

# 2016 Kingsland Manor Event Highlights

## January



Kingsland Manor was open on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow visitors one last opportunity to see the Holiday decorations and to purchase reprints of historic maps of Nutley.

## February



On February 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> a Knitting Workshop was held for students of grades 5 to 8 on Winter break to teach them knitting skills.

## March



Early in March the plaster on the Manor's ceiling in the dining room was repaired and the Township repainted the room. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Kingsland Manor participated in the Nutley History Fair. One of our docents, James McClean won the 6th grade first prize for his display on Mills in Nutley.

## April



Several volunteers including Cub Scout Pack 142 worked in the gardens during Earth Day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A base ball clinic was conducted by Brad "Brooklyn" Shaw in the Kingsland Manor on April 24<sup>th</sup> for the Nutley Kingsland Colonels in preparation for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Base Ball Classic game against the Flemington Neshanocks. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> broadcast of the Antique Phonograph Music Program was well attended by aficionados of music of the 20s and 30s in our Ballroom. Nutley son, Michael 'MAC' Cumella from WFMU radio played music on his vintage Victor and Edison phonographs. Caldwell University students volunteered in the cleanup of our Kingsland gardens as part of their Service Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## May



The largest team of volunteers from the Kingsland Manor participated in the Nutley Chamber of Commerce 5K run on May 1<sup>st</sup> wearing our Kingsland Manor tee-shirt.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Kingsland Colonels Base Ball Classic was held at Yantacaw Boys Park on May 7<sup>th</sup> against the Flemington Neshanocks Base Ball team. We had some new players this year and many of last year's team members returned. Our skill and abilities in 1860s base ball continue to improve.



Christopher Kingsland and his wife, Marci attended our May 15<sup>th</sup> open house. Visitors and members were able to interact with these Kingsland descendents.

## June



On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Kingsland Manor hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> McGinnity's Speakeasy Party fundraiser. Guests were entertained by the music of DJ MAC Cumella. Prizes were awarded for best costumes. The Manor's ceiling in the parlor was repaired and the Township repainted the room.

## July



In July, it was revealed that the Kingsland Manor was a Pokémon stop during that social media phenomenon. The Kingsland Manor celebrated the 32<sup>nd</sup> National Anniversary of Ice Cream Month on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Magician Joe Fischer provided entertainment and balloon figures for our guests. Girl Scouts from Troop 20099 planted flowers in the front beds of the Manor.

## August



A portrait of Richard Kingsland, grandson of the original owner of the Kingsland Manor, Joseph Kingsland, was shipped back by Richard Bennett and Dianne Kingsland on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. An unveiling of the portrait was planned for later in the year. A tea introducing the Board of Education Superintendent, Dr. Julia Glaser, was hosted by the Kingsland Manor on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

## September



Michael "MAC" Cumella donated a 1921 Victor Phonograph and some 78 records to the Manor

on September 6<sup>th</sup>. MAC set the phonograph and explained how to maintain it in our ballroom. Richard Kingsland portrait was unveiled in our ballroom during our September 18<sup>th</sup> Open House. Also featured was the original Kingsland Cradle donated to the Manor by Winifred Kingsland Carryl Harris. Dorothy Greengrove, Eileen LaTorre and Karen Wallace of the Historic Restoration Trust of Nutley attended a dinner on September 20<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Boiling Springs Savings Bank who supports the Manor through their Community Alliance Program. The Kingsland Manor participated in Civic Pride Day on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Farmers Market with a display of our historic maps of Nutley.

## October



The Township installed a new gas hot water heater. A Knitting Workshop for Adults was held on October 10<sup>th</sup> in the Kingsland Manor ballroom. Participants were provided professional instruction in knitting skills. On October 15<sup>th</sup> and again on October 29<sup>th</sup> the Island Paranormal Society of Long Island, New York conducted paranormal investigations in the Kingsland Manor with participants from the community proving that the Manor has had a ghostly history.

## November



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting was sponsored by Shopper's Vineyard on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 guests took part in the event which provided them the opportunity to get some good deals on

wines for their holiday tables. The Township installed a new gas furnace. Our furnace problems are no more.

## December



The Kingsland Manor participated in the Essex County Historic Holiday House Tours on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Every room in the Manor was beautifully decorated for the tours by Robert and Agi Esik and Friends of the Kingsland Manor. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Manor during 5 sessions of the Story Time with Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Over 70 children from 8 months to 10 years of age enjoyed stories and songs with this jolly couple. Charles Dickens, impersonated by John McCullough, visited the Manor on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup> for a reading of *A Christmas Carol* and candlelight tour. Bonnie Harris and her grandmother, Winifred Kingsland Carryl Harris, visited the Manor for a private tour on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Winifred was the Kingsland descendent who returned the cradle back to the Manor and Bonnie and her daughters found their roots in the Kingsland genealogy.



The Historic Restoration Trust of Nutley – The Kingsland Manor would like to extend our grateful appreciation for all the generous support you have given us over the past year.