

## *Month in Review – History Center – July 2009*

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### **Reader Rails installed in Lobby**

- Mason Display Inc. of Cranberry NJ installed an aspect of the new lobby exhibit plan. The reader rails, created with raised acrylic information panels, explain the science and biology of barrier island life. This is the first install of the future barrier island lobby exhibit.



**Pictures of the finished reader rails**

### **History Center host author Margaret Bucholz**

- July 1<sup>st</sup> the History Center hosted author Margaret Bucholz. Ms. Bucholz ran a lecture on New Jersey shipwrecks through the use of a power point program and her books. The event was well received and attended.

### **Meeting with Mural Artist**

- Center Director met with Sheryl Crews to discuss the Center's prospective mural arts project. After a brainstorming session Ms. Crews is working on some preliminary sketches of the proposed project.

### **Scrim Window Project underway**

The textile window project, known as scrim printing, is underway with the help of grant support from the AHLOA organization. Mega Media Concepts, of Sparta NJ, has started the project. The scrims should be installed as early as mid August.



**Assorted pictures to be used in Scrim Designs**

## **Traveling exhibit Departs & Life Saving Exhibit underway**

- With the departure of the Gilder Lehrman traveling exhibit the History Center is in the process of redesigning spaces. The West Exhibit Space is being transformed into the lifesaving room, chronicling the history of life saving history in Avalon. The exhibit will house period uniforms, lifesaving artifacts, the historic paddleboard, and a soon to be created reader wall that explains many aspects of lifesaving history.

## **Web site up and running**

- The History Center website is now up and fully functional. All pertinent aspects of the Center's services can be found online and will continue to grow as time goes by. Please take a look at [www.avalonhistorycenter.com](http://www.avalonhistorycenter.com).

## **The History Center on CBS**

- The History Center was recently featured segment on Philadelphia News 3's *Orr at the Shore*. The Center Director, Mr. Joseph Angemi, was interviewed by reporter Kathy Orr on the history of the Center's historic paddleboard. The segment can be viewed on [www.cbs3.com](http://www.cbs3.com) and a link exists to the Center.

## **Restoration of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Avalon Bell**

- In the History Center's collection we have a school bell used in Avalon in the early 20th century. The bell was manufactured at the American Bell Foundry, Northville Michigan, and is a fine example of a cultural artifact used in a social context. Time, and an unsuccessful conservation attempt, has left the surface of the bell pitted. The Center's curator, Mr. J. Angemi, is using his experience working with outdoor bronze and metal sculptures to attempt repair and preservation of the bell. Once completed the bell will

be put on display, hopefully within the coming



month.