



# Ye Old Tye News

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Dover has the distinction of being one of the first 11 cities in America to be named "Tree City USA".

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**Vivian E. Berg.**

Our past president and founding member of the Dover Area Historical Society, **Vivian Berg** passed away on April 2, 2009.

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## Historic Library Painting Restored Dover Women's Club Takes An Active Role

DOVER-A painting known as "The Peaceful Charm Of Woods And Water" by **Kate Sutton** has been hanging in the Dover Public Library for the past 75 years, hardly ever noticed or understood. It wasn't until society member **Edith Varga** one day noticed the painting was gone. Suddenly alarms went off and concerns were raised and Edith, past president of the Women's Club, took action.

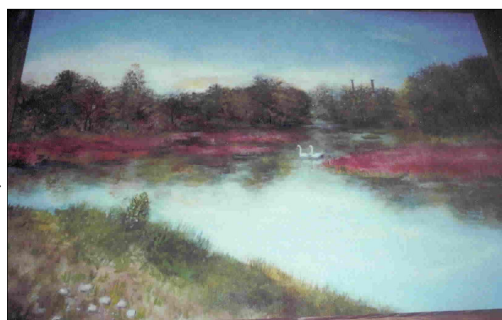
Since that time, the Dover Library Board has taken extraordinary steps to have the painting analyzed, refurbished and reframed. Meanwhile, society genealogist **Marilyn Patterson** has been doing research on who Kate Sutton was, where she lived and anything else about her gift to the history of Dover.

This beautiful oil painting shows one of

Dover's loveliest views overlooking the Rockaway River from the bridge on Route 46 just a little west of Ayers Auto Dealership. It was painted when the foliage was at its height

of autumnal splendor and the vividly rich tones of yellow, orange and red, contrasted with the fair sky and tranquil water of the Rockaway River, makes this painting of unusual charm. In the background the smokestacks of the Wharton Furnace are visible while the Morris Canal (not seen in this painting) lies just beyond the tree line.

According to the Dover Advance, January 25, 1934, "the Education and Civics Committee of the Dover Woman's Club, wishing to make this painting a permanent possession of the



library, have decided to ask for subscriptions to the picture fund to raise money to pay for the painting which will cost two-hundred dollars.

The committee hopes that citizens of Dover will make a special effort to see this painting at the library."

The Dover Woman's Club was organized in 1912 by **Mrs. R. A. Bennett**, who became its first president. The club was organized to find ways of working for the good of the community, such as playgrounds, schools, homes, visiting Nurse, Library, dramatics &

## Dover Antique Center Recalls History A Visit Takes You Back In Time With Fond Memories

DOVER-One recent Sunday afternoon, Dover historical society's photographer **Rick Kelly** took a stroll down memory lane with a visit to the Dover Antique Center. To his surprise, a burst of memories came back to him, not only for the antiques he saw, but the memories of the Newberry's Department Store when he was a kid.

Read Rick's story on page 3.



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Have you paid you 2009 dues yet?

## Dover Antique Center - J.J. Newberry's Memories

By Rick Kelly (cont. from page one)

My recent visit to the Antique Center brought back many childhood memories. I was greeted by the many vendors there and awed by the amount of historic memorabilia that was available for sale. As I walked through, I thought of the days when the store was J.J. Newberry's 5&10 Cent Store.

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Dover Antique Center offers a wide range of articles to admire and purchase if you wish.



## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday \* April 21st \* 7:30 PM

