

Month in Review – History Center – August 2009

Lifeguard exhibit installed west room

- The month of August saw the addition of a new exhibit revolving around life saving history in Avalon. Complimenting the textile collection are new display cubes, body forms, and higher resolution images already in the collection. Also included is the restored life saving paddleboard, text panels, and a loaned object, a 1920's lifesaving ring, from the Tuckerton Seaport Museum.



Pictures of the newly installed exhibit

Meeting U.S. Coast Guard Commanding Officer, Gary Thomas

- Center Director met with U.S. Coast Guard Commanding Officer Gary M. Thomas to discuss additions of Coast Guard artifacts to the lifesaving room.

Scrim Window Project near completion

The textile window project, sponsored by a generous grant from AHLOA, is nearing completion. Mega Media Concepts, of Sparta NJ, has sent the first set of the scrimms which now hang in the dormer space above the main entrance. The project should be completed within the next few weeks and the scrimms shall adorn the main exhibit windows.



Scrimms set

Life Guard Reunion

- The annual Life Guard Reunion was held August 15th. Guards from 7 decades were present and shared a wealth of knowledge about their time as guards here in Avalon. Out of this, new photos were added to the collection and a 1960's life saving buoy, or Diamond Can, will soon be donated and placed on display. Also in the works is an interactive exhibit that chronicles events and awards given to guards throughout the entirety of Southern New Jersey.



Shot of Lifeguard Reunion

The History Center featured on NBC

- The History Center was recently a featured segment on Philadelphia News 10. The segment was held at the History Center and featured the Directors thoughts on Avalon History and beyond. The segment can viewed on channel 10's website.

M.A.P. site visit to occur in October

- In late October senior A.A.M. site reviewer, Vivian Lee Stevens, will visit the History Center and make her recommendations regarding collections, exhibits, and future accreditation. This is a crucial step in the Center's future bid for museum recognition in the Mid Atlantic region and beyond.

Catalog and accessioning report

- Museum technician Karen DeRosa has cataloged over 90 artifacts using A.A.M certified Past Perfect 4.0. The objects are of all mediums and we hope to have the project completed in the coming months. Furthermore, storage space has been designated for all collections needs and future updates in collections care and its subsequent storage needs.