights were run by a Presto tank and if you didn't watch that very carefully it would run out and you wouldn't have any lights. Also, another funny thing that happened in that car, we had problems with the gas tank.

Every now and then the gas wouldn't go through and that was because there was a little rubber disk. I should say more like a cork disk and little pieces would come off and we'd stand on the car and shake it again to go a little further. But it was a beautiful car. Only to own it today!

**Elizabeth:** With this car he was coming to see me and he would brag that no car on the road could pass him and suddenly I saw a car pass him and I said, "Well there goes a car pass you!" And I would never say it again.

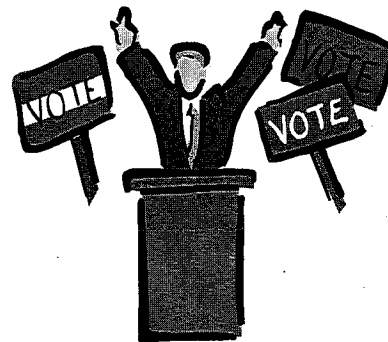


*Mary Perrine  
- born 1908;  
died 1999*

## PRESIDENTIAL MEMORABILIA AT THE CRANBURY MUSEUM

**KAREN KELLEY,  
EXHIBIT COORDINATOR**

Just in time for July 4th the new exhibit, "Presidential Connections" will open at the Cranbury Museum. Get into the patriotic spirit as you view this delightful exhibit, featuring campaign buttons and posters, postcards, newspapers, magazines, lithographs, books, letters and other items linked to the presidency. Learn about the correspondence sent from Cranbury by George Washington in June 1778. View letters written by Adlai Stevenson, notes from Bess Truman and Jackie Kennedy, and original campaign posters for Franklin Roosevelt and Herbert Hoover. Everyone is invited to visit this new exhibit beginning Sunday, June 29th from 1 to 4 PM. "Presidential Connections" will be on display through November.



## CRANBURY HISTORY ON THE WEB ROB DIAMOND, WEBMASTER

Did you know that you can sign up for late-breaking CHPS news delivered directly to your email box? Just visit the CHPS website at <http://cranburyhistory.org/> and click on the "Register for Updates" link on the left side of your screen. Enter your email address, and select the email list(s) you want to sign up for. There are two email lists, one for CHPS announcements and one for notification of website updates. After you register you will receive a confirmation email that you must reply to in order to complete the subscription process. Just follow the instructions in the email. It is a good idea to add the webmaster address, [webmaster@cranburyhistory.org](mailto:webmaster@cranburyhistory.org) to your address book to make certain the emails don't end up in your junk mail box.

## PRESERVATION UPDATE

MARK BERKOWSKY

The New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) has been preparing new rules for requiring NJ municipalities, including Cranbury, to provide affordable housing. For rounds 1 and 2, Cranbury complied with COAH requirements by constructing 76 rental and sale units, funding Regional Contribution Agreements (RCAs) and receiving bonuses for our successes.

Under the original proposed round 3 rules, Cranbury's obligation was approximately 160 units, of which 20 have recently been constructed, with others planned and the balance to be addressed with an RCA and other bonuses. The original round 3 rules were challenged in court, and the rules have recently been revised and will create a disastrous effect on Cranbury Township. The new requirements could force Cranbury to build 600 to 800 affordable housing units.

The main focus of Cranbury's objection to the proposed rules are the requirements for housing based on the square footage of warehouses that have been built or are planned to be built. Under the recent revisions, this requirement has been modified, but not to an acceptable level. Other components of the proposed revisions that were objectionable were not changed.

The Township Committee is reviewing alternative approaches to change the current requirement, which would have such a negative impact on our town. There is also pending legislation in Trenton, that would create other negative impacts for our town and the taxpayers. The 'Roberts' bill would eliminate RCAs and the 'Lesniak' bill would shift the cost burden of developing affordable housing from developers to taxpayers.

Members of the Society should contact our legislators, the Governor and COAH to indicate their concern for these actions which, if not modified, would have monumental negative effects to Cranbury and its historic village.

Contact information for the 14th Legislative District (includes Cranbury):

**Senator Bill Baroni**  
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Hamilton, NJ 08690

**Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein**  
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Monroe, NJ 08831-1565

**Assemblyman Wayne P. DeAngelo**  
2239 Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd  
Suite E  
Hamilton, NJ 08691

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### SOMEWHERE IN TIME

#### CRANBURY'S HISTORY CAPTURED IN CORNERSTONES

This is a story of Cranbury's past not likely to be found during a visit to the Cranbury Museum. Nor would you find it while walking down our town's historic streets. This history may be found hidden in the time capsules and cornerstones in buildings throughout town.

