

Month in Review - History Center - December 2008

New sign installed.



Awarded 2 Grants

Cape May Cultural and Heritage Commission awarded the History Center two grants. The first was for \$400.00 of an Arts Regrant. The monies will be used for 3 separate programs dealing with art, culture, and local history. The second is for \$512.10 to be used for sign boards to be installed within the new lobby exhibit.

New Mail Insert Installed – New mail insert was installed in the front door to address security issues.

Removed 30 damaged and mold infected books from the 2nd floor storage area.

Installed Hygrothermographs on 1st & 2nd Floor - The Hygrothermograph is an instrument that measures and records atmospheric humidity and temperature on the same graph. Its use will enable us to better support grant applications, call for loans, preservation work, and future interest in American Association of Museum Accreditation.



Hired Museum Aid – With concurrence of the Library Director, Dee Dee Rugiero was selected as the part time museum aid. The process involved reviewing over 80 applications and interviewing 9 candidates. Library staff assisted in both the initial screening and with the interviews. Ms. Rugiero will start work at the end of January

Exhibit design plans for the lobby exhibit - The exhibit itself will be natural history themed and titled *Avalon: Secrets of a Barrier Island*. Have met with and arranged work to be done by a master taxidermist with the assistance of Phil Broder, Director of Education, the Wetlands Institute. Early 20th century fishing accruements will be added to the exhibit and collection.

Meetings - Avalon Historical Society and the Southern Culture and Heritage.

Speaking engagement for ALOHA Homeowners Association - Talk highlighted short and long term goals of the History Center. Event was covered by the press.



Preservation of 1930's era lifeguard surfboard. The conservation work, to be done by a master shipwright in the employ of Tuckerton Seaport Museum, will cost approximately \$500.00. Preservation work will include patching, rib replacement, rear panel replacement, and repainting. The work will be documented for web site, news letter, and conservation file usage.

Custodial support - Met with William McCumber for the planning of current and future custodial needs of the History Center