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THE GAETANO FEDERICI CONSERVATION PROJECT: AN UPDATE

As many of our members may be aware, in January of this year the Society began a large project to conserve, and restore the works by Gaetano Federici held within its collection. Partly this project was motivated by the rekindled interest in this Paterson sculptor after William Paterson University's Dr. Parrillo aired his documentary *Gaetano Federici: The Sculptor Laureate of Paterson* on Public Broadcasting in April.

The initial goals of the project were to conserve and restore twenty-one plaster pieces created by Federici and incorporate these items in an exhibit. In the course of cataloging material from our off-site storage area, at least seven more plaster pieces have been located and will also be incorporated into the project.

At the time of this writing, we are glad to report that two of the Federici works have been conserved and four more pieces have sponsors. In addition, a model of the Monsignor Stein statue in Passaic which was sculpted by one of Federici's competitors will also be restored and incorporated into the exhibit. This great news is thanks to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus St. Phillips the Apostle Council (Clifton) and Juan Perez Council (Passaic) as well as the Clifton Lodge No. 657 of the Loyal Order of the Moose, the North Jersey Federal Credit Union and a few generous individuals.

Despite our progress, there are still many statues and plaques in need of sponsorship. For more information on the project, and to see which statues are still in need of sponsorship, please visit the project's webpage: lambertcastle.org/federici.html.



Trustee Helen Mault with the Federici plaque she sponsored for restoration.

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Lambert Castle, a picturesque 1892 Victorian mansion located on the Garret Mountain Reserve, is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Castle is operated and managed by the Passaic County Historical Society, a not-for-profit 501(c) educational institution.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Through October 6

Exhibit: We Had to Be Rebels. Lambert Castle. This year marks the 100th anniversary of this watershed moment in labor relations and industrial history. This intriguing exhibit reveals the stories behind the struggle on both sides. Regular museum admission applies.

August 25, Sunday

Recapturing a New Jersey Legacy: John Henry "Pop" Lloyd and the Communal Legacy of Negro League Baseball. 2 P.M. Lambert Castle. A discussion by Lawrence Hogan, Ph.D., Professor of History, Union County College, accompanied by video and exhibit materials, of the history of black professional baseball in Atlantic City and the social/communal/civic legacy of one of its greatest players, Baseball Hall of Fame shortstop John Henry "Pop" Lloyd. Regular museum admission applies.

September 11, Wednesday

PCHS Quarterly Meeting. 7 P.M., Lambert Castle. For our regular quarterly meeting, we'll be joined by Phil Jaeger, who will discuss Allen DuMont—the man who developed a cathode ray tube in his Cedar Grove garage and ushered in the television era. Free admission.

September 14, Saturday

PCHS Genealogy Club Meeting. 10 A.M., Lambert Castle. Program: The Road to Elbingerode. Uncover clues to discovering ancestral villages in Germany and learn the unique aspects of German genealogy. Presented by Robert Stein. Free admission.

September 21, Saturday

The Solidarity of the Silk Workers, the Solidarity of the Manufacturers, and the People Caught in Between. 2 P.M., Lambert Castle. During the 1913 Paterson silk strike, Patersonians from all walks of life felt pressured to ally themselves with one side or the other. Steve Golin presents the revealing stories of those caught in the middle of the dispute. Regular museum admission applies.

October 1, Tuesday

Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray. The Brownstone, Paterson. A fun-filled evening of food and entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Passaic County Historical Society.

**October 5 & 6
Saturday and Sunday**

History Fair Weekend. Free admission and special programs at Lambert Castle and other historic and cultural sites throughout Passaic County.

October 7 to November 8

Museum Closed for regular tours. Excuse us as we close our doors to prepare the Castle for our Holiday events and programs.

October 12, Saturday

PCHS Genealogy Club Meeting. Weaving the Pieces Together: Genealogical Discussion of Records from Paterson and Related Areas. 10 A.M., Lambert Castle. Presented by Randi Koenig.

