



The Hetfield House

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From the CHAIRMAN'S INKWELL



Following are some of the many activities and announcements from the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee during the past year. You are encouraged to take advantage of any of these programs and support Historic Preservation in Mountainside.

BRICK FUNDRAISER: A fourth set of bricks will be dedicated and placed in the walkway on Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00 pm - held during the Four Centuries in a Weekend Open House. We invite all to attend this dedication to be held at the Hetfield House adjacent to the Mountainside library. (We want to thank Sergio Lourenco, the Portuguese Mason, for donating his time and talent to the continued evolution of this walkway.) Through the sale of these bricks, which lead to the front door of the Hetfield House, the MHPC is raising funds to write and publish an updated history book of our Borough's history from 1945 to present. *The History of Mountainside* by Jean Hesketh-Hershey, covers the history until 1945 (copies are available for \$5 each, call 789-9420). Most of our town's development occurred since 1945, so the writing of this history is quite an undertaking.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mountainside Restoration Committee and the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee were established to preserve the Borough's links to the past. The premier venue is the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, our circa 1760 building preserved by these two committees whose volunteers share membership. We strive to focus attention on our heritage through tours, newsletters, videos and many events during the year. Our mission includes maintaining the Hetfield House property in perpetuity.

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MOUNTAINSIDE NOW HAS HISTORY WEBSITE

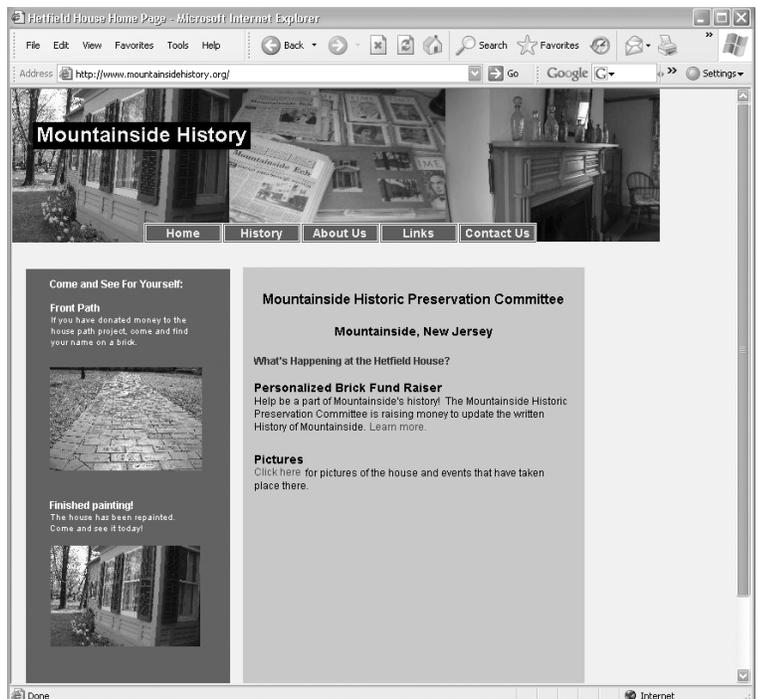
www.mountainsidehistory.org

Thanks to two Mountainside Girl Scouts, Gabrielle Lentini and Jean Ruggiero of Troop 195, the Borough of Mountainside now has its own History Website. Go to www.mountainsidehistory.org and see what a great job these high school freshmen did with designing and developing the website.

As part of their Silver Badge requirement, Gabrielle and Jean met several times with the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee to gather insight and direction on how to proceed with this site. After months of collecting data and working with the Committee, the girls presented this new website to the committee in August.

The site is now live and information will regularly be added. The Committee will take over the updating and addition of new information in the future.

Jean and Gabrielle are no strangers to the Historic Preservation Committee; over the years they have taken on several projects involving the Hetfield House. Thanks to them, the house has some beautiful flower beds. They have also provided and served snacks and refreshments at Hetfield House functions. Congratulations to Gabrielle and Jean for achieving their Silver Badge, the second highest accomplishment in Girl Scouting. We look forward to what the girls may have in store when they consider their Gold Badge!



The home page of the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee's new website developed by Girl Scouts, Gabrielle Lentini and Jean Ruggiero.