One such capsule was placed in Midlantic National Bank (now known as the PNC Bank Building, currently for sale) in July of 1977. The capsule is scheduled to be opened in the year 2022, to coincide with the 325th anniversary of the founding of Cranbury and the 150th anniversary of the town's incorporation. Nearly every organization in town added something to this time capsule, from the Scouts to the Township Committee itself.

What did we think was memorable in the mid-70s? Well, the township contributed the 1977 tax rolls and random pages of property valuations. The Cranbury Public Library contributed a copy of the 1977 bestseller list. Eighth-grader Margie Dalton wrote a letter to future Cranbury School students. Scout memorabilia, a Cranbury Inn menu, a scroll bearing signatures. Taken together they paint a picture of Cranbury that's already a distant memory to those who lived here 30+ years ago. For those whose personal history in Cranbury is more recent, the Cranbury of 1977 would doubtless seem quaint and not at all the town we know today.

More history is embedded throughout town in other cornerstones. At the Cranbury School, cornerstones laid in 1896, 1957 and 1997 all have items ranging from student handbooks and rosters to signatures of faculty, staff and students. The 1896 cornerstone in what is now Town Hall, was placed amid much fanfare, with "cannon crackers" fired during the dedication. A time capsule also was placed in the school courtyard by the class of 1976.

There probably are other "time pieces" in town to discover, whether 'official,' or homemade by bored youngsters on a summer afternoon. What would you place in a time capsule to be opened in 50 or 100 years? What events, objects, photos do you think would tell the story of today's Cranbury to future generations?

*This story is adapted by the author, Lorraine Sedor, from her August 10, 1997 column "Around Cranbury," in the Cranbury Press. She and her family placed a time capsule in their Evans Drive home during renovations in 2001.*

# MEMORIAL DAY RE-ENACTORS KEEP CRANBURY HISTORY ALIVE

## JERRY PEVAHOUSE

Though our weather is usually sunny and warm for our Memorial Day parade this year it seemed particularly beautiful. The rhododendrons growing in the back garden of the museum were in full brilliant bloom, the flower gardens lush and green.

For about 10 years the Civil War group portraying Company H of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment NJ Volunteers have marched in our parade. This year on such a beautiful day we had the opportunity to thank them for their long commitment to an important era of Cranbury's history. Lynn Lackner decorated the exhibit hall and back yard with bunting and American flags. Beverly Luck, Ginny Swanagan, Betty Wagner, Kathy Jani, Lisa Beach, Lorraine Sedor and Karen Kelley cooked delicious dishes. Carl Helstrom fired up his grill and we had a Memorial Day party for the re-enactors.

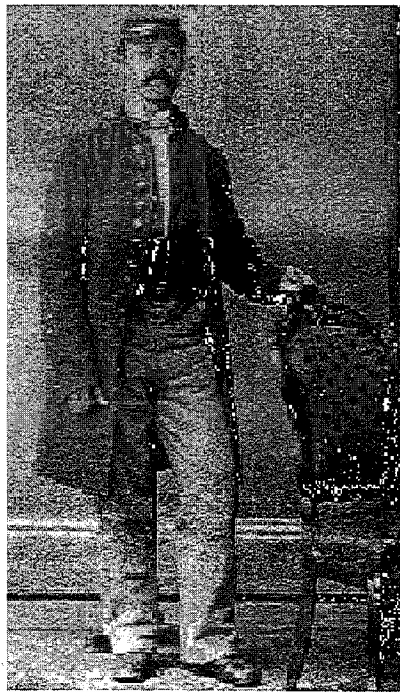
A gesture of appreciation for their work has been long coming. But this Memorial Day we demonstrated the hospitality I have come to expect in Cranbury. The original Company H was recruited in Cranbury in August, 1862 mostly of Cranbury men. The last veteran of the company living in Cranbury, Sergeant John Hutchinson died in 1914. For about 90 years these brave soldiers were not represented in our parade. After World War II the memory of our Civil War veterans faded, overshadowed by millions of veterans and future generations of veterans.

During the mid 1990s there was a renewed interest in the Civil War and a group of young people interested in the Civil War and living history revived Company H. Not long afterward the men of Company H were once again seen marching down Main Street as the original men had done in the Forth of July parade of 1862 before leaving for Virginia to fight in the great battles of the Civil War.

None of the members of the new Company H live in Cranbury or have roots here. Unknown to most people here they represent our community at many Civil War related events around the country throughout the year.

