

Alternate Giving Ideas

The Wildwood Historical Society, Inc. and the Boyer Museum were made possible through the contributions of many individuals in our community.

The gifts you make today help preserve the memories of the past. Please consider the Historical Society in your will.

Friends of the Wildwood Historical Society, Inc.

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Membership Class	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$200.
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	\$50.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$50.
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$25.
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15.
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10.
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$5.

Renewal **New**
 Please check membership class and
 enclose fee with application.

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..... a message from
the President



Hi Everyone!

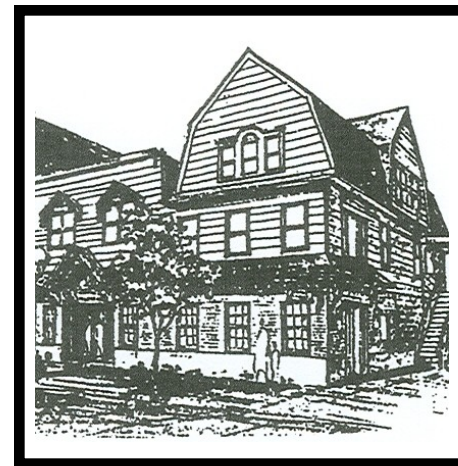
Even though we were open limited hours this winter, we were very busy making changes at the museum. The roof has been repaired and the military room has been rearranged along with the fire and police room due to a major plumbing problem. Stop in and check us out.

Also, we are launching a “Buy a Brick” program, and invite you to become a permanent part of the new sidewalk project soon to be installed in front of the museum. Engraved on your custom brick could be your family name, your business, your organization, or you could choose to engrave a brick in honor of someone special, or in a loved one’s memory. I am enclosing a form for your convenience or if you need more than one form, you can go to our FACEBOOK website at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wildwood-Historical-Society-George-F-Boyer-Museum/315971775102375>

Another option is that you can go to www.watchthetramcarplease.com. You will see a banner on the right hand side that says “Wildwood Historical Society, Buy A Brick” Click that and you will see our blog with a PDF link to print. If all else fails, give us a call, and we’ll mail one to you.

Incidentally, Mayor Ernie Troiano has agreed to donate his time to install the engraved bricks. We thank him for his generosity!

You’re reminded of our annual Post Card Show and Open House to be held on June 16, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See the add on the inside of this newsletter. We will have on display, items that were in the movie, *Titanic*, and a photo display from the 1962 storm. Did you know that Frederick Sutton, an early developer of Wildwood, perished in



**Preserving the
 history and memories
 of the Wildwoods . . .
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 Society, Inc.**



Does anyone recall this little steak shop on the corner of Davis and Pacific Avenues? It was called “Luigi’s” and they made the best cheese steaks. I know it was there as early as the 1950s. Does anyone else out there remember? If you do, let me hear from you at wildwoodhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com

Anne Vinci
 President



**Staff of Central
 Avenue School in
 North Wildwood
 1939**

Back row, left to right:
 Bea Yearicks Heston,
 Kindergarten Teacher,
 Mr. Keller, Custodian,
 Mary Corson Brown.
 Front row: Ruth Bright,
 Mary Barber, and Dorothy
 Cox, Second Grade
 Teacher. *Photo courtesy
 City of North Wildwood.*

The Dayton Hotel - 1960



Then!

The Royal Canadian - 2012



Now!

3300 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ

MEMBERSHIP

We are always looking for new members to help preserve Wildwood's history. Now is the time to renew your membership. If you have done so already, we thank you. Because of rising costs of maintenance and utilities, donations are welcome, too! Memberships help to cover the cost of mailing, notices, newsletters and notification of special events.

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New Acquisitions

We continue to collect photos and artifacts pertinent to the history of Five Mile Beach. **Linda Peterson** dropped off a series of photos of the fishing vessels *Hildur Mabel* and the *Fannie E.* The fishing industry was the life blood of this island at one time. Ms. Peterson also dropped off a photo of the fishing dock in Anglesea taken in the 20s or 30s.

Steve Murry brought us some very fine photos of the north end of the island. We have the Anglesea Post Office in 1934, street scenes at Chestnut and Old New Jersey Avenues, First and Old New Jersey Avenues in 1923, Bill Countiss' luncheonette taken in 1920s, Marty Bohn's Nut Club at First and Old New Jersey Avenue, the old Penn Ice Plant at Spruce and New York Avenue, Moore's Inlet at Spruce Avenue, and Streaker's Fish Market on New York Avenue looking north.

Al Brannen continues to unearth more photos in the back room. He came across a photo of the North Wildwood School taken in 1928, the 18th Street Canal taken in 1941, and a photo of the vessel, *Lemuel Burrows* which was torpedoed March 16, 1942. We also received from the **Irma Friesenborg McVey** family, a Koken Barber Chair. Al put in a lot of time restoring it, and it looks wonderful. Thank you, Al!