November 8, Friday

Lambert Castle Holiday Boutique Wine and Cheese Preview Night. Usher in the holiday season with us. Enjoy wine and snacks as you preview the goodies at this year's Holiday Boutique.

November 13, Wednesday

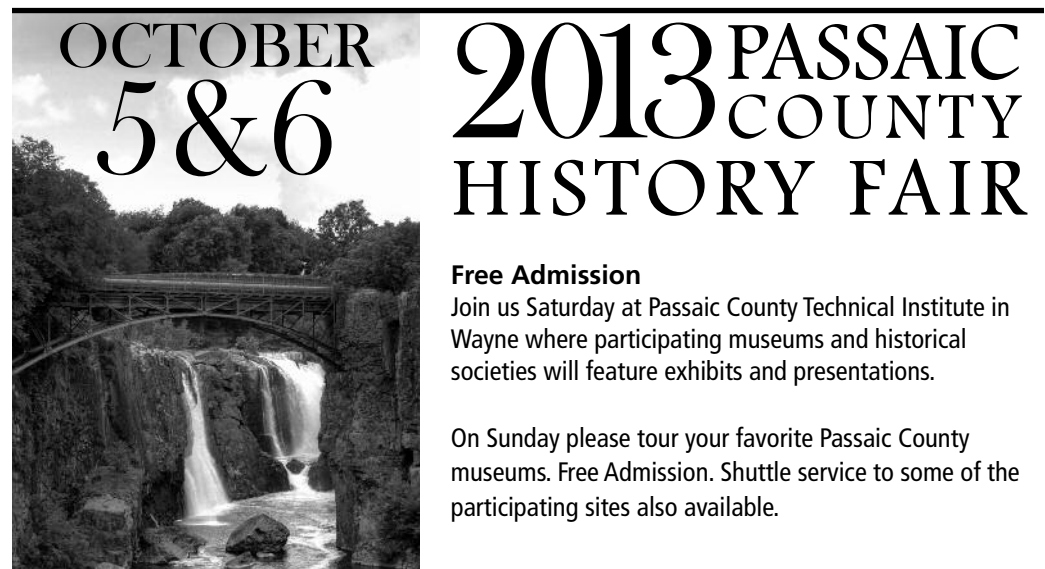
PCHS Quarterly Meeting. 7 P.M. Location and topic to be announced.

November 9 to 30

Lambert Castle Holiday Boutique. This year's Holiday Boutique is open at Lambert Castle.

For more information on any of our programs and events, visit our web page:

www.lambertcastle.org



**OCTOBER
5 & 6**

**2013 PASSAIC
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HISTORY FAIR**

Free Admission
Join us Saturday at Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne where participating museums and historical societies will feature exhibits and presentations.

On Sunday please tour your favorite Passaic County museums. Free Admission. Shuttle service to some of the participating sites also available.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Maria Carparelli

AROUND THE CASTLE – Summer is here and as usual, the Castle has been bustling with visitors. Some visitors have come from as far away as England and Brazil. Closer to home, the NJ County Planners Association had their annual meeting at Lambert Castle. The planners were given a grand tour of the Castle by Head Docent, Henrietta Weiss. All were very appreciative and enjoyed their visit.

Several meetings have been held for the annual Passaic County History Fair. Representatives from museums, historical organizations, and the county parks are all working hard to create an outstanding educational experience.

In other exciting news, the repairs to the castle roof are nearly complete. We are happy to report that we have not experienced any additional ceiling leaks since the roof has been re-covered.

ADDITIONS – We are grateful to have recently received a new sideboard, which was donated in early July. It has been placed on display in the Breakfast Room.

Also make sure you see our new storyboards, designed by Trustee Bob Hazekamp. The story of the Lambert Family is now on display in the “Lambert Corridor,” which is on the first floor. Similar panels, detailing information on each of the rooms on the first floor have also been completed and will be installed in the near future. A big “thank you” to Bob for his hard work in seeing these panels completed.

MID-YEAR FUND DRIVE – I want to express a personal message of thank you to those members that participated in our mid-year

fund drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and your donations will assist the Society to continue in its mission to promote the unique history of Passaic County.

