



Deerpark Diary

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Joyland - Neversink Beach

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Evening Gazette – June 1, 1921 Neversink Bathing Beach Under New Management

“Mr. D. M. Mc Cathie has leased the Neversink Bathing Beach and picnic grounds to Messrs. Wm. Damon and Wm. Ryan, and the pavilion to Mr. George Gannon. These gentlemen will conduct the popular pleasure resort this season along the same lines that had been established by Mr. and Mrs. Mc Cathie, who have since the beach first opened, maintained it as a high-class picnic ground, free from anything coarse or vulgar, a place where women, children and whole families could spend an afternoon.”

Evening Gazette – September 17, 1923
Headline reads:

Commercialized Sunday at Beach Danger to City Says Rev. Berg of Reformed Church

Plans were underway for an expanded beach park experience, however not all citizens were in favor of the idea.

“At the Reformed Church of Deerpark, Rev. William V. Berg spoke on the danger that threatens any community in the effort being made to commercialize Sunday, and especially urged the people of this city to consider what it would mean to Port Jervis if Neversink Beach is given over to an amusement park, which is allowed to operate seven days a week.”

Rev. Berg stated, “That the time to protest is now and not after the concession has been granted. Every project of this kind is put forth with the contention that it will aid in the development of the

city, give it profitable advertising and be an aid to growth.”

“The promoters contend that their resort would tend to promote the sale of lots on the adjoining property and the building of homes. This contention is so fantastic that it hardly needs comment. Can anyone imagine a person deliberately buying a lot for a home in proximity to a place frequented by holiday crowds? Do not take my word for it, ask any real estate man.”

“The individual has the right to choose whether he attends a dance, a moving picture or takes a ride on a merry-go-round. All is a matter of taste. But if the management introduces unwholesome, immoral or vicious elements, then it quickly becomes a public duty to bring such management to terms. So the matter of allowing an amusement enterprise at Neversink Beach is decidedly the public’s business.”

Despite Rev. Berg’s dire warnings, the park expansion was completed. It became an even greater area attraction, hosting church and Sunday School picnics, celebrations for the firemen, holidays, auto clubs and dance contests. Multiple newspaper ads document the many activities offered.

WATER SPORTS, JOYLAND PARK, PORT JERVIS, N. Y.



THE BEACH, JOYLAND PARK, PORT JERVIS, N. Y.





**OH BOY,
BUT IT'S HOT!!
TAKE A DIP
AND COOL OFF**

There is no better way to keep cool than to take a dip in the water. Whether you go to the Neversink Beach or the Beach at West End, you will enjoy it more in one of these fine quality suits.

We have purchased and are now showing the most complete assortment of the most favorably nationally known "Bradley" make of Bathing Suits shown in this section.

Ladies Bradley Wool Bathing Suits \$4.95 to \$7.95
 Bathing Shoes, Rubber Style, all Colors \$1.50
 Bathing Caps, Bandannas, all Colors 19^c to 59^c
 Rubber Bags for Carrying Suits 79^c

Also complete line of mens and boys bathing suits Booklets "How to swim" given free to all school children.

Evening Gazette - March 25, 1924
**Big Plans Completed by
 Mr. Klein
 For Amusement Park at
 Beach
 Work Will Begin This Week**

**Will Be Known as
 "Joyland Park At Neversink
 Beach"**

"Benjamin Klein, the newest owner of the Neversink bathing beach, has completed plans for a conversion of the place to an amusement park and hopes to have the place ready for opening on May 29.

"The amusements to be erected include a ferris wheel, shooter ride, aeroplane ride, whip, children's ride, car house, stage for free shows and a dance hall.

"The bathing house will be enlarged with a hundred rooms. A large car house will be built. The bridge across the brook will be widened.

"Mr. Klein also intends to have the road lighted from the railroad culvert to the park and of course there will be plenty of illumination at the park. It is also the plan to have an arch electrical entrance either at the culvert or at the head of Beach Road.

"Work will begin this week and there will be plenty to keep carpenters and laborers busy for several weeks. The place will be known as "Joyland Park at Neversink Beach."