I've researched Cranbury's Civil War history for many years and as I learn I appreciate more and more the quality of the people and the absolute sacrifices they made for this community. They were young men, like brothers Alfred and Robert Voorhees who enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> NY Lincoln Cavalry in the summer of 1862. May 6, 1863 Robert was killed during a scouting mission in the Shenandoah Valley. Alfred rode back into the overwhelming Confederate force to retrieve his brothers body and had him returned to New Jersey for burial. A year later Alfred was captured and taken to Andersonville Prison in Georgia. He died of disease August 12, 1864. Alfred was 26 years old at the time of his death. This is only one of many tragic stories found in the history of our Civil War veterans. I'm sure they wouldn't want us to pity them but I expect they would have wanted our respect. The Civil War re-enactors remind us of an obligation to honor these men one day a year for what they have done for our community.

The Reverent Jospeh G Symmes said in an address at the end of the war "Monuments to their memory shall dot our land. But their best and noblest monument is the country they have died to save. While that country endures their memory shall be honored. And mankind will rise to do them honor while liberty has a refugee and a bulwark on the earth, and will give thanks to God that he raised up a generation to stand for the right in troublesome times."



Alfred Voorhees

MEMORIAL DAY FLOAT REMEMBERS  
THE 14<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENT, COMPANY H  
NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS  
CIVIL WAR, 1862-1865

BY PATTI GILDEA LONG



Did you happen to see the CHPS Memorial Day float and wonder what it was all about? For those of you who are curious, here's the scoop. CHPS's Mia Lindberg, Lisa Beach, and Norma Swale put together historic bunting, awnings, flowers, and signs that read: "We Remember Those Who Served." Rob Diamond, CHPS website guru, drove the Patterson Farms tractor for the third year with President Patti Long who grew the hundreds of rhododendrons decorating the float. And who were the lovely hoop skirted ladies gracing the spinach wagon throwing historic candy of peppermint, lemon drops, and root beer? The women of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of NJ, Company H during the Civil War were portrayed by Joan Bisaccio, Elona Folk, Sue Muessig, Breanna and Debra Thime, and Lynn Lakner. A colorguard of ten, drummers, and soldiers marched along side, periodically firing their authentic rifles to honor their fallen comrades.

It all started in Brainerd Cemetery with 17 members of the New Jersey Civil War Association commemorating the 28 Cranbury Area residents who lost their lives in the Civil War. Captain Roger Muessig who portrayed Symmes Stults led the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment in a salute to the following casualties:

Captain Symmes Stults, 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Marcus Stults, Sgt. David Provost, Cpl. Alfred Carman, Cpl John Henry Van Doren, Pvt. Henry Anderson, Pvt. Thomas Applegate, Franklin Burley, Cornelius Boorman, George Carthcart, Van Winkle Griggs, Joseph Jolly, Patrick Kelly, James Little, Peter Rue, Elwood Silvers, Thomas Smith, James Sneider, William Soden, Thomas Van Hise, Rahselah Brown, and Jefferson Rogers.

Bob Bisaccio who portrayed Charles Sherman read a letter written by Marcus Stults to his mother who received it after he died in the Battle of Cold Harbor. Surprisingly, the letter could have been written by any soldier in any war from the Revolutionary War, to the Spanish American War, to World Wars, to the Korean War, to Vietnam, and to the present day war in Iraq. Rather than a political statement of the times, the letter spoke of the needs and feelings of a young man far from home fearing the hardships of the battles to come.

Symmes and Marcus Stults were cousins from Cranbury. Marcus was the more emotional one in his letters. Symmes was more stoic in his letters, very patriotic, dedicated to the cause, and was largely responsible for raising the company. He lost his life in the Battle of Monocacy, July 9, 1864.

Also portrayed were Tilton Sickles, a laborer, and Archibald Conch, a cobbler, who was wounded in the shoulder at the Battle of Monocacy.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment was formed in August of 1862 and trained at Monmouth Battlefield which was known then as Camp Vennenberg. It was a relatively large regiment, and H Company of Cranbury was reported to have had proportionally a large amount of casualties. They served for about three years until the end of the war, fighting in Monacy, Cold Harbor, Fredericksburg,

In 2007 the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment raised funds through living history events to erect a plaque at the National Battlefield monument in Monocacy MD on the hundredth anniversary of the battle there. They hope to raise a similar tribute to Cranbury's Civil War Regiments in Brainerd Cemetery in the coming year. This year was the eighth year of the NJ 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment to lead a ceremony in Cranbury on Memorial Day. To learn more about the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment, visit their website: [14njvols.com](http://14njvols.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**SELECTED SUNDAYS AT THE MUSEUM** — CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING STORYTELLING, MUSIC, CRAFTS, HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS, COOKING & SPECIAL TOURS OF THE COLLECTIONS.