FUTURE PROGRAMS/EVENTS – As you can see from our calendar, we are continuing to have exciting events right up to the holiday season. Topics ranging from baseball, to the Silk Strike, to the story of the early days of television offer a variety which we hope will provide something of interest for everyone.

Plans are also underway for our Autumn and Winter events. Our annual Beefsteak Dinner fundraiser will take place at the Brownstone on October 1. Entertainer and impersonator Don Anthony will perform a medley of songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones and others, so be sure to get your tickets and wear your dancing shoes. This year we will be raffling a large selection of great prizes, which will also add to the evening's fun.

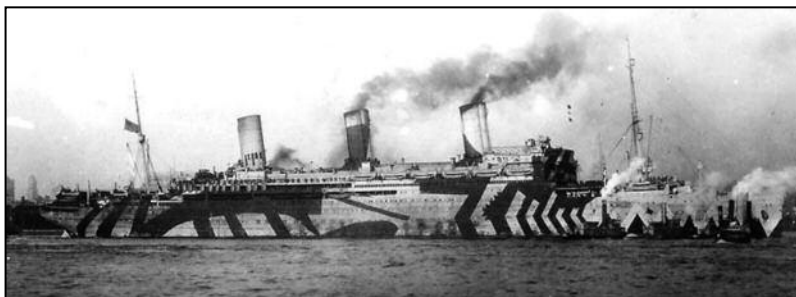
In November the Castle will again be hosting its annual Holiday Boutique. This past April, all were saddened by the untimely passing of Nancy Davis. For the past 25 years, Mrs. Davis brought to the Castle what has become a holiday tradition, the Holiday House Boutique. The Society plans to honor her memory by continuing this tradition in November. Crafters will once again, bring their creations to the Castle for sale. This year's show organizer will be Joan Adams, of Vintage Gate Design Studio, formerly Classic Creations Boutiques.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we hope to see you soon at one of our events.

HATBANDS AND HUMPHREY BOGART

Odd and interesting connections between Passaic County and the rest of the world are continually cropping up during our inventory of the Society's collection. Readers will remember our Tudor coin, mentioned in the August 2012 newsletter. The most recent items of note have created a link between the Passaic County Historical Society and the film actor Humphrey Bogart (1899-1957).

This discovery manifested itself in the form of two hatbands, both from sailors' caps. The first reads *SS Vaterland* while the second reads *USS Leviathan*. Despite the different names, these two hatbands both refer to the same vessel. Originally a German owned ship, launched in 1913, the *SS Vaterland* was in harbor in New York City when war broke out in Europe. Unable to return to Germany, she sat in a Hoboken terminal until the United States Shipping Board seized her in 1917.



The USS Leviathan off New York City, July 1918. Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Renamed the *USS Leviathan*, she began transporting soldiers to and from the battlefields of Europe in early 1918. It was during the ship's time as the *USS Leviathan* that she was home to a young Humphrey Bogart who had joined the US Navy in 1918. After the Armistice, the crew continued to ferry troops back to America's shores. By 1919 the ship had again returned to Hoboken, where it remained until in 1922 it was refurbished and renamed the *SS Leviathan*.

Efforts to learn more information about the donor and his possible connection to the *USS Leviathan* have yet to be fruitful. The connection between donor C.A. Ward and the ship remains unclear. However, based on other items donated at the same time, it seems likely that he served in WWI. He may have been one of the many soldiers transported in one of the *USS Leviathan's* many journeys.



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NOVEMBER 9 ~ 30, 2013

WEDNESDAY THRU FRIDAY • 10AM~9PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY • 10AM~5PM

CLOSED MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & THANKSGIVING DAY

VISA/MASTERCARD ACCEPTED FOR PURCHASES

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE • NO CHILD STROLLERS PERMITTED

WINE & CHEESE PREVIEW NIGHT • NOVEMBER 8TH • 6-9PM



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 Collectibles, Jewelry and
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