**FOLLOW THE CROWDS TO
 JOYLAND PARK
 At Neversink Beach
 Decoration Day**

Special Features EVERY WEEK		DANCING EVERY Night and SUNDAY
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Ferris Wheel Airplane Swing Shooting Gallery Merry-Go-Round High Striker	Boating Bathing Dancing Concerts Special Features
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**Special Decoration Day Program
 FIREWORKS**

THE GREATEST DISPLAY EVER SHOWN AT ONE TIME
BAND CONCERT DURING the EVENING

FREE ADMISSION to PARK AT ALL TIMES

No Charge for Picnic Parties

28 May 1924
 P.J. Union

They come from miles around to Bathe at

Neversink Beach

WHY?

Because other beaches on ponds and lakes are working and the water is unfit for bathing. Neversink Beach is always the same—pure and sparkling.

If you cannot swim, let us teach you. We have the best swimming instructors in the vicinity.

JOYLAND DANCE PALACE
 JOYLAND PARK
 NEVERSINK BEACH, PORT JERVIS, N. Y.

Lador Day Nite
SEPTEMBER 1, 1924

LABOR DAY NITE, SEPTEMBER 1—
 Masquerade and Civic Ball

\$25 in gold prizes for the most Original, Funniest and Fanciest Costumes.

Dance Contests

Music by Les Stevens Orchestra.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEVERSINK BEACH DINING and DANCE PAVILION
 Dinners, Suppers or luncheons served at anytime. Finest restaurant service in town. Prices reasonable.

Relieve yourself of the trouble of preparing meals. Just call 360-J—We'll do the rest.

Catering by Mrs. Charlton. Don't be bothered with picnic lunches—Light a la carte service always.

JOYLAND PARK

BAND CONCERT

SUNDAY NIGHT
 9:00 o'clock
 Everybody Welcome

KLAN Outing!

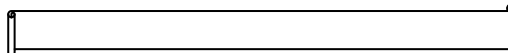
JOYLAND PARK
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
 Water Sports in Afternoon
 Dancing and Fireworks at Night

30 Aug. 1924
 P.J. Union

ALL FOR FUN!! FUN FOR ALL!!

JOYLAND DANCE PALACE

Thursday Nite July 17, Amateur Nite



Local Artist Completes Set

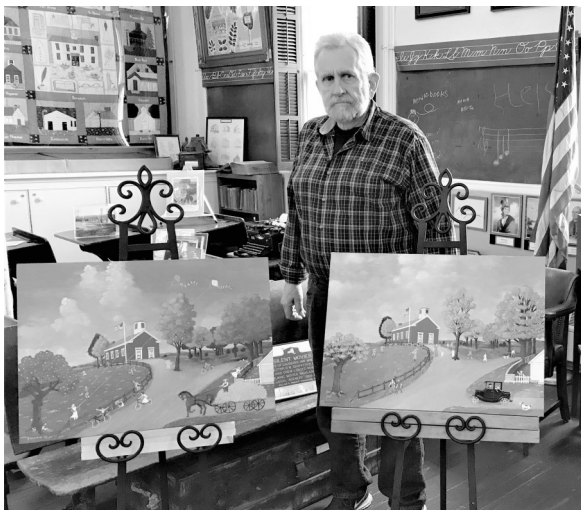
Deerpark's own artist, Peter Koenig has presented the Deerpark Museum with two new paintings which complete the folk art style "Four Seasons" set. Earlier, Koenig painted the Huguenot one-room, red-brick schoolhouse as seen in the autumn and winter.

The latest seasons, Spring and Summer are done in vibrant colors depicting the seasonal activities which might very well have occurred around the schoolhouse, back in the day.

Future plans for the seasonal set include the printing of note and postcards, which will be sold at the museum.



Of all of the posts included on the Deerpark Museum's Facebook page during November's New York State History Month, this photo of Betty Ehre taken at Huguenot Airport in 1947, received by far the most "Likes."



**The Historians and Deerpark Museum Members Wish
Deerpark and our surrounding neighbors
Best Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season and
A Happy New Year.**

**Lynn and Robert Burns, Norma Schadt,
Catherine Westfall,
Marie Hagen, Connie Carlsen, Nick Somarelli,
Barbara Johnson, Ron Fliieger
Nancy and Peter Koenig**

New D&H Canal Documentary Available for \$10

The Delaware & Hudson Transportation Heritage Council (D&H THC) announces the release of a locally-produced documentary highlighting the historic D&H Canal route from Honesdale to the Delaware River.

