

### Alternate Giving Ideas

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

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Membership Class	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$200.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$50.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15.
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**Renewal**    **New**  
 Please check membership class and  
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## The George F. Boyer Museum

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### ..... a message from the President

Winter's over and I am so ready to welcome summer. The snow blower has been winterized, the snow shovels tucked away and I'm ready to do pool time. Here at the museum, we are ready to welcome our summer visitors and show off our new acquisitions.



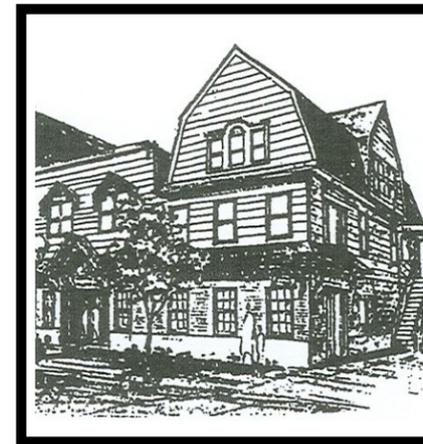
A new project we are working on is updating our microfilm files. We have local newspapers that go back to 1898, and they are a valuable research tool. Our plan is to have the film scanned and put on a DVD in PDF searchable files. This worked out great last year when we did the SHOUT newspapers. We now have 14 years of the publication on one DVD. You can type in an entertainer's name or perhaps a local nightclub and it will pop up for your perusal.

This ambitious microfilm undertaking is rather costly. We ask that when you send in your membership dues, it would be very much appreciated if you could include a donation for this project. We estimate it to cost about \$2,000, and all donations are welcome.

If you haven't heard by now, our manager/historian, Bob Bright and his sidekick, Zoe, retired this past March. We wish them both a Happy Retirement. Mona Pluck and our vice-president, Phyllis Bethel will be on board to assist our summer visitors. We hope to see you very soon!

*Anne Vinci*

President



### Preserving the history and memories of the Wildwoods . . .

#### The Wildwood Historical Society, Inc.



needed each week. He is joined by **John Roat** who first came to our assistance with the painting of our new wing. John is now part of our "regular" help.

**Inge Friesenborg Laine, Judy Miles Carr, and Kathy Skouras** show up faithfully each week and between the three of them have scanned over 8000 images of Wildwood and North Wildwood properties for our archives. Thank you all for all that you do to insure the history of our island. We couldn't do it without you!

### Special Thanks . . .

are extended to our volunteers who so faithfully show up week after week to assist in the operation of the Wildwood Historical Society. **Ron Griffith** has given many years of outstanding service and dedication cleaning and polishing and doing whatever is



**Wildwood High School Basketball Team, 1956** - Back row, Coach Ray Tietleman, Rich Coulter, Al Zitter, Alan Gould, William Steward, Tom Clark, Kenneth Langford, Rudy Kita, Don McGinnis. Front row, Sam McCreary, Robert Harvey, Carl Carlson

*Bolero - 1960*



*Then!*

*Bolero - 2010*



*Now!*

3314 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ

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! Membership dues help to cover the cost of mailing, notices, newsletters and notification of special events.

### MEMBERSHIP

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## New Acquisitions . . . . .

We have been very busy accepting and cataloging artifacts pertinent to our Wildwood history. **Bill Bramble** dropped by and left us a 1916 map of Wildwood Crest which includes Turtle Gut. **Bob Elwell** of Cape May gave us two WWII letters regarding Bomb Reconnaissance Agents for Wildwood. You can review these in our WW I and WWII book. **Dave Williams**, of the Crest Historical Society gave us a photo of Trolley #31 being removed to Connecticut. Thanks, Dave, for sharing with us.

Our own **Bob Scully** furnished us a collection of 1993 photos of the Wildwood Trust Company undergoing construction converting it into a tavern. It is presently Tucker's on the S/E corner of Wildwood and Atlantic Avenues. Among so many other items, he gave us a collection of slides of Hunt's Theaters (circa 1960s). The slides were scanned and made into photos and can be seen in our Hunt's Book. Warrior Newspapers from Wildwood High School (1968) were donated by **Mr. and Mrs. David Coskey**.

Anyone remember Larry's Clam Bar on North Wildwood Boulevard? **Leo Collins** gave us a photo of the establishment from 1957. It's in our Grassy Sound Book.

**H. Gerald MacDonald** gave us an extensive collection of transportation memorabilia. It included autographed books, hundreds of slides, and a projector for viewing the slides. It is our hope to scan the slides and put them on a DVD for easier viewing.

**Dick Powell**, formerly of the Harrison Hotel, donated sheet music from a 1947 song entitled "Wildwood on the Boardwalk in Wildwood". Later we discovered a 78 rpm record donated by **Al Johnson**. Dick had it remastered onto a DVD and donated a copy to the museum.

From the **Gloria Mattera** estate, we were given a collection of WHS Warriors from the early 1940s, and a WHS class song. Our own Board member, **Al Brannen**, has been busy "unearthing" more items from our back room; among them were issues of "Ship Ahoy" from 1927, 1928, the 30s and 40s; issues of "The Beacon" from 1939 to the 1950s, and "The Breakers" from 1940 and 1943. They are all in our "School Room" for your viewing and re-viewing of old memories. Enjoy!

Until next time . . . . .