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Museum House

**HISTORIC DOVER AREA  
WHARTON PHOTOS**

### Tuesday \* May 19th \* 7:30 PM

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Museum House

**QUAKER MEETING HOUSE**  
No Charge - Refreshments Served

### Monday \* Memorial Day Parade

Monday \* May 25th

Movie at the Baker Theater

**YANKEE DOODLE DANDY**

*(Watch the movie on the large screen)*

7:00 pm \* Donation suggested

Refreshments available

### Tuesday \* June 16th \* 7:30 PM

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Museum House

**HISTORY OF BAKER THEATER**

*(From vaudeville to motion pictures)*

No Charge - Refreshments Served

### Sunday \* July 12th \* All Day **ANNUAL YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET**

**ANNUAL ROOT BEER SOCIAL**

*(A day at the Dover Flea Market)*

For reservations call 973.361.3525

\$20 per table - \$15 for returns

### Tuesday \* July 21st \* 7:30 PM

Regular Monthly Meeting

Museum House

**HISTORY OF THE DOVER SCHOOLS**

No Charge - Refreshments Served

### Tuesday \* Aug. 18th \* 7:30 PM

Regular Monthly Meeting

Museum House

**THE MORRIS CANAL THRU DOVER**

*(Explore the old canal through Dover)*

No Charge - Refreshments Served

### Sept. & Oct. \* Family Portraits \*

The Dover Historical Society will be hosting family portraits, taken at the Museum House.

*(Be part of Dover's recorded history)*

Photographer - Rick Kelly

*(These programs are subject to change)*

## Outreach Program

- Senior Citizens have been meeting at the museum house through the **Dover Recreation Commission**.
- “Disasters of the Dover Area” program has become very popular as it has now become the most requested show to see. It's been shown at the **Wharton Historical Society**, **The Dover Senior Citizens Club** and **The Randolph Historical Society**.
- The **Dover College Club** recently met at the museum house and heard a presentation from **Linda Barth**, president of the **Historical Societies of New Jersey**.
- The annual **Flea Market** returns to Blackwell Street this year. Look for our yard sale on July 12th, all day.
- Second Annual **Tea Party** coming up on September 26th with two seating's. Last

## Beyond The “D” - History of Craftsman Farms

*Beyond the “D” is a column featuring interesting historic faces and places beyond Dover...but very close. By Joan Bocchino*

Some names you just don't hear too much anymore. Last September, Hurricane Gustav roared up the East Coast. Gustav - the name emanates strength and ethnicity – someone full of GUSTO! Our great Morris County had its own famous Gustav – **Gustav Stickley**. Who was this Gustav Stickley?

To know Gustav, you must visit his legacy, **Craftsman Farms**. That name probably rings a tiny bell, for if you ever drove Rt. 10 West, leaving the flatness of Morris Plains, then climbing, climbing up the foothills of Parsippany and Powder Mill, you might have seen the brown sign. “Craftsman Farms, next right.” Slow down, turn in. It's 1908. Gustav purchased the first of his 650 acres “deep in the sunny New Jersey hills.” Thirty miles from NYC, five miles from Dover, and a few short miles from the all-important ticket to NYC - the Morris Plains train station.

Gustav's goal was to buck the mass-produced overly ornate Victorian furniture trend of the day. He wanted to bring back the **craft** of furniture making – simple, sturdy, and functional furniture. At the same time, he wanted to marry this artistic philosophy to a lifestyle. (cont. on page 6)

## Antique Center

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Years ago, many kids walking home from school used to use Newberry's as a short-cut from one block to the other stopping along the way to browse or stop at **Joe Wessman's Jewelry** to have a watch fixed or just watch him work. The Dover Antique Center, now in their 14th year at the old Newberry's store, helps bring back a lot of old Dover memories. They have my praise for the work they do and the business they're in. Be sure to stop by and say hello.



Some of the vendors at the Dover Antique Center include **Harry Stihl, Dan Korpos, Joe Formato, Irene Linzmayer, Karen Gunzel, Nancy Vandeerbush, Jeannie Benedetto, Brenda Feller, Rich Kandy, Al Slater and Bob Ricciotti**.

# Another “Treasured” Library Painting

DOVER-One of Dover's priceless treasures is located inside the public library. **Emanuel Leutze's** “Indians Attacking the Wagon Train” painted in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1863 was donated to the library on June 3, 1943 in memory of **Mrs. William E. Derry** by the Derry family. Prior to this, the painting had been on loan to the library for eight years.

At the age of 24, Emanuel Leutze became part of this flow of artists who traveled to Germany to study in Dusseldorf. Although Leutze only spent 20 years in the United States, he considered himself an American and lifted up the United States to the other members of the Academy. Leutze thought of the United States as the universal fatherland. Many German idealists thought of this belief, which to some accounted for the large immigration of Germans into America. Even Dover's

large German immigration in the late 1800s won the name of “Germantown” in East Dover. The Guenther Hosiery Mill and the row houses along King Street are still monuments to this great German migration.