HETFIELD HOUSE receives WATTS GRANT

The Watts Foundation was created following the passing of former residents Blanche M. and George L. Watts who willed money to the Borough of Mountainside to be used to meet the needs of Mountainside's citizens. The foundation accepts and considers grant applications semi-annually.

This summer, the Foundation awarded \$6000 to The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee for the purpose of restoring the kitchen fireplace. Despite the fact that the Hetfield House contains 5 fireplaces, none of them are in working order. Before the dawn of modern heating systems, the fireplaces were essential to heating the house. All five fireplaces require significant rebuilding of the fire box and flue to render them useful.

The kitchen fireplace has noteworthy historic merit since it was once a beehive oven. It is so named because of its rounded brick ceiling which resembles the shape of a beehive. In the earlier years of the Hetfield House, this 'beehive' actually bulged out from the kitchen side of the house. It is unknown when or why the Hetfield House's beehive oven was dismantled, but the inside fireplace still remains.



The 18th century beehive oven was appreciated for its large size and ability to hold heat. Many foods could be baked in it during one firing including the presence of a 'dutch oven'. A covered cast iron or clay pot called a dutch oven would sit in the coals or hang over the fire. The dutch oven might contain beans, stew or soup and it would cook in the

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DRAWING WINNERS announced

Each year, the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee holds a Spring fundraising drive for the upkeep of the Hetfield House. This year, the funds were used toward replacement of the cellar door. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser - the Hetfield House really does need your support! A drawing was held on May 21st from names submitted during this fundraiser. Following are the winners:

\$500 Gift Certificate: Lori Smith

\$300 Gift Certificate: Eric Stern

\$100 Gift Certificate: Pat Knodel

\$100 Gift Certificate: Henry Oberding

Congratulations winners and thank you all for your support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FILMING

In the Fall of 2005, Mountainside was treated to the first segment of 'Welcome to the Hetfield House', a video tour of the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House which appeared on TV35. Hosted by Committee member, Donald Jeka, the video featured an interview with the MHPC Chairman, Scott Daniels, and offered outside and inside views of the Hetfield House. DVD copies of this first segment of 'Welcome to the Hetfield House' are available through TV35 at Mountainside Borough Hall for \$25 each or one may be viewed/borrowed from the Mountainside Library.

The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee would like to continue this series with additional segments of 'Welcome to the Hetfield House', but lacks the expertise to produce them. Volunteers are sought to help with this in the future. If you are an experienced videographer and would like to help with the production of 'Welcome to the Hetfield House', please contact Cindy West at (908)338-3349.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Can you guess where these two photos were taken? Both were taken in Mountainside - a long time ago. If you're stumped, please see the "Historic Photo Key" on page 3.



Mountainside's WRITTEN HISTORY is well under way

Connie McNamara, the author of Mountainside's updated history, has been busy each day collecting data and information for the next installment of our Borough's written history. Connie has been interviewing residents of Mountainside (past & present) and poring through documents and newspapers to gather material to base the writing of our borough's history since 1945. Connie would like more information. Specifically, she is asking for any photos depicting scenes of Route 22 since 1945, especially places that are no longer in existence, i.e., Echo Lanes, H.A. Winston, Chiam Chateau, Mountainside Inn, Halfway House, Somerset Bus Company, etc. In addition, if anyone has any stories or anecdotes from over the years that would fit into a "Look Through the Decades" section, please let her know. Contact Connie McNamara at 346 Rolling Rock Road, phone: 233-9679, or email: conniemcnamara@comcast.net.

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oven for hours or overnight. In fact, in one of the Hetfield House's former lives, it was the site of a store called "Dutch Oven Antiques".

According to the Chairman of The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee, Scott Daniels, "It is our hope to use these funds from the Watts Foundation toward the eventual re-creation of the Beehive Oven. Our first step though, is to renovate the kitchen fireplace and chimney to make it useful for cooking demonstrations. We are happy to have the Watts Foundation funds to enable this work to begin."

HISTORIC PHOTO KEY

Top: Photograph taken on Route 22 in 1942. It was taken from the westbound side looking west. The Chatterbox is now the site of the Mountainside Elks Lodge.

