

Month in Review – History Center – July 2012

62 Storm Roundtable History Project

- The Avalon History Center & Historical Society hosted a roundtable discussing the events surrounding the 1962 storm that devastated the eastern seaboard. This oral history project was attended by approximately fifteen participants who lived through the storm and imparted a variety of firsthand accounts to a small crowd. The transcripts have been recorded with the hopes of being released for review on the web. After this first success more oral history events are being planned for the near future.



Above. Selected photographs from the roundtable event.

Orr at the Shore

- The Avalon History Center was featured in CBS News3's news program Kathy Orr at the Shore. Center Director J. Angemi was interviewed to discuss clam shell pitching early in the 20th century on Avalon's beaches. The television shoot also served as a precursor to the upcoming Mackey Clamshell Pitch to be hosted Saturday August 11th at 930 at 30th street beach.

Natural History Exhibit completed

- The phased exhibit of island natural history has been completed. Informational rails explain island ecology and are also highlighted by species of birds and mammals that have lived, and still live, on the island.



Above. Photos of the finished exhibit

History on the Hoof's David Emerson lectures on whaling history.

- David Emerson performed his historical fiction of whaler Leland Emerson's life as a mid 19th century whaler. Mr. Emerson is an accomplished historical interpreter that has worked with the company History on the Hoof for years now.

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.

Researchers Served

- The Avalon History Center served one researcher in the month of July. The Topic reviewed concerned the 62 storm.