

Bay Head Historical Society

Serving Bay Head, Mantoloking, and Lovelandtown

P. O. Box 127, Bay Head, New Jersey

Fall 2023

Dear Members and Friends of the Bay Head Historical Society,

One of the primary goals of the Bay Head Historical Society is to promote the preservation and restoration of the buildings in Bay Head, Mantoloking, and Lovelandtown.

In fact, maintaining the character of architecture in our community was the inspiration that supported the founding of the Historical Society. One of our founders, Evelyn Shippee, looked across the street from the apartment above her store, Jolly Tar, at the building across Lake Avenue and considered the consequences of its possible sale and demolition.

The building was constructed in 1882 and was used as the Bay Head Land Company Office until 1929, when it became “Clover Cottage” as an ice cream parlor with apartments upstairs. In 1965, Dorcus Cotsworth acquired it and became “Dorcus of Bay Head.” The building has been changed a little over the years but is considered a contributing building to the National Register of Historic Places. Dune Grass Café now occupies the building. (Information from *Bay Head, N.J.*, by Downey and Schoettle, 1971)



One way to promote this goal was by founding the Bay Head Historical Society Preservation and Restoration Award. Within two years of the beginning of the Historical Society, the first award was presented to this iconic building on the corner of Bridge and Lake Avenues.

In all the years since, these Preservation and Restoration Awards have been presented to private homes, large and small, and commercial buildings preserved or restored to their historical appearance. The only exceptions have been following Super Storm Sandy and the Covid shutdown. (Continued on page 2)

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The 2022 Preservation Award to 695 East Avenue, Bay Head, was recognized last year: the formal plaque will be presented. The property at 630 East Avenue, Bay Head, has been selected for 2023's recognition. Both awards will be presented at our Annual Christmas Party at Loveland Homestead Museum on December 3rd from 4 to 6 pm.

It should be noted that Preservation Awards are bestowed on the building rather than the current owners. Please let us know if you notice a public, commercial, or residential building that deserves this recognition,

Happy Holidays,

Doris Czarnecki, President

Bay Head Historic District

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, this legislation is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

Bay Head has been listed in the registry since 2006. This district covers approximately 52 blocks, which include 552 Contributing properties and 323 Non-contributing properties.

One of great interest is the oldest building, the Capt. Elijah Chadwick's farmhouse was built on Main Avenue and later moved westward on the property with a new front entrance at 627 Lake Avenue. Today, it remains beautifully maintained by its present owners.



Many properties are no longer here due to fire and storm damage over the years, demolitions, and reconstructions.

The National Register of Historic Places, which lists all properties by street and maps, is available on our website on the LINK tab. The Loveland Homestead Museum has a copy of the Bay Head listing for use at the museum. This is a terrific resource for discovering the history of Bay Head.

**AT IT'S BEST, PRESERVATION ENGAGES THE PAST IN A CONVERSATION
WITH THE PRESENT OVER A MUTUAL CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE.**

William Murtaugh

Victorian Christmas at Loveland Homestead Museum

Join us at the Loveland Homestead Museum to start your holiday season. Wreaths, garlands, candles, and trees with Victorian and handmade decorations will be displayed. This year's unique exhibit will be vintage toys from Paul Hamelberg's collections.

Featured will be cast iron mechanical banks. They became popular in the 19th century to encourage children to save money. These cast iron banks depicted everyday life as well as historical events. J & E Stevens Company of Cromwell, Connecticut, was a well-known manufacturer. Originally a tool maker, they began manufacturing cast-iron toys in 1869. Their mechanical banks were based on everyday life, historical figures, and popular stories. Between 1869 and 1890, more than 300 models of these popular banks were marketed.



Pictured is the Creedmoor Mechanical Bank, which was made in 1877. The bank features a rifleman pointing his rifle at a target painted on a tree. This bank was produced by J & E Stevens Company and it is highly collectible today.

Holiday Shopping at the Loveland Homestead Museum

Shop at the Loveland Homestead Museum; we have a limited number of *Bay Head ~ 1887-1911*, by William C. Schoettle; it is a beautiful housewarming or hostess gift. Hurricane lights with a winter scene, coffee table books, and event posters. There may even be some surprises in our current exhibit. Victorian Christmas will be open from 1 to 4 pm, Saturdays and Sundays from December 2 to December 23.

Time On Your Hands?

Are you interested in your community? Do you like history? Would you like to earn some extra money? If you answered yes to any of the questions, we will have opportunities available next season. Our season runs from June through December; we are open from 1 to 4 on Saturdays and Sundays. We are looking for guides to help our guests fully understand and enjoy all our museum offers. Training and support will be provided. \$15 per hour, and the schedule can be arranged to accommodate your schedule. If interested, please contact us early in the Spring at our website, [www. BayHeadHistorical.Society.org](http://www.BayHeadHistorical.Society.org). This notice will be published again in the BHHS Spring 2024 newsletter.

You are cordially invited to the

Bay Head Historical Society

Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3rd, 4 to 6pm

At the Bay Head Historical Society's Loveland Homestead Museum

The corner of Bridge Avenue and Bay Avenue

Wine and special treats will be served



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