**CRANBURY DAY**—1ST SATURDAY AFTER LABOR DAY—ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM. VISIT THE SOCIETY'S TENT ON MAIN STREET!

**ANNUAL MUM SALE**—MUMS, CABBAGES, PANSIES & CORNSTALKS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR IN LATE SEPTEMBER. ORDER AT THE TENT ON CRANBURY DAY.

**ANTIQUES ROADSHOW CRANBURY-STYLE!** BRING YOUR TREASURES TO THE MUSEUM TO BE APPRAISED AND ENJOY A WINE TASTING AFTERWARD.

**CHRISTMAS TEA**—1ST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER— TEA, COOKIES, SEASONAL DÉCOR AND MUSIC!

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### *News from the Membership Committee ~ Fran Rak & Bev Luck*

The Historical Society welcomes the following members new to the Society since the winter newsletter: John & Kay Gartner of Cranbury Four Seasons, and Lynn Lakner of Helmetta. Lynn volunteers at the Museum as a docent and presenter of history-related workshops for young people. John & Kay serve as volunteer Museum inspectors on a daily basis. The Gartner's lived in Cranbury from 1964 to 1983 and returned as residents last September after an absence of 23 years. Welcome home! And thanks to Lynn, John & Kay for supporting the Society as members and volunteers.

The Membership Committee would like to thank those local businesses that support the Society as paid members. The Society appreciates the support and encourages our members to patronize these establishments. Our business members are: Allen & Stults Company; Blue Rooster Bakery & Café; Chip Trucking; Cranbury Comfort Systems; Cranbury Pizza; David Wells Antiques; Herr's Plumbing & Heating Service; and Montessori Preschool Academy Cranbury.

### 2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail checks to: **Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society**. P.O. Box 77, Cranbury, NJ 08512

**Membership Status (check one):**  New  Renewal

**Membership Category (check one):**  Individual, \$15.00  Family, \$25.00  Sponsor, \$35.00  
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*Matching gifts are a significant source of support for the Society. If you work (or have retired from) one of the hundreds of companies that generously match employee donations, please don't let this opportunity pass you by. Just ask your Personnel Office for a Matching Gift form, fill it in and send it to us. We'll do the rest. Together we can continue to preserve our unique heritage.*

Please consider one or more of the following volunteer opportunities: Museum docent: \_\_\_\_\_ Social functions: \_\_\_\_\_

House tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Educational programs: \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising: \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## FIFTH ANNUAL LYN GREEN TEA A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

LISA BEACH

The Society would like to thank everyone who attended the 5th annual Marilyn "Lyn" Green Victorian Tea Lecture and Luncheon held on May 31 at the Cranbury Museum. The exhibit room was transformed into a charming Tea room appointed with our own collection of antique teacups, Karen Kelley's vintage linens, sparkling crystal and perfectly polished silver, along with beautiful peonies and roses freshly picked from the Long's garden. The program "Mundane to Marvelous" featured guest speaker, Cranbury's own Gail Unger, who entertained guests with handy and helpful hints on how to decorate our homes creatively and on a budget. Gail's home was featured on the CHPS 2007 House Tour, and her Plainsboro road home was recently visited by HGTV's crew to film an upcoming program for their network. After the luncheon, guests were invited to tour Gail's lovely home. The Society would also like to thank the very talented Gourgaud Gallery Ensemble who performed in the Museum's parlor prior to the luncheon. The ensemble included Patti Gildea Long on cello, Alana Stroke on violin, Michelle Swanson, Alana's daughter and a senior at Princeton High School, on flute and Jerry Yochelson on violin. Thanks to all the bakers who helped make all the delicious treats for our dessert table. These include Jane Helstrom, Ann Solomon, Marna McDermott, Fiona Romaine, Phylis-sanne Stehn and Karen Kelley.

The Tea is named in honor of the Society's dear friend Marilyn Green or as we all fondly knew her, Lyn. She and her husband Dr. Alfred Green, moved to Cranbury in 1972 and set about restoring a circa-1780 farmhouse on Cranbury Neck Road. Lyn felt strongly about giving back to the community she lived in and in helping others. During 21 years as an active member of the Society, Lyn served as Trustee, President (9 years), Immediate Past President, Vice-President and Program Chair, and Co-Curator of the Museum as well working on the Ways & Means Committee, Acquisitions Committee and where she really shined, helping organize our annual Christmas Tea. Lyn's cheerful smile and willingness to lend a hand wherever needed endeared her to all who had the good fortune to know her. Proceeds from the Lyn Green Tea help fund educational programs presented by the Society.

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Your financial assistance is vital to the work of the Society!