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Your tax-deductible membership dues help us maintain this landmark as a source of community pride, education and service to the public.

We always need volunteers, too!

Join the dedicated group of people who plan activities throughout the year.

We have fun and everyone is welcome.

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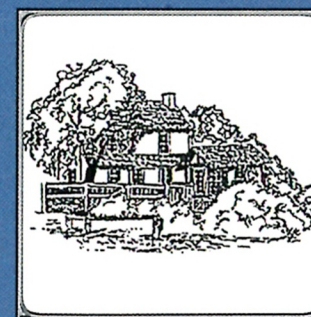
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Bridgetenders Garden

Bordering the historic Delaware and Raritan Canal in Somerset, New Jersey, Blackwells Mills Canal House was home to generations of bridgetenders who operated the swinging bridge for canal traffic.

Preserved and maintained by the Blackwells Mills Canal House Association, it welcomes visitors to educational events and recreational activities throughout the year.

Calendar of Events & more on our website

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Timeline

- **1835** - Canal House is built around the same time as the Delaware & Raritan Canal to provide a home for bridgetenders and their families.
- **1932** - D&R Canal operations closed. The house continued to be occupied for nearly forty years by Sandor Fekete, the last bridgetender at Blackwells Mills.
- **1970** - Sandor Fekete dies at the age of 92.
- **1971** - Blackwells Mills Canal House Association is founded to restore and preserve this important historic landmark.
- **Today** - The house and garden have survived more than a century of cultural, technological and environmental impacts. A repository of Canal history, it welcomes the public for house tours, art shows, performances and holiday celebrations.

Features

House

Built of masonry and stone, the house is modest but welcoming. Besides a wealth of history, it boasts a large wood-burning fireplace, a pot belly stove and unparalleled views of the D&R Canal.

Garden

The garden was Sandor Fekete's pride and joy. Sandor grew tobacco, corn, grapes, flowers and vegetables during his tenure and today this lush oasis welcomes visitors with beauty and charm.

Bridgetender's Hut

The picturesque canalside hut where the bridgetender would watch for canal traffic, was once the railroad ticket office at Voorhees Station. It was moved to the site sometime in the 1920s to replace the original hut which is now attached to the house and used for storage.

Outhouse

The two-seater "necessary" is a remnant of the days before indoor plumbing and bathrooms were the norm. Destroyed by Hurricane Irene in 2011, a replica was built with salvaged original materials.

