

Bay Head Historical Society

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Greetings to members and friends,

In this, my final letter as President of the Historical Society, I would like to review the highs and lows of my time in office and pay tribute to those who have contributed so much to our success.

By far the lowest time was Superstorm Sandy, which wreaked such havoc throughout the town. Occurring two weeks after our last House Tour, Sandy destroyed or damaged every home on the tour, as well as so many of our homes and other buildings in Bay Head, and our Museum.

Repairing the Museum drained our resources, leading to the highest point, "An Evening for the Museum" Gala. This wonderful event refilled our coffers and provided a memorable and exciting time.

I am most proud of our exhibits: *Absorbing Sandy*, *Sandy Documented*, *100 Years of Firefighting*, *The Best of the Bay*, *All Aboard*, *Victorian Christmas*, and my favorite *Folk Art of Barnegat Bay*. I am looking forward to next year's show on the history of Surfing in Bay Head.

All these accomplishments were a group effort, and I want to extend my gratitude to the Board of Trustees who did so much to guarantee our success, especially to Tom Van Nostrand for donating so much of his collections and his labor in our garden; to Jane Ridolfi for chairing our fundraiser; to Dave Kellogg for his great work as Treasurer; and to Pat Burke, Bob Hein, Ed King, and Thoms Royal who pitched in with strategies and advice whenever called on. Thank you all.

My greatest gratitude goes to Cathie Coleman, our Curator and Museum Director. Cathie managed all our Museum repairs, mounted all our exhibits, served as docent, created and printed all our posters, etc., edits this newsletter, is our web editor, and answers all inquiries, as well as many, many other tasks. I credit most of our success to Cathie.

I am sorry to announce the resignation of Ed King and Jane Ridolphi from the Board of Trustees. Ed has been a longtime proponent of Preservation and Restoration in Bay Head, and Jane spearheaded our fabulous fundraiser.

I take great pleasure in introducing our newly elected Board of Trustee Officers: President Cathie Coleman; Vice President Bob Hein; Treasurer David Kellogg and Secretary Doris Czarnecki and the newest member of the Board, Linda Clarke.

I am honored to have served as president for two terms and look forward to continuing to serve the Bay Head Historical Society.

Sincerely,

Doris Czarnecki

New and Upcoming Events:

Bay Head Historic District is a new show which has been designed to answer the kinds of questions that are directed to the Bay Head Historical Society on a regular basis. With the use of maps (the 1883-Bay Head Land Company map, Sanborn Insurance maps and the National Historic Registry of Historic Places – Bay Head), we attempt to tell a story of ideas, development, preservation, restoration and sometimes loss. Several homes are highlighted with comments by the owners, these insights are all different but equally interesting. Perhaps the most fascinating is a very large illustration of Bay Head, depicting many of the great old buildings. This work was completed by Sam W. Wilson, a lifelong resident who celebrates the town's architectural legacy. The exhibit will remain open until Sunday, December 17 but can be accessed by appointment by making a request through Constant Contact on our web site: BayHeadHistoricalSociety.com.



Sam W. Wilson, 2017

Victorian Christmas will open on Saturday, December 2nd at 12:30 pm, in conjunction with the Bay Head Business Association's "Olde Tyme Christmas". The trolley will be headed our way to see Victorian decorated trees, listen to holiday music on our restored 1920 Victor Victrola and view vintage Thomas Edison silent Christmas movies, on a small screen, of course. At 3:00 pm Doris Czarnecki will read excerpts from the diary of a young women who resided in this area, as she recounts the activities of a family planning for the Christmas holiday. All other Sat. and Sun. we will be open from 1-4 pm. Our season will end on December 17th.



Update on Pocket Project Volunteer Program

Our new initiative to engage members of our community to help make our museum be the best that it can be, enjoyed some success this summer. We worked very successfully with two very different individuals to accomplish much needed tasks. John, chose to restore the trim work on two of our three porches. He not only was dedicated to the task, he had the necessary skill to complete the work within his chosen time frame. We appreciated the work and really enjoyed his company. Theo had only one month to dedicate to volunteer work with us. He selected to transcribe a ship's log written by a Princeton student about a sailing trip on the "Pastime" from Bay Head to Atlantic City over Easter vacation 1905. The end result is that we have been able to preserve this interesting tale. Perhaps he will join us again next summer. We hope to combine the transcription with the photograph from the original document and make this wonderful story available to our museum visitors.

This new effort allows individuals that do not want to commit to an ongoing schedule or a protracted period of time to commit to a project of their choice. Contact Cathie Coleman through Constant Contact on our web site. I am optimistic...I hope to hear from you.



You are cordially invited to the
Bay Head Historical Society
Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3rd, 4 to 6 pm

At the home of Bob Hein and Silke Stutz

204 East Avenue, Bay Head

Preservation Award presented

Members Only

Please feel free to bring a dozen or so of your special sweet or
 savory finger foods to share with other party goers.

Contact Cathie Coleman (732-840-5974) for information

It is that time of year...your dues and donations are essential to the continuing efforts of the Bay Head Historical Society and we are most grateful for all your support.

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To renew your membership or make a donation: Your contributions help restore and maintain our valuable collections, as well as our buildings and grounds. Income allows us to present exhibits and programs which are interesting and educational. Your donation is tax deductible; your check is your receipt. BHHS is a tax-exempt corporation (22-3219135), Mail your check to BHHS, PO Box 127, Bay Head, NJ 08742.

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