In Leutze's paintings, he glorified American history with great enthusiasm, uplifting the heroic spirit of the nation.

On a very warm Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> day, the temperature rose to 95 degrees and continued to rise throughout the day. This day was like many others in Washington, DC where the city was known for its extreme heat. However, on



this day, the excessive heat took its toll on Leutze and he collapsed in front of the Willard Hotel and within hours was dead. The newspaper wrote that the cause of death was “heat prostration and sunstroke.” The Funeral service was held at his home at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, July 20, 1868. Leutze was buried at **Glenwood Cemetery** in the city he called

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## Who were Dr. William E. & Olivia Derry and the Derry Family?

Emanuel Leutze's memory lives on forever in Dover as one only needs to visit and admire not only the splendid detail of his art work, but the genuine American spirit that went into it. In 1976, during the United States bi-centennial, the painting was loaned to the Smithsonian in Washington. It was cleaned and refurbished in 1989 and today sits on display in its final resting place. This painting is truly one of Dover's finest treasures.

According to historic documents, “the 1863 painting was donated to the library on June 3, 1943 in memory of **Mrs.**

**William E. Derry** by the Derry family” 1889, Sarah in Oct. 1894 and Mildred in June 1899.

According to **Marilyn Patterson**, genealogist for the Dover Area Historical Society, **William E. Derry** was a physician in Dover.

In 1900, he owned a home at 52 W. Blackwell St with his wife **Olivia**, 3 daughters **Edna**, **Sarah**, **Mildred**, a servant **Bella Dawson**, and a hostler **John Wagner**.

Dr. Derry was born in July 1856, Olivia in June, 1869, Edna in December

At 52 W. Blackwell St. (across from the historical society's museum) Dr. Derry would have been part of “Doctor's Row” of Dover.

In 1910, census shows Olivia and their 3 daughters lived at 6 Bank Street and in 1920 they apparently owned a home on 6 Orchard Street with Olivia and 1 daughter, Mildred, still at home. More research is being conducted on this historic Dover family.

## Vivian Berg - Founding Member & President of Dover Area Historical Society

Our beloved past president and founding member of the Dover Historical Society passed away on April 2, 2009.

Vivian will long be remembered as the person who singlehandedly kept the historical society together for over 25-years. With the failed attempt of the Bonnieview Museum, everyone in the organization walked away except for Vivian. Vivian kept the charter alive by holding monthly meetings on a regular basis, even when one or two people would show up.

However, Vivian will mostly be remembered for her successful attempts to save the historic 1829 Stone Academy. During Dover's Urban Renewal in the 1970s, the town was going berserk tearing down historic buildings. The town lost the old Playhouse Theater and slated to be razed were all the buildings on the southside of Blackwell Street including the Baker Opera House and the Stone Academy. Vivian stepped up to the plate and fought to save the Academy which was next in line. Her attempts caught the atten-

tion of the US Dept. of Interior which ordered an immediate halt to any more razing. The Dept. soon after established new rules, that any historic structures to be razed, needed to be reviewed first by the Federal Agency. Many feel Vivian's efforts expedited this ruling. Many in Dover also remember Sunday mornings in downtown Dover with Vivian's beautiful hymns from the bells of the Presbyterian Church. Vivian's wonderful contribution to the history of Dover will surely be missed and long remembered.

## Post Cards of the Historic Canal Boat-Train Wreck

DOVER-The only recorded train wreck between a canal-boat and a train in the history of the Morris Canal happened in downtown Dover. On June 12, 1905, a collision occurred between the Central Railroad of NJ engine #410 and a Morris Canal boat at the Guard Lock in Dover, directly behind the Central House Hotel (today's Laughing Lion restaurant). The train's brakes failed to operate properly. The train crashed through the drawbridge, which was open to permit a boat to pass. The engineer was **Henry Schafer** and the boat captain was **George Meyers**. Miraculously, Captain Meyers, his wife and sleeping 2-year old child were not injured. Neither was the train engineer.

In 2008 when members of the historical society were unpacking boxes of memorabilia that have been stored away for over 25-years, they came upon hundreds and hundreds of photograph

cards of this canal-boat, train accident. They may have been printed in the 1960s when the historical society occupied The Bonnieview Mansion Museum at Hurd Park. We have decided to enclose some of these cards in our quarterly newsletter for 2009. Enjoy.

