

Month in Review – History Center –January 2013

Summer exhibits planned

- The Avalon History Center is planning two larger exhibits to run May-September 2013. The first entitled *Endless Summer* will highlight the history of surfing in and around Avalon. It will have as partners and object lenders the Brendan Borek Association as well as local surf shops. Objects included will feature a variety of surfboards, artwork, and photographs. The second entitled *Smoke & Courage* will highlight the upcoming 100 year anniversary of the Avalon Fire Department. The History Center will partner with the Avalon Fire Department who will serve as an object lender.



Above: Two of the objects to be used in the temporary exhibits; a 1960's fireman's helmet & signed surfboard of local surfer "Doc X"

New Acquisition

- The History Center recently acquired a pre 20th century ship piece that washed up on a local beach after Hurricane Sandy. Close inspection of the object reveals hand worked drill holes, not machine cut. The Center hopes to display the piece in the coming months.



Above: Photographs of shipwreck object recently donated

History Center featured in Garden State Legacy Magazine.

- The Avalon History Center was recently selected as a featured article in the Garden State Legacy Magazine. The article featured the role the Lifesaving Paddleboard plays in our collection and what it meant to the community over the years. Coming in 2013 the article will be featured in a new book, published by the History Press, celebrating diverse objects found in its museums, libraries, and historic houses throughout the state.

Civic Organizations meet at the History Center's Library Room.

- The Avalon Garden and Women's Civic Club both hosted their monthly meetings at the History Center.

Summer Calendar of Events

- The History Center's summer calendar of events continues to take shape with approximately 2/3 of the calendar booked for the summer. When completed the calendar will be distributed electronically to its members, through internet postings, and signage when close to event time.

Loaned Object Departure

- The History Center would like to extend its gratitude to the New Jersey Shipwreck Museum for the objects loaned for our summer 2012 storm exhibit. The shipwreck objects were a wonderful addition to our media and print. The objects were returned as per the loan agreement late in December 2012.

Researchers Served

- The Avalon History Center served three researchers in the month of January. The topics reviewed were The Avalon Baby Parade, The Hydrangea Festival, and local architecture.