

Bay Head Historical Society

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

Newsletter ~ Spring 2012

Greeting Members and Friends,

The 2012 season promises to be interesting and informative. Please join us. Event information follows and it is always available at BayHeadHistoricalSociety.com.



This newsletter is dedicated to Bill Schoettle whose interest in and generous donations to the Bay Head Historical Society are of immeasurable importance to our very existence.

William Clarkson Schoettle passed away at the age of 90 on December 24, 2011 in Williamsburg, VA. Mr. Schoettle was an historian and the author of *Bay Head 1879-1911, An Informal Souvenir in Three Chapters* published in 1966 and *Pictorial Album of Bay Head, New Jersey*, compiled with Antoinette M. Downey, published in 1971 by The Ocean County Historical Society.

He donated his personal collection to the Bay Head Historical Society Museum at its inception in 1999. The collection consists of historic photographs and images, with interpretive labels by Mr. Schoettle, as well as glass negatives, flyers, and brochures which represent over a century in Bay Head history. This "Schoettle Collection", is the foundation of the archives of the Bay Head Historical Society.



In 2007 the Schoettle Family donated the 12" X 108" aerial photograph of Bay Head taken from atop the water tower by W.F. McClue in 1905. The original remains in the museum collection and a replica is on permanent display. Additional photographic glass plates and assorted Bay Head ephemera were added to the collection in 2008. A third donation of Schoettle photographs, slides, glass negatives and historical photographs, as well as Mr. Schoettle's lecture notes, was received by the Bay Head Historical Society in 2011.



Mr. Schoettle's vast collection and his historical notes and text are the foundation for many exhibitions at the Loveland House Museum. *Framing Bay Head*, August 2008 and *LaBonté – Schoettle*, August 2009 are perhaps the most notable.

One cannot remember "Bill" without mentioning Dick LaBonté. They were friends and collaborators who pioneered both the writing and the painting of the history of Bay Head. A booklet of many of their collaborative works was published by the Bay Head Historical Society in 2009.

We are deeply saddened by this loss to the Bay Head community. Thanks to Bill Schoettle, old Bay Head has been preserved for future generations.

We were not idle this winter. Thanks to the new heat and air conditioning. Cathie Coleman and Matt Orshansky worked through the off season digitizing the latest Schoettle acquisition. The conversion of over 300 slides to pictures is complete. Matt is now working on organizing, categorizing and labeling the pictures. The information will be stored in cyber-space and a permanent copy kept off site. Ed King and Phil Schoettle have been most helpful in this process.

Pat Burke joins the Board of Trustees of the Bay Head Historical Society

Patricia H. Burke who many members may know as the author of the book Barnegat Bay Decoys and Gunning Clubs. She has a Master's Degree in History and has studied at Winterthur in Wilmington, Delaware. Recently retired, she has worked for forty years in the field of history as the Director/Curator of the Ocean County Historical Society as well as the Cultural & Heritage Commission, Executive Director of the Toms River Seaport Society, Lecturer in History at Georgian Court University and Researcher at Valley Forge (PA) Park. She has written numerous historical articles for the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's "Out & About" magazine. She also wrote the successful nomination of Manasquan Friends (Quaker) Meetinghouse to the State and National Register of Historic Places. She is a past officer and life member of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey. Pat's background and skills will be a welcome asset to the Board.

Peter Harrington, President

Events:

"SHORE SUBLIME" Sunday May 27th thru July 29th Sunday, May 27th, Opening Reception 3:00 to 6:00 P.M., Gallery Talk 4:30

"Shore Sublime" will feature paintings, prints, and photographs of the Barnegat Bay section of the Jersey Shore from the collection of Roy Pedersen. Roy, an art historian and an art dealer based in Lambertville, has been collecting and interpreting New Jersey landscape art for over thirty years. The concept of the sublime has been essential to landscape art since the eighteenth century, and the Jersey Shore, beginning in the nineteenth century, has attracted a wide assortment of trained and talented landscape artists interested in expressing the sublime of landscape through art.

"ANNUAL MEETING" in June check web site for date and location

"BAY HEAD BEAUTIFUL" Sunday, August 5th thru the fall

"A PEEK at the PAST" Saturday, September 29th, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tour of houses in Bay Head and Mantoloking which have significant historical value. Loveland House Museum will also be on the tour. An Old time picnic (included in the ticket price) and a boutique will be on the museum grounds. Tickets \$50.00, available at Jolly Tar. Please visit our web site for more information.

Renew your membership, make a donation : Your contributions help restore and maintain our valuable collections, as well as our buildings and grounds. Income allows us to continue 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 (223219135). Mail your check to BHHS, P.O. Box 127, Bay Head, NJ 08742

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