*Visit our gift shop!*

Available are books, VHS tapes and DVDs

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



*B. C. Ingersoll's first funeral parlor location in 1895, at 215 West Maple Avenue*

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and Sundays

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Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 - 2:00 PM

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Thursday thru Saturday, 9:00 - 2:00 PM

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**Keep a lookout for Rob Ascough and Al Alven's new book, Hunt's Pier. We will be scheduling a book signing/open house some time in July.**

This advertisement was found in the *Five Mile Beach Journal* published on Wednesday, June 7, 1905

**B. C. INGERSOLL,**  
**FUNERAL DIRECTOR,**  
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# Prom Time

For over 60 years that we can document, Spring is synonymous with proms, a kind of rite of passage for high school students. We checked our archives and thought we would share a number of very old prom photos with you. We have many, many more, but unfortunately, we don't have names or dates on a lot of the photos. When some of our local readers stop in the museum, ask for the Wildwood High or Wildwood Catholic books and see if you can furnish the missing information. For now, enjoy the photos!



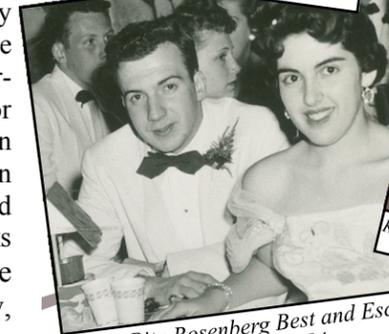
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WHS 1957*



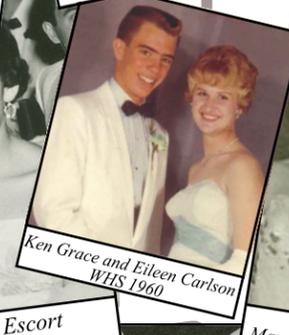
*Barbara Oswald and Sam McCreary  
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*Walt Savage and Phyllis Bilottii  
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*Rita Rosenberg Best and Escort  
WHS 1954*



*Ken Grace and Eileen Carlson  
WHS 1960*



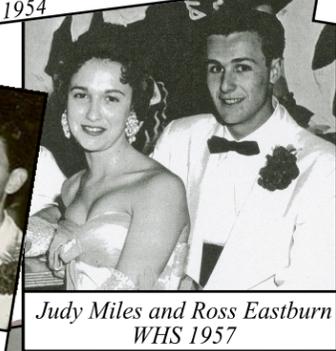
*Mary McBride and "Porky" Carlson  
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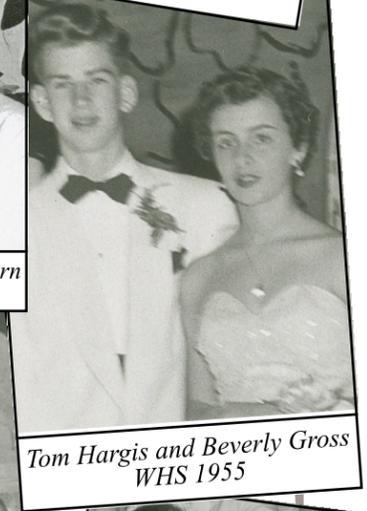
*Bill Fausey and Pat Fiscella  
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*Mary Ann Onarato and Chris Nestore  
WCHS 1959*



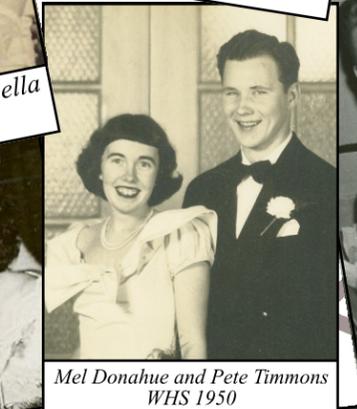
*Judy Miles and Ross Eastburn  
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*Tom Hargis and Beverly Gross  
WHS 1955*



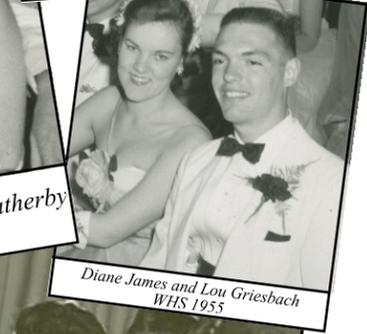
*Rich Snyder and Nina Recupero  
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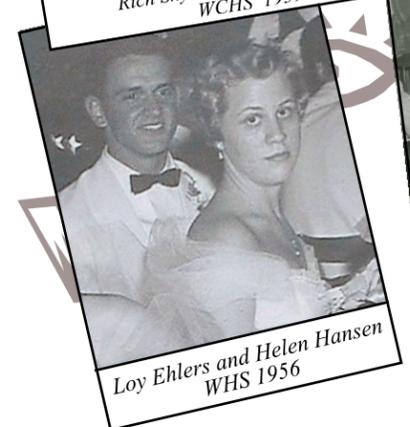
*Mel Donahue and Pete Timmons  
WHS 1950*



*Dave Elliott and Ada Weatherby  
WHS 1954*



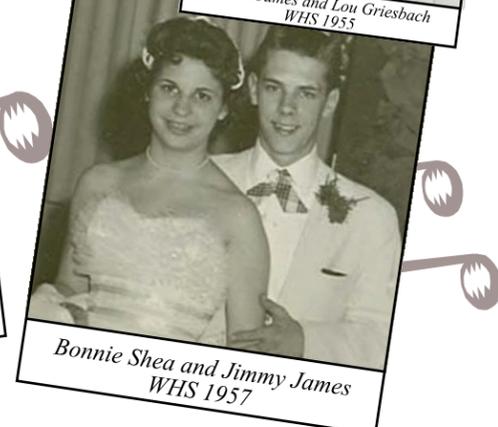
*Diane James and Lou Griesbach  
WHS 1955*



*Loy Ehlers and Helen Hansen  
WHS 1956*



*Joe Rhile and Barbara Williams  
Cynthia Pilot and Jack Beaver  
WHS 1956*



*Bonnie Shea and Jimmy James  
WHS 1957*