The DVD is the second chapter in a series of videos that explores the evolution and significance of the D&H Canal Co.'s hand-built transportation system to haul coal east over the Moosic Mountains from Carbondale to Honesdale, PA, then 108 miles through a series of waterway canal locks to Eddyville, NY to ship products down the Hudson River.

The canal operated from 1828-1898 until replaced by railroads. The region's economy was bolstered, numerous communities owe their establishments to the canal business, and remnants of the masonry canal walls and towpaths where mules once trod can still be seen today.

A prime example, Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct connecting Lackawaxen, PA to Minisink Ford, NY and converted by the National Park Service into a road bridge, is featured in the last video.

Donations for the production of Chapter 2 were graciously provided by the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, Wayne County Historical Society, Dorflinger Glass Factory Museum, Mr. Rolf Moeller, and another anonymous donor.

Interview subjects in Chapter 2 include Cliff Robinson, Jr., D&H THC chairperson; Pike County Historian George J. Fluhr; authors and historians Albert G. Rutherford III, Matthew Osterberg, and Dr. Walter Barbe; Sally Talaga, Wayne County Historical Society Canal Park volunteer; and Susie Kaspar, National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River ranger.

Chapter I of the DVD series highlighted "The Gravity Railroad." Chapter III, which is fast approaching the completion stage, will cover the Roebling Bridge to Port Jervis section of the D&H Canal.

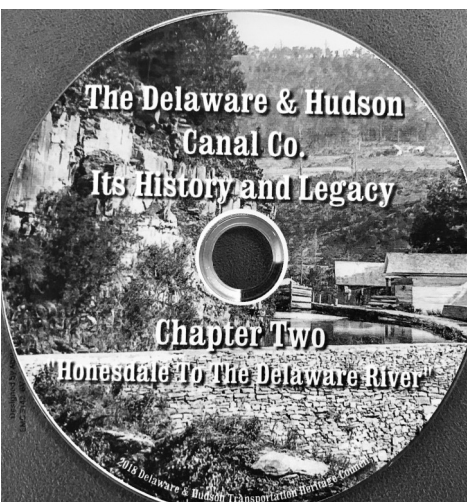
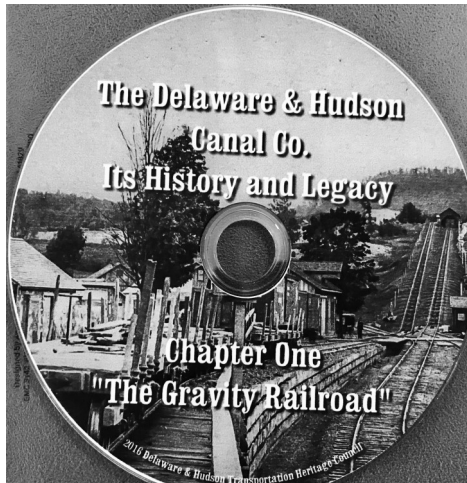
The D&H THC collaborated with Bollinger & Rutter Video and Production Services to create the DVD series.

The D&H THC is a group of organizations and individuals working to preserve the remnants of the canal and gravity rail-

road, as well as promote their history and relevance to the present. Memberships are available for \$20 a year. Visit dhthc.org for more information on membership and meeting dates.

Chapter 1 and 2 are available at the Deerpark Schoolhouse Museum for \$10 each.

DH THC Secretary Laurie Ramie,
Upper Delaware Council



Brant Bus Tour Returning in 2019

2019 is the year we commemorate the 240th Anniversary of the raid on Peenpack by Joseph Brant and his Tory Raiders. In honor of the date, the Deerpark Museum will be bringing back the Joseph Brant Bus Tour. Saturday, July 20, 2019 marks the exact date of the famous raid and lends itself perfectly for this tour's revival.

This is just an early shout-out, so mark your calendars and be on the lookout for further details. This tour promises to be bigger and better than ever!



