



Historic Dennisville Christmas House Tour ~ December 18, 2010

SUBMITTED BY: DENNISVILLE HISTORIC HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The annual Historic Dennisville Christmas House Tour is our premier fund raising event. On the 3rd Saturday of December each year a minimum of 10 beautifully decorated 18th and 19th century historic homes, as well as several public buildings and 2 churches, are open to the public. Please think about starting your holiday season with a festive glimpse of history in Dennisville at Christmas time!

- **Sponsor** – Dennisville Historic Home Owners Association, Inc., [501 (c)(3)].
- **Date** – Saturday, December 18, 2010.
- **Time** – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

- **Tickets - \$10.00** - sold at the Dennisville Post Office, 24 Hall Ave. in Dennisville the night of the tour only beginning at 4:30 pm. Greeters will distribute programs and get tour goers started on their way. Houses open at 5:00 pm. The Post Office will be open for stamp sales as well.

- **Soup and sandwich supper** at the South Dennis Trinity United Methodist Church beginning at 4:00 pm until food runs out (\$8.00 adults, \$3.50 children under 12).

- Refreshments and comfort stations at the Dennisville United Methodist Church Social Hall.

- **Sunnyside Up** carolers will perform through the village.

- **Book signing** by Alice Belanger McGuigan of her illustrated “*Historic Dennisville: A Walking Tour*” at the Capt. John Douglas House – 1830.

- **Dennis Volunteer Fire Company** – will be open with equipment (new and antique) on display. Hot drinks available here.



FEATURE HOUSE

The Isaiah B. Christian House c. 1800

The Isaiah Christian house is a gentleman farmer’s home that is a well-preserved example of Greek Revival architecture. Isaiah Christian was a successful farmer in the early to mid 19th century and the progenitor of the Christian family that lived in the northern sections of Cape May County. The front portion of the home was built by him late in his life around 1842, just a few years before his death. The exterior sports a hipped roof entry porch that shades an ornately-carved decorative crown with simple pilasters. The house is a great example of the transitional building techniques between the earlier heavy timber framed structures found throughout Cape May County and the balloon framing used in Victorian-style houses built after the 1850’s. The fireplaces in the front portion of the home have expertly-carved mantles and were primarily used for heating rather than cooking.



“Preserve what you have—you can never replace it.”

Jef Buehler,
Main Street New Jersey, NJDCA



We suggest bringing a flashlight on the tour for dimly lit areas.



DHHA MISSION

The Dennisville Historic Home Owners Association is a private, non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation incorporated in April, 1990. Its mission is: “to study the history of the area and to encourage the preservation of the historic homes in the Dennisville Historic District and Dennis Township so that future generations will be able to view them and learn about the area’s rich history”. The village of Dennisville is on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places as a Historic District comprising more than 60 structures. As a result of its long term preservation, beautification, and educational efforts, the DHHA is considered the Custodian of the Dennisville Historic District.

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