



# Kingston Historical Society

P.O. Box 323, Kingston, N.J. 08528-0323

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Dear friends of Kingston history,

The Kingston Historical Society (KHS) is asking for your support for our activities that foster knowledge of Kingston's history, preserve its land and buildings appropriately, and keep us informed about our present.

Since the Spring of 2015 KHS activities have included the following:

- In June 2015 an illustrated program focused on Carnegie Lake; Robert Ortego of Princeton University explained the dam repairs taking place last summer and Robert von Zumbusch elaborated on the history of the lake with additional photos and commentary. In addition KHS created an exhibit at the Locktender's House on the history of the lake and the dam repairs.
- The KHS Annual Meeting featured George Luck, Jr. in a presentation called "*Kingston: Crossroads of the 'Crossroads of the American Revolution'*" assisted by film and slides through the magic of Doug Miller.
- To promote Kingston's past and present, KHS coordinated and staffed an exhibit on Kingston for the NJ State History Fair at Monmouth Battlefield State Park in May 2016.
- In December the annual KHS Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting with music the Kingston Women's Chorus.
- Recently KHS vice-president George Luck, Jr. conducted a well- received walk and talk on Kingston's two churches. Beginning in the cemetery and followed by a visits to the sanctuaries of both the Presbyterian and the Methodist church.
- In November 2015 George Luck held a "*Gathering of Kingstonians*" at the Methodist Church; older community members reminisced about the their experiences living in Kingston, which were recorded for our oral history program.
- KHS has paid for much needed reconstruction and painting of the Locktender's House windows; KHS helps maintain the House and the adjacent Toll House, both of which are part of D&R Canal State Park, which allows KHS use of these buildings; KHS has its headquarters in the Locktender's House; the House is open to the public on weekends April through October from 10 AM to 6 PM.
- KHS produced a Fall and a Spring newsletters and maintained an active website: [www.khsnj.org](http://www.khsnj.org)

Looking to our plans for the future:

- KHS Spring Talk – 2 Films on the D&R Canal – 7:30 pm Tuesday 7 June, Annual Meeting in the Fall and Holiday Open House Sunday 4 December. Continue our newsletters, maintain our website , expand our oral history program and provide exhibits for the Locktender's House and keep it open weekends from April through November.
- Continue to help maintain the Kingston Locktender's House and Toll House.
- Continue to maintain our archives and historic artifacts in proper storage.

Your support and interest help us carry out the mission of the Kingston Historical Society. **We welcome your comments and interest in our activities. Donations of appropriate items related to Kingston's history and to the Acquisitions' Fund are welcome, too.**

Thank you for your support,

*Officers and Trustees of the Kingston Historical Society.*

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