One of the little girls posing in the photo to the lower right may be that of **Dorothy Sektberg** later in life to become **Mrs. Paul Bostrom**. In 1963 she stated, "I took my brother, Herbert, by the hand and we ran to the scene of the action. When all the excitement was over, my father let me know in no uncertain terms that little girls were not supposed to be in such dangerous places."

Compliments of  
Dover Area Chamber of Commerce  
Dover



## In Loving Memory of Barbara Woodhull

By Bill Woodhull

Unexpected financial assistance was realized by our Society just recently when over \$1300.00 was received in memory of our past member, **Barbara Woodhull**. Barbara's family had suggested that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Dover Area Historical Society in her memory.

A list of donors follows and the Society sincerely appreciates and thanks those who so generously sent a memorial in Barbara's name:

Akselrad & Joseph Lovas, Succasunna  
William J. Hall, Dover  
Sacred Heart Leisure Club, Dover  
George & Shirley O'Brien, Dover  
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Ms. Shirley Ferriero, Boonton  
Ms. Dianne Scalzo, Erie, PA  
Ms. Rosita Scinto, Dover  
Dr. Bill and Sharon Johnson, Denville

## Beyond The D (cont.)

In today's vernacular, we might refer to Gustav as "green." His dream was to create a boys' school here, Craftsman Farms, where the boys could learn furniture making on a self-sustaining farm with vegetable gardens, fruit trees, a vineyard, barns of cows and chickens. A school never opened, and his family consisting of his wife, four daughters and son moved into the log house. When you visit the site, the centerpiece is *"the log house, built in 1911, one of the most significant landmarks*

*of the American Arts and Crafts movement."*

The farm was sometimes referred to as the Garden of Eden, but reality visited in 1915, when Gustav was forced to declare bankruptcy. In 1917 the entire 650-acre property was bought by the Farny family, who kept it intact until 1969 when they sold all but 27 acres. In 1987 these 27 acres, which contained the log house, cottages and outbuilding were for sale to a developer wanting to build 52 town homes. This is when the spirit

of Gustav was heard in the cries of the worldwide art community who shouted "No!" The preserved site is now managed by the Craftsman Farm Foundation.

**Gustav Stickley** was a furniture designer, a philosopher, and a publisher. He was a leader in the American Arts and Crafts movement.

Step back one hundred years, visit Craftsman Farms. Go to the well crafted website [www.stickleymuseum.org](http://www.stickleymuseum.org) to learn more



## The Historic Central Hotel (Laughing Lion)

DOVER-This was originally the Central Hotel one of the major hotel stops along the busy Central Railroad of New Jersey. In 1872, **Leopold Schwarz** purchased the old Steel Furnace site on North Sussex Street and used its bricks to erect the Central Hotel, the second brick building in Dover. The hotel building still stands today and is the home of The Laughing Lion Restaurant. In exchange for the right-of-way between Mr. Schwarz's two buildings for the Central Railroad tracks, **Mayor George Richards** gave Mr. Schwarz the "Old Stone Store" on Blackwell Street.

The Old Steel Furnace has a wonderful history all onto itself. It once stood at the site of today's Schwarz Block Building. The furnace was constructed by **Henry McFarlan, Sr. & Joseph Blackwell** shortly after they took over the Iron Works site in 1816. It was the first such plant of its kind in Morris County.

As the iron and steel business



prospered in Dover the population continued to grow and with the soon-to-be Morris Canal dig through town, McFarlan & Blackwell decided it was time to lay out a city-street-grid and offer lots for sale to future settlers.

In 1827 they advertised in the Palladium of Liberty Newspaper in New York that building lots in Dover were "for sale." Unfortunately, **Joseph Blackwell** never saw his dream come true for he passed away that very same year. Likewise, three years later **Henry McFarlan Sr.** passed away with his



son, **Henry McFarlan Jr.** taking over the business of developing Dover which he succeeded in doing over the next 55-years until his death on March 27, 1882.

Blackwell and McFarlan, partners since 1796, were iron merchants in New York City where they did immense business from their store at 8 Coenties-slip.

