

Month in Review – History Center – January 2010

Diller Family make generous donation.

- The Diller Family, represented by Bill and son Jamie, presented a \$5,000 check to the Avalon History Center and Historical Society to help promote and preserve Avalon's cultural and natural history. In the near future the money will be used in changing photographic exhibitry and other preservation needs.



(From left to right). Abner Dowdell, Jamie Diller, Bob Penrose, Susan Langenheim, Bill Diller, Suzie Gallagher, Curator Joseph Angemi, Mayor Marty Pagliughi, Joe Reese, Historical Society President Barbara Juzaitis

Conference call with David M. Oestreicher, PhD on traveling exhibit

- Center Director Joseph Angemi spoke with David Oestreicher on the possibility of his traveling exhibit, detailing Lenape culture, coming to the Center in the spring or summer of 2010. The exhibit integrates a variety of materials, including prehistoric artifacts, antique books, maps, archival photographs, traditional Lenape clothing and crafts, ceremonial objects, illustrations, paintings and dioramas, bronze sculptures, and documentary films, that create a historical narrative. These materials are combined with quotations on a wide variety of subjects by traditional Lenape.



Above. Sample of exhibit content

Cape May County Culture and Heritage Grants completed.

- The Avalon History Center and Historical Society submitted final reports and budget related material for grants related to the 2009 fiscal year.

Event schedule for 2010 season taking shape

- Center director has laid out a tentative plan for cultural arts and historical programming to take place in the 2010 season. This will include lectures, presentation, and historical interpretation open to all audiences.

Cataloging of collection

- Museum Technician, Rebecca Leopold, has continued to process and catalog the History Center collection. Currently we are approximately 85% through cataloging status and hope to finish sometime in 2010.

Collections Management Policy in final stages

- Museum Director J. Angemi has almost completed the History Center's Collections Management Policy. When accepted by the governing boards the policy will play a distinct role in collections intake, education, and research policies for the foreseeable future.