Henry VonSavage dropped off a photo of the 1947 Wildwood Beach Patrol. From the **Ed Rossi Estate**, we received piles of photographs of many of the entertainers that performed here. One particular photo shows Danny Kay, Lionel Hampton, Tommy Dorsey, "Satchimo", Charlie Barnett, and Benny Goodman. The **Charles Harvey** family donated a National Cash Register used by the Nesbitt Furniture Store that was destroyed in the 1962 storm.

Pauline Levy, whose family owned the Rainbow Club at Spicer and Pacific continues to bring photos of entertainers, and items of interest to the museum. **Patricia Simone** dropped off a photo of the Wildwood Fire Company taken in the late 40s or 50s, at Pacific and Montgomery Avenues, and last but not least, **Chris Capaldi** from Wildwood Crest dropped off a fishing spear found in the wall of his parents' house while they were doing some renovations. You never know what will come through these doors!

Try to get in to see us. There is just so much here. You won't be disappointed!

Until next time

HOURS

Closed all National Holidays
and Sundays
Summer Hours
Open Monday through Saturday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Call for Winter Hours Information

2012 Executive Board

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Anna M. Vinci, Editor

three children to all the activities they loved on the island. In 2009, they moved to North Wildwood to be able to enjoy everything - the beach, the surf and the Boardwalk year around.

Her interests include bike riding, walking the wall in North Wildwood and watching the surf. She also has an interest in her family genealogy and creates crafts of every kind.

About two years ago Kathy came to us as a volunteer, and has become an invaluable aide to the museum in the scanning and recording of photos and documents. We welcome her to the Board.

We also welcome **Donna Underwood** to the Board. Donna has been married to Jim for nineteen years and they have been Wildwood residents for the last eight years. Before retirement, she taught in the Millville public school system. As a retiree, she works part-time for the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce and Atlantic Cape Community College.

Her interests include reading, travel, volunteer work, and she is a member of the Musical Box Society. Welcome, Donna!



Our latest addition to the Executive Board is **Kathy Skouras** from North Wildwood. Kathy grew up in central New Jersey, but enjoyed the beach and Boardwalk on summer vacations in Wildwood with her parents and three brothers.



With her husband, Ted, they continued the tradition, driving from north Jersey to introduce their

Visit our gift shop!

Available are books, and DVD's dealing

with the history of the Wildwoods. We also have a collection of hats from the Trolley Restoration Project of 1996 for the Trolley buff for \$10 each, AND, that favorite grandchild is not to be forgotten with the Talking Tram Car for \$15. Stop in and take a look.

Proceeds benefit the Museum

Also available by mail

Call for shipping and handling charges

Call (609) 523-0277

Celebrating Wildwood's 100th Birthday

DID YOU KNOW that the Miss America Pageant was held here in Wildwood in 1932? The pageant started in 1921, but was abandoned during the depression years and was picked up in 1932 by the City of Wildwood. That Labor Day weekend, 50,000 people watched the 37 contestants parade along the Boardwalk before Dorothy Irene Hann was crowned the new Miss America in Wildwood's Convention Hall at Youngs Avenue and the Boardwalk.

DID YOU KNOW that Benjamin Harrison, the twenty-third President of the United States, and the only President to visit Five Mile Beach, came here in August of 1890? He dedicated the Dayton Hotel that stood on the southwest corner of Wildwood and Atlantic Avenues. The hotel continued in existence until it became part of the Urban Renewal Project of the late 1960s. Presently, the Royal Canadian Motel stands in its place. (See "Then" and "Now" photos on back page.) "Did You Know" was researched in the George F. Boyer book, *Wildwood, Middle of the Island*, and Wildwood Historical Society archives.



Come one, come all!

The tent will be going up, the postcard dealers have been invited, and The Wildwood Historical Society is getting ready to host their **Sixth Annual Post Card Show and Open House**. The event will be held on **Saturday, June 16, 2012, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, at the museum located at **3907 Pacific Avenue in Wildwood**

Vendors will be on hand to buy, sell and trade their postcards. In addition, there will be photo displays celebrating the **Wildwood Centennial**, and photo displays commemorating the **March '62 Storm**, and the **sinking of the Titanic**. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

You're Invited!

Old photos of Wildwood and No. Wildwood properties available

In the interest of fund-raising, We have a file of 1960 property photos for the City of Wildwood and a 1982/83 property photo file for North Wildwood. While we may not have every property, we have most. If anyone is interested in seeing what their property looked liked, we can do an 8 x 10 glossy of their property, suitable

for framing, for \$10. If you would like an old photo and a new photo of your property, a little more elaborately framed, stop in to see the sample photo. The cost for this would be \$50. It would be a wonderful gift for a parent or grandparent. Please call the museum and see if the image of your property is available. You would have to take a look at it, before we print it.

DID YOU KNOW that as early as the 1920s there was an auto dealership on the southeast corner of Pine and Pacific Avenues called "Pyott Motor Company". They sold Cadillac, Plymouth, DeSoto, LaSalle, and the Hudson Essex. (as the signs tell us) Further down the street was the Burke & Nesbitt Furniture Store and then the G. C. Murphy 5 & 10. A "Marion A. Pyott" was listed as the proprietor of the car dealership. (*Wildwood Historical Society Archives*)