They were known to buy out entire cargoes of iron without hesitating, and their store was considered the headquarters of the iron trade.

## Current Events In Historic Dover - Major Bridge Repair

Work has begun on the \$61 million improvement project of the Route 46 overpass and Route 15 intersection which should take about three years to complete.



Town officials said the improvements couldn't come soon enough since the bridges were in horrendous condition with chunks of concrete falling from underneath. Above photos show some of the early work



taking place. The razing of a group of homes along McFarlan Street west and the razing of Traveler's Diner. The photo to the right is a view of the Route 46 bridge over the Rockaway River, the site



of the annual Rubber Ducky Race. This year's event will move to a new site at Water Works Park. Traffic is being detoured around the work site causing some serious delays and congestion.

## Cub Scouts Visit Museum - Boy Scout Troop 64 Sleepover

A group of Cub Scouts recently made a trip to the museum house. Pictured are three of the scouts, **Michael Rohn, Matthew Schoelch** and **Jonathan Burgos**. Their biggest thrill was to visit the site of the "ghost."

Eagle Scout **Todd Stazack** from Mine Hill earned his rank by completely renovating the second floor kitchen area of the Dover History Museum. Recently, Boy Scout Troop 64 held a sleepover in the museum house.



Center picture shows museum curator **George Laurie** explaining the story of Dorothy, the friendly haunting, that still

visits the house on a regular basis. The photo to the right shows how attentive the boys were.







## Historic Dover “Tree City USA” 29-Years

DOVER-When Dover received the honor of being named “Tree City USA” 29 years ago, only 10 other cities in America had the same distinction at the time. Today, thousands of communities across the country have joined “Tree City USA” as part of an effort to legally be responsible for, care for and manage trees in the community.

When the announcement was made by the National Arbor Day Foundation in Nebraska City, Nebraska in 1980, longtime historical society member and community activist **Helen Pennella** was head of the Dover Shade Tree Commission.

She said Dover was selected based on the town meeting a set of standards; the establishment of an ordinance dealing with tree planting; setting up a Commission; budgeting a \$1 per capita for such improvements; and

progressive tree planting throughout the community.

The Shade Tree Commission was based on a program started by the Dover Woman’s Club in 1977 called “Town Pride Project” which was responsible for the initial plantings of Cherry Trees in Hurd Park. The Dover Women’s Club started town plantings as far back as 1912 as an effort to keep the village of Dover beautiful.

Today, Dover stands out among other New Jersey communities that leads in efforts to manage a community of trees. Other Morris County towns include Summit for 13 years, Madison for 23 years,

Chatham for 8 years, Bernardsville for 17 years, Mountain Lakes for 11 years and Chester for 23 years. Dover’s commission today includes **Andrew DuJack** as Chairman, **Mary Fahy** as Vice Chairperson with commission members **Bashir Brelvi, Robin Foster, Donna Whitman, Joanne Bowman** and **Robin**



## A Visit From the Morris Co. Heritage Commission



**The Stickly House** - “the log house, built in 1911, one of the most significant landmarks of the American Arts and Crafts movement.”

On March 19th, members of the Dover Historical Society met with representatives from the Morris County Heritage Commission on the future of grants for the organization. It was highly suggested that the Dover group form a Grant Writing Committee.

Pictured (L. to R) **Dave Bogert, Carrie Fellows** and **Peg Shultz** from the commission and **Linda Mullin, Bill Shuler, Jane Curtin, Brenda Woodhull, Joan Bocchino, Stu** and **Betty Inglis.**



Others in attendance, but not seen in the photograph, were **Stan Schoonmaker** and **Bill Woodhull.**

## Dover - Then And Now (The Morris Canal)

DOVER-While recently taking photographs of the various construction sites around town, it was coincidental that we took a photograph of W. Blackwell Street looking westward which matched up exactly with an old photograph from our archives showing the same site about 100 years ago. Notice in the “old” post card, no Route 46 bridge was constructed yet and notice the old Morris Canal running parallel to W. Blackwell Street. One of the historic features about the



Morris Canal through Dover was the fact that it was lined with stone walls from the



western border to the Rockaway line. This was a major selling point in the 1830s.

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