

Bay Head Historical Society

Serving Bay Head, Mantoloking and Lovelandtown
P.O. Box 127, Bay Head, NJ, 08742

Newsletter, November ~ December 2010

Dear Members and Friends,

It's been a banner year for the Historical Society and our museum!! The current exhibit "*World War II Remembered*" has set a new record for attendance, if you haven't seen it, hurry over before it ends on 11/28. This outstanding exhibit which honors the 65th anniversary of the war's end is powerful and moving. It is something you will not want to miss. Our special thanks to Cathie Coleman who curated this show and who brought us to the reality of the war with memorabilia and oral histories collected from our local community.

We had another full year of firsts ... our opening exhibit, "*Selections from the Collection*", featured pieces from the Point Pleasant Historical Society. This represents our first collaboration with this organization and we look forward to working with them and other local organizations in the future. Our thanks to Jim Malone, Rich Morris and Sal Marino for this terrific event. Next up was "*Mantoloking Wildflower*", a beautiful photo essay of the resident weeds of the Barnegat Bay ecosystem through the artistic eye of Mantoloking's own Jenny Buck. This wonderful show was followed by the current WW II exhibit.

2010 was our return year for our bi-annual and always popular house tour. This year's title was "*A Peek at the Past*". As always our emphasis is on the architecture and historic nature of the buildings in our area. The tour featured some very old houses with interesting history and a few newer homes which had notable historical architectural details. Many thanks to the owners for allowing us to showcase their homes and to the very dedicated committee who put the event together. It was a special day in every sense of the word and, as our biggest fund raiser of the year, provided our treasury with some much needed capital. If you would like to join our committee (already working on House Tour 2012) please call Evalyn Shippee 732-892-0223 or Doris Czarnecki 732-899-1030.



300 and 304 Old Bridge Street, Mantoloking

We plan to end the year with the same enthusiasm. On Saturday, December 4th, the museum will be a feature of the Bay Head Christmas Walk with our own "*Victorian Christmas*". Victorian period holiday trees, toys, photographs and books will be on exhibition. This year we will add a turn of the century decorated parlor with a great exhibit of Gerard R. Hardenbergh paintings. The show will be open through Sunday, December 26th.

Lastly, join us for our annual **Holiday Party** for members only. The event will take place on **Sunday, December 5th, from 3:00 -5:00** at the newly refurbished home (formally The Lakeview Inn) at 101 Bridge Avenue, Bay Head, corner of Club Drive. The highlight of the party will be the presentation of **Annual Preservation Awards**, focusing more than ever on the preservation of our old and wonderful local buildings. The party, as always, will be a catered event, but we once again welcome your contributions of gastronomical delights. In past years our members have brought some really wonderful food offerings which added a great deal of fun to our event. Please call Doris Czarnecki 732-899-1030 to let her know that you are bringing something.

We look forward to seeing you. Happy holidays!

Upcoming plans:

We expect 2011 to be a year of moving forward to continue our success. Here is a preview:

- A new attractive web site with a user-friendly format, active calendar, surveys, lots of links and up to the minute information sharing. This will encourage a much greater participation in the BHHS.
- Additional upgrades to our museum building, the installation of a separate heating and cooling system for the second floor (for constant temperature to preserve our artifacts).
- Program in local history for school age children
- A seminar with professionals to discuss historic preservation

Preliminary Exhibit Calendar:

In celebration of the Borough of Mantoloking's Centennial, Bay Head Historical Society will open our 2011 season with "**Mantoloking Century**". The opening reception will be on Sunday, May 29th from 3:00 until 6:00. All welcome. If you have memorabilia or information please contact the museum by e-mail at lovelandhouse@verizon.net or phone 732-714-7552 we would like very much to talk with you.

The New Jersey Museum of Boating will present "Mantoloking Sailing" will open a complementary show on the same date.

New Acquisition:



BHHS is proud to have received an incredible bequest of photograph and ephemera from William Schoettle. The collection will keep us very busy through the early part of next year as we concentrate on cataloging and archiving these valuable pieces. The photograph at your left is from this new collection. Note the railroad tracks in the foreground. The footbridge at the right lines up with Mount Street.

Volunteers needed: The Society and Museum continue to function well...but we could do even more with your help. We need volunteers in every area and ask that you pick an area of interest and pitch in. Some possibilities are: events, speakers, docents and maintenance. Please keep in mind that we have become the cultural and heritage center for our area and that we welcome whatever expertise or manpower that you can give. Contact the Museum by e-mail at lovelandhouse@verizon.net or call the museum at 732-714-7552 and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.