Bottom: Photo of Alfred Pearsall's "Pot Luck" - or the Old Pearsall Castle. The cornerstone read 1907 but it was never completed. The structure was situated off W. R. Tracy Drive where New Providence Road is interrupted. None of the "castle" remains today. It was destroyed in 1917 after the County Parks obtained the land.

The ARTHUR J. BRAHM Historic Preservation Scholarship Award

At the 8th grade Graduation Ceremony for Deerfield School, held on Tuesday, June 20th, Carol Goggi, of the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee presented the Annual Arthur J. Brahm Historic Preservation Scholarship Award. This award is presented to the graduating eighth grader who demonstrated excellence in a written essay depicting some aspect of Mountainside's history. The 2006 award was presented to Danielle Fine for her essay on the history of The Trailside Nature & Science Center. Congratulations, Danielle!



Historic Preservation Committee representative, Carol Goggi, presents the 2006 Arthur J. Brahm Historic Preservation Scholarship Award to Danielle Fine.

CHAIRMAN'S INKWELL

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HETFIELD HOUSE NOTECARDS FOR SALE: Classic ivory colored, folded note cards are available for sale in sets of 12 with envelopes. They feature the Harry Devlin sketch of the Hetfield House on the front with a brief history on the back. The inside is blank. Anyone interested in purchasing these cards can do so at Borough Hall or stop by the Hetfield House during any open house or boutique event. They are being sold for \$7.00 per set of 12.

GIFT & CRAFT BOUTIQUES SCHEDULED AT HETFIELD HOUSE: The popular gift & craft boutiques will continue at the Hetfield House for the Fall, Holiday and Spring. Fall boutiques are scheduled September 20th through October 1st (Wed. thru Sun.). The Holiday boutique will take place Nov. 15th thru Dec. 2nd (Wed. thru Sun.). The Spring boutique will occur the weekends before Mother's Day in May. While the Historic Preservation Committee does not sponsor these boutiques, the proprietor will be selling mums during the Fall boutique, Holiday wreaths during the Holiday boutique and Spring/Summer plants during the Spring boutique - all to benefit the Hetfield House.

FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE: Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend event will take place Sat. Oct. 21st (10am-5pm) and Sun. Oct. 22nd (12 - 5pm). The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House will be open for tours and events during this weekend on Saturday and Sunday. Please stop by and enjoy Mountainside's historic treasure.

SCHEDULED OPEN HOUSES: Generally, the Hetfield House is open to the public

during most months from September thru June on the 3rd Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The October Open House will be held during the Four Centuries Weekend (see above). The public is invited during these times to tour the house and gain insight into Mountainside's historic past.

HETFIELD HOUSE HOSTS MAYORS: On Thursday, March 23, 2006, the Hetfield House was the site of a Union County League of Municipalities meeting. The Borough of Mountainside hosted the meeting with catered food and a taste of Mountainside's history.

QUESTERS HOLD FUND RAISER: On Thursday, April 6, 2006 the local Questers Old One Horn Cannon Chapter of Westfield held a full house of 43 guests during a "Tea in the Afternoon" event at the Hetfield House. Funds raised during this Tea were donated to the Hetfield House by the Questers. Scott Daniels, Chairman of the MHPC, welcomed the group and spoke about the Hetfield House and Mountainside's own Peter Goggi, Lipton Tea Expert, entertained the guests with his extensive tea knowledge.

MOUNTAINSIDE LIBRARY WEBSITE'S HISTORIC PHOTOS: The Mountainside Library has posted a host of historic Mountainside photos and documents on its website, www.mountainsidelibrary.org. Please visit the website to view these great photos and documents from our borough's past.

For further information on the activities of the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee and updates on the Hetfield House happenings, please call 789-9420.

Scott Daniels - Chairman, Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee

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The members and officers of this committee are also the members of the Mountainside Restoration Committee, Inc. which was formed to acquire and expend funds for the preservation of the Hetfield House and other historical purposes.

Friends of the Hetfield House
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Annual Membership:

Individual Friend - \$5.00

Very Special Friend - \$10.00 or more

I would like to volunteer my time.

Call me at this number: _____

Make Checks Payable to:

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And, mail along with this form to:

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