

Month in Review – History Center – April 2009

Preservation

- The Tuckerton Seaport Museum’s master shipwright, Timo White, finished preservation work on the Center’s long board. The “water sled” as it was known in the 1930’s was refinished with the original design plans from a Popular Mechanics article circa 1933. As prescribed in the article tempered hardwood and an air valve were installed to recreate as close to the original board as possible. Added was a period Avalon Beach Patrol insignia.



Fig.1. Long Board before Preservation Fig.2. Long Board after Preservation

Museum Assessment Acceptance

- The American Association of Museum’s has accepted the History Center into their assessment program. In the near future an assessment team will be created to help address the pertinent issues to help guide the Center through the evaluation process. Completing this program is an incredibly important step in the Center gaining A.A.M accreditation.

President’s Night at the Museum

- The annual President’s Night at the Museum event held April 23rd was a ringing success. Mrs. Mary Beth Ross’ 3rd Grade class delighted over 50 family members and visitors, including Senator Jeff Van Drew and Avalon Mayor Marty Pagliughi, with rousing interpretations of Presidential History. The children deserve a special recognition for their composure and hard work.

Annual Photo Contest & Jean Losch Memorial Run

- Contestant applications continue to arrive for both events. The photo contest will run May 9th through 24th and the Memorial Run will be held June 20th.

Attended Community Connections

- Attended Community Connections, an AHLOA sponsored event, April 11th 1-3 pm. Both the History Center and Avalon Historical Society were represented and distributed supplemental information to the public.



Summer programs slated, June 13th & June 20th

- Two prospective programs have been finalized for the month of June. The first will be held **June 13th 6-7 pm**. Folklorist and performer Saul Broudy, Ph.D. will run ***All over this land: American Regional Folk Music***. Through live performances, and occasional tape renditions, Mr. Broudy will present grassroots songs from various regions and discuss how these songs help us identify who we are and where we came from. The second event will be run by Mr. David Emerson. Mr. Emerson, of ***History on the Hoof***, will be running a first person historical interpretation on **June 20th 6-7 pm**. The piece is entitled ***Greasy Luck***, the fictitious story of Leland Emerson captain of the whaling ship Sarah Ann in the year 1843. All ages welcome.

Lobby Exhibit Progress

- Mason Display Inc. has started work on the lobby's rail readers. The work on the readers will include picture and word inlaid acrylics that will help explain Avalon's development as a natural wonder.

Web Design

- The History Center is moving forward in the design process and should be online within the coming months.

Museum Assistant Position

- Ms. Karen DeRosa of Beesleys Point New Jersey has accepted the position of museum aid. Karen brings with her a B.A. in historic preservation, and M.A. in Public relations, and a wealth